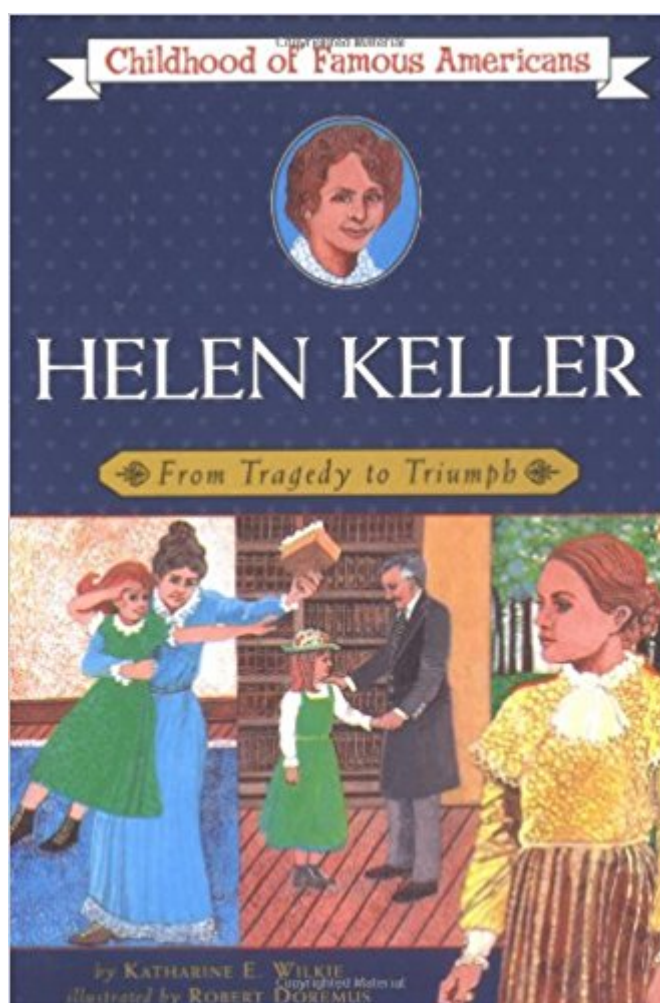


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# Helen Keller: From Tragedy To Triumph (The Childhood Of Famous Americans Series)



## Synopsis

A biography, focusing on the childhood years, of the blind and deaf woman who overcame her handicaps with the help of her teacher, Annie Sullivan.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Great book for kids 8 - to 10.

Great Christmas gift

Great book.

My 10 year old daughter loved learning about history from this book. The writing was fun and simple for her to read.

A very educational book incredible

I am Nathan. I am seventeen years old. I really enjoy this book. Helen Keller is interesting. She was

deaf, blind, and mute, yet she learned how to do all kinds of amazing things. I recommend this book for anyone who is interested in famous women of American history. I also find Laura Ingalls Wilder and Susan B. Anthony quite fascinating.

This book covers Helen Keller's life from her precocious babyhood wherein she greeted people with "how d'ye" and "tea, tea, tea" to her impressive adulthood as a crusader for persons who are blind. Helen became blind and deaf after an extended, unidentified illness she suffered at 1 1/2. Unable to see, hear or speak, Helen communicated by a series of rudimentary signs and showed great precocity in learning to fold clothing and recognizing her own. She was also unruly and given to fits of temper, which was understandable considering her lack of access to ready communication. When Helen was 3 months old, her now famous teacher, Annie Sullivan was hired to work with her. The redoubtable Ms. Sullivan taught Helen the manual alphabet and from her stellar progress at identifying familiar objects, taught her Braille as well. Helen's progress is nothing short of spectacular and she makes an impressive academic showing at the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston. I liked the fact that this book did not dwell on that now tired scene at the water pump when Helen learns after having "water" spelled onto her fingers that "all things have a name." Instead of gasping and losing speed after the now overworked water pump scene, this biography picks up speed and the reader is treated to following Helen's academic progress at Perkins and later as a Radcliffe alumna. This book glosses over Helen's radical socialism during her adulthood and also glosses over the challenges she and Annie faced as they matured together. It's a nice biography, but you do end up wanting more.

I am fascinated by Helen Keller she was an amazing person. This book could have done a better job portraying the loneliness of a girl who can't communicate in any way. This is a good book for younger children with long attention spans. This book wasn't very gripping but gave an outline on Helen's life. So there is probably a better book on her out there on the subject but if you don't want a detailed compelling read you might as well buy it.

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