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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In what PW judged "an extraordinarily moving and thought-provoking report," neurologist Sacks scrutinizes the history of treatment of the deaf, investigates the expressive capabilities of sign language and gauges the linguistic and social pressures faced by deaf people. Illustrated.

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From Library Journal

Sacks, a neurologist and author of the popular *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* ( LJ 2/15/86), developed a serious interest in sign language and deafness after reviewing Harlan Lane's *When the Mind Hears* ( LJ 10/15/84 ) for the *New York Review of Books* . In this work, Sacks explores all facets of the deaf world--he meets with deaf people and their families and visits schools for the deaf, spending a good deal of time at Gallaudet University. As he writes, "I had now to see them in a new, 'ethnic light,' as people with a distinctive language, sensibility, and culture of their own." The work is divided into three broad sections, throughout which there are numerous, somewhat distracting footnote "excursions." Although there is a wealth of insight and information here, the book tends to drag for the average reader and may disappoint fans of Sacks's previous best seller. Recommended for scholars and graduate collections.

- *Debra Berlanstein, Towson State Univ., Baltimore*

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Review

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