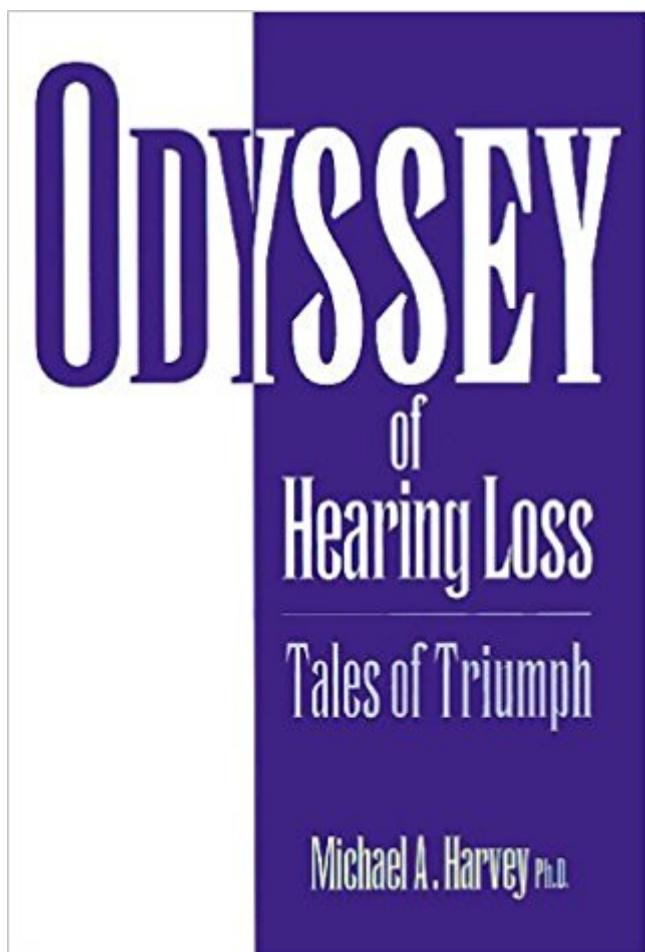


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# Odyssey Of Hearing Loss: Tales Of Triumph



## **Synopsis**

These 10 true stories document the assaults to self-esteem, isolation, and spiritual crises that are faced by individuals with hearing loss, giving an intimate account of how each person triumphed and how therapeutic dialogue offers growth and inspiration. Struggling with psychological, social, and spiritual aspects of hearing loss reveals lessons valuable to anyone looking for self-understanding. Readers with acquired hearing loss will find validation of their experiences, and friends and family of people with hearing loss will find avenues to increased understanding and empathy.

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—Susan Rezen, professor of audiology, Worcester State College; author, *Coping with Hearing Loss* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I started losing my hearing in grade school after learning to speak. I couldn't hear medium frequencies very well, which was extremely problematic because medium frequency = human voices. It became more and more difficult to hear in school, in social situations and at work. It happened slowly over time and contributed to a life of isolation and frustration. I never realized how much it influenced my lifestyle until I read this illuminating book. It's filled with the experiences of people like me as well as the author's specialized insight (he's a psychologist). I can't recommend this book enough to anyone who has hearing issues. My copy is filled with underlining and notes. Great book.

I bought this for a class that I didn't initially even want to take. I'm just taking it to have more units. I have read two chapters, and I love it! It's very interesting and it opened my eyes to the struggles of people with hearing loss. I couldn't have imagined what these people were going through. It's also written very well. The author is a psychologist and seems to learn so much from his patients. This is really a wonderful read.

Interesting story line

This is a great book to read. I love reading about how people overcome problems that they are having.

Shipped really fast loved it:)

I bought this book in 2004 when I was told that I would have no hearing left within a few years. My dad went deaf at age 23 and I inherited whatever gene he had that causes progressive hearing loss. I was just a mess at that point. Although I knew I had lost quite a bit of hearing, I just didn't expect it would get worse. And I certainly didn't expect to be told I would be deaf soon. I read this book and it was comforting and sad at the same time. I loved the stories of triumph and of accepting fate. I just didn't think I personally could do it. It is now the end of 2015 and I still have some hearing. I wear hearing aids and do miss a lot of speech because I lost all my high pitches but I have sound and can often have a one on one conversation (with my aids in of course) if there isn't a

lot of extraneous noise and confusion. I read this book again just recently and it was less sad and more uplifting this time. I know my hearing will be gone as it has gotten dramatically worse over the years but I am not so afraid anymore. I can do this. This book helps me to see that I am not alone and that there is (happy, fulfilled) life after losing your hearing. I recommend it to anyone who is losing their hearing or who has lost it and even to loved ones of those people. It has helped me to accept my fate and to realize my life won't be over when my hearing is gone. It will just be different.

I really liked this book and had a hard time putting it down. If you are hard of hearing, deaf, or just can't hear that well this book is for you. It has real life stories of people struggling with hearing loss and Dr. Harvey does a great job of telling them. I felt like I could relate to some of the patients.

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