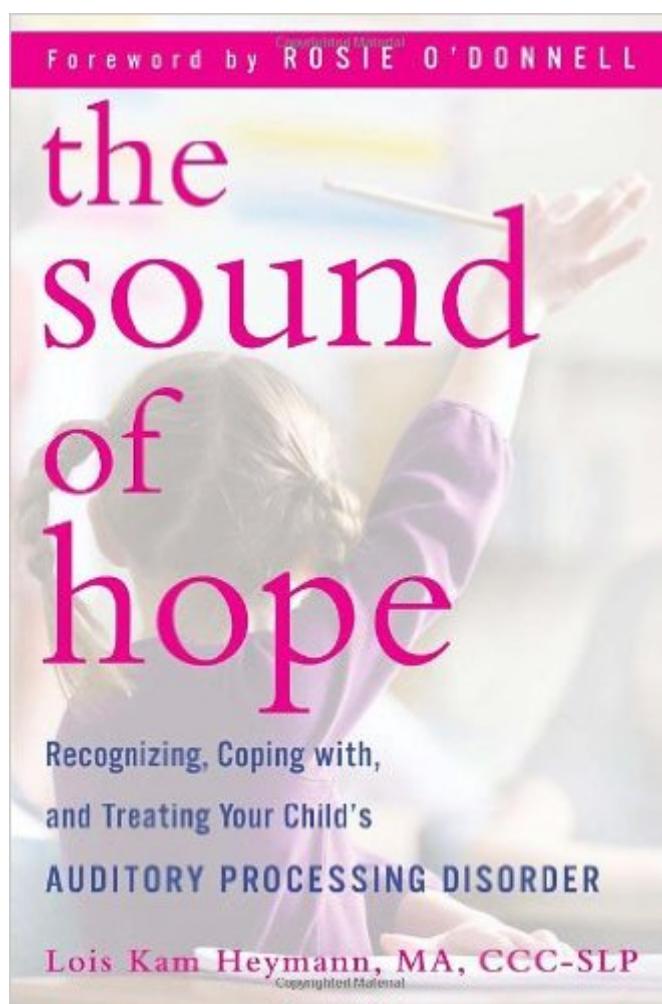


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The Sound Of Hope: Recognizing, Coping With, And Treating Your Child's Auditory Processing Disorder



Synopsis

There is more to listening than just hearing. A miraculous process that begins in the womb, learning to communicate is a vital part of expressing oneself and of understanding and interacting with the world. A child's ability to listen well affects every aspect of his or her life. But for some 1.5 million children in the United States who have normal hearing and intelligence, communication and language are blocked. Words are jumbled and distorted. These children have a hard time following directions and become frustrated in trying to make themselves understood, which often leads to unruly behavior, poor school performance, social isolation, and low self-esteem. Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) affects the brain's ability to accurately process the sounds of speech, which in turn impedes the ability to communicate. Experts are just beginning to unlock the mystery of this confounding condition. As a result, APD is often undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. But hope is here. Now veteran speech-language pathologist Lois Kam Heymann offers the first practical guide to help parents dramatically improve the listening and language skills of their children, whether they have a diagnosed auditory processing disorder, slow language development or simply need practice listening. Inside this reassuring, action-oriented book you'll find easy-to-identify milestones to help parents pinpoint challenges that may arise during each stage of their child's development from birth to age eight: the tools and checklists needed to assist parents in recognizing APD early; tips to distinguish APD from other listening/learning disorders, including ADD, ADHD, LPD, and PDD; methods to encourage a child's natural listening abilities through books, stories, nursery rhymes, songs, lullabies, toys, and games; home techniques to hone a child's auditory processing; whether he or she has severe APD limitations or just needs to build listening muscles; specific suggestions on how to improve a child's listening skills outside the home; at school, during after-school activities, even when at a restaurant; an analysis of traditional classroom settings and effective ways parents can advocate for better sound quality; guidelines for finding the right professionals to work with your child. With hands-on ways for improving a child's ability to listen to instructions, process information, and follow directions, parents can turn simple activities into powerful listening lessons in only minutes a day. The bottom line: Learning how to listen in our noisy, complicated world is the key to a happy and engaged child.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good first book if your child has already been diagnosed with APD. All her ideas for helping with APD deal with children ages 6 and under (rhymes, songs, etc). She also points out that APD can't be diagnosed before age 7. Rosie O'Donnell's description of the problem is the best part of the book. The author totally ignores the major treatments for APD--the computer based programs Earobics [...] for \$70 and Fast4Word (\$1000). Her ideas might work if the child is diagnosed early (but it can't be diagnosed before age 7 according to the author). Nursery rhymes will not help an older child. This is a simple to read book that describes how a child learns to use language. It does NOT give information about how to treat or how to accommodate someone with APD.

