

# ***Coping with Visual Impairment***

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This bibliography was intended to be an update to the Coping with Blindness bibliography created by Alvin Roberts in 1997. Since the publication of the first version of this bibliography the National Library Services program has developed a digital book program with new, digital talking book machines. NLS plans to discontinue the use of audio tape cassettes by 2015. Therefore, the books in this bibliography were only selected if they were available in either braille or digital formats. If cassettes were available at the publication of this bibliography as well as either braille or digital formats of books, the cassette book number was listed. Titles were not selected if they were only available in cassette. Web-based articles were included in the Computers and Assistive Technology section in respect to the importance of keeping up with technological trends and products.

## COPING WITH BLINDNESS: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### LEGEND

**BR** = Braille Book

**RC** = Cassette Tape Recording

**CT** = Cassette Tape Recording

**LB** = Large Print Book

**DB/DX** = Digital Recording

**DB ##### DLD** = Available for download from BARD

### *SELF-HELP*

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**Title: ADJUSTMENT OF THE BLIND**

**Author: CHEVIGNY, HECTOR**

**Original Date: 1950**

An examination of the social and psychological factors affecting the integration of blind people into society. Provides a historical overview on blindness; discusses attitudes about sight and blindness; examines the physical, mental, and emotional functioning of blind people; and outlines their precise needs for successful living. 1950.

RC 19632, DB 19632

**Title: BLINDNