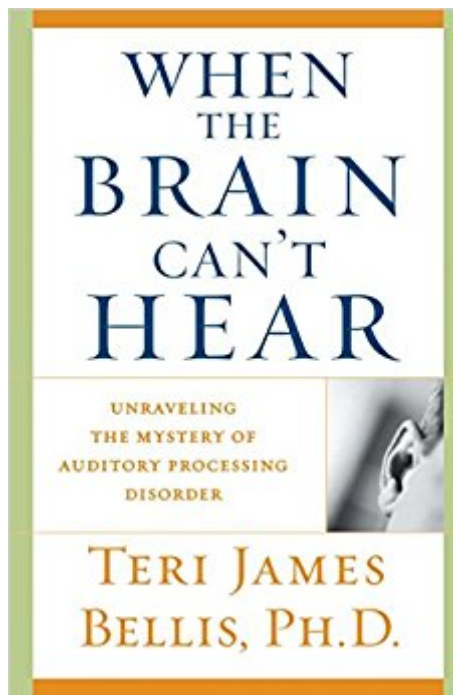




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When The Brain Can't Hear: Unraveling The Mystery Of Auditory Processing Disorder



Synopsis

In this landmark book, Dr. Teri James Bellis, one of the world's leading authorities on auditory processing disorder (APD), explains the nature of this devastating condition and provides insightful case studies that illustrate its effect on the lives of its sufferers. Millions of Americans struggle silently with APD. For many of them, holding a simple conversation can be next to impossible. As sound travels through an imperfect auditory pathway, words become jumbled, distorted, and unintelligible. As Dr. Bellis notes, the most profound impact of this highly specific impediment to auditory comprehension may be on the young. Facing a severely reduced ability to read, spell, comprehend, and communicate, children with APD are subject to anxiety, academic failure, and a damaged sense of self. Often, they are misdiagnosed. Discussing the latest and most promising clinical advances and treatment options, and providing a host of proven strategies for coping, Dr. Bellis takes much of the mystery out of APD. If you or anyone you know has difficulty comprehending spoken language, or if your child is struggling in school, this important book may have the answers you need.

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Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) occurs when the brain cannot process or understand correctly the sounds the ears hear, even though the ears might be functioning properly. It is rarely recognized, often misdiagnosed, and poorly understood, yet the effects can be devastating. Pocket

is simultaneously releasing two complementary texts on the subject that are definitely worth some notice. Foli's *Like Sound Through Water* is a mother's account of her family's struggle with APD in her oldest son, Ben. Her account reads like a novel and is thoroughly engaging while providing a wealth of information. Foli clearly shows the pain misdiagnosis and clinical inaccuracies can cause. While finally obtaining a correct diagnosis brought some relief, Foli shows that the battle for normalcy had only begun. This is mostly a success story with an upbeat ending. The resource section in the back is a bonus. Bellis's *When the Brain Can't Hear* is the first APD sourcebook written specifically for lay readers. Bellis, the author of an important text on APD for professionals (*Assessment and Management of Central Auditory Processing Disorders in the Educational Setting from Science to Practice*), herself suffers from APD as the result of a car accident. Her text is naturally more clinical in nature but still quite readable. It covers the many subtypes of APD and their manifestations, diagnosis and testing, treatment options, and coping techniques. The ample glossary adds to the book's accessibility. Either of these texts would be appropriate additions to most collections, but they are best purchased together. The diagnosis of APD is seen more frequently, and with no other lay texts on the subject available, these books are absolutely essential. KellyJo Houtz Griffin, Eatonville, WA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The term auditory processing disorder (APD), a 1960s coinage, refers to an affliction of the system running from the ear to the brain that is to be distinguished from problems with hearing, language, and thinking. Because Bellis has suffered from APD after a car accident, she changed the main thrust of her career to avoid specific tasks she was no longer able to perform and still continue in her major field. She gives a clear and informative account of the condition, which has five basic types and manifold variations. APD can complicate socialization and cause sufferers to miss the vocal changes of humor, sarcasm, and other spoken subtleties. Bellis draws on many case histories to underline her points, among them that APD can occur at almost any age and in both sexes. She examines the difficulties of obtaining the accurate diagnosis vital for effective treatment; reports on the wide variety of therapies needed for APD; explains how to adjust at school, work, and home; and concludes with a thorough glossary. William Beatty Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book is a lifesaver for me. It explains so many things! I have to watch tv with the subtitles on because I can't understand the words even though there is nothing wrong with my hearing. I don't

like music much, even though I love to dance and am a fairly serious ballroom dancer. I get irritable when I am forced to be in noisy environments, and trying to have a social meal in a restaurant is torture for me. Although I knew I had APD, until I read this book I didn't understand much about it. By giving me an understanding of how my hearing differs from that of others, this book has benefited me socially, in educational environments, and in the workplace. I now understand why I cannot stand to have a radio playing in the background, why attending class in school was often counterproductive (I learned much better just by reading the material), and why I often need to ask others to speak slowly or say something again. Now that I can explain what is going on, most folks are happy to help me in any way they can. Before, they just thought I was hard to deal with. The book contains a vast amount of information. It covers a broad field and unless you are in the field of audiology, speech pathology, or the like, most of it will not apply to any one individual. However, the information that does apply will be significant and well worth the cost of the book.

I have auditory processing disorder. This book explains my whole life. Even though my APD was not discovered till I was 25, with the help of wonderful people and doctors, I still have time to work with this disability, and not against it. It is never too late for proper treatment with the right doctors. Brilliant woman this Teri James Bellis!

good information

Very useful for parents whose children may have CEntral Auditory Processing difficulties

Really helps explain this issue. Still trying to absorb all the information.

After my 13 year old son was diagnosed with Auditory Processing Disorder I purchased this book. It helped me understand more clearly what is going on with my child.

Bought this for a friend. She was pleased with it.

If you're trying to determine what is going on your child who doesn't seem to hear things well even though his or her hearing has been checked and it's "fine," and suspect he or she has an auditory processing disorder of some kind, this book is for you.

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