This is the most wonderful book. It helps me talk meaningfully about the challenges my child faces. I am so grateful for this book. Reading through the information I see my son and feel like now I can do something to help him face his challenges and overcome them... Because I understand CAPD and what his day is like. I can also relate consequences of certain environments to his teachers, coaches, and friends. Thank you for giving me hope. You have no idea how much this book has meant to me and my son. My son won't be 7 for 11 more months... So, there is no formal diagnosis. But, this is the first book I've read that fits. The strategies and information in this book will help him now. The methods are good... For every child. But, for my son knowing how to impact him in a positive way is so critical. This book will help me be my son's Champion... Not his Defender. He can build confidence in his listening skills and ability to communicate. The difference in him has been affirming. He knows that I believe him and I'm starting to understand. I have hope... But, most importantly so does he!!!

I looked forward to this book coming out. My daughter, who is now 17, was diagnosed in 6th grade with APD. Through the years I have had to FIGHT for the small accommodations she was given. I have paid countless tutors to help her get through school. I have never shown her her scores from her evaluations, because I think they would have hurt her. I wish this book had gone into how to get the school system to give your child the help they need. The children who fall in the grey area are the ones that are lost. Unfortunately, the book did not help. I really feel the kids with APD are those that are left behind.

I am so grateful for this book. I am grateful for Rosie to tell Blake's story troubles and triumphs throughout this book. My son had otitis effusions in his ears for a long time. I didn't really notice it until his speech was somewhat delayed. He never had ear infections. It has been a journey just to correct this, but now I am questioning a possible form of APD. He does well on many levels but I am not sure he gets language and how to use it all the time. He is about to enter school, and APD can't be fully diagnosed until a later age. I am not going to wait until then before trying to figure out how I might help him. This book has really given me some hands on steps that I can work with my son to develop better listening skills even if he turns out not to have APD. This book was easy to understand but very detailed. I thought the author did a excellant job explaining APD so that teachers and other care providers can get it. I am now preparing to enter my son in 4K school and this book will really help me to ffigure out how to best help him. I highly recommend this book to all parents, teachers, and school administration. I would also recommend the mislabeled child. This book was also a lifesaver for me. Read it!!

As a veteran elementary school principal, I have witnessed the frustration felt by children diagnosed with Auditory Processing Disorder, their parents' concerns, as well as the helplessness felt by their classroom teachers who have difficulty understanding and addressing the disorder. Lois Heymann's book speaks to these issues in language that is clear and easy to understand. Both she and Rosie provide the reader with information and vignettes built upon first hand experiences and Ms. Heymann's expertise as a higly respected speech pathologist/auditory therapist. The Sound of Hope offers proven strategies to support learning and understanding, advice and suggestions for parents (and educators), as well as a myriad of resources to explore. This book is a welcome addition to my school's professional library.

If you are struggling with issues regarding your child, this book will lead you down the right path to all the concerns and questions you keep asking yourself over and over again. It will enable you to cope with the issues while putting all the pieces together so that your child can become successful and enriched adults. Lois Heymann is a brilliant leader and expert who has (as Rosie O'Donnell stated) "Saved the Lives of So Many Children" This is true. Our family has personally benefited from Lois Heymann & I can assure you that this will be a life altering book for you and your family. We are all so fortunate to have Lois's words, wisdom and experience to learn from. It is a blessing for all of our children.

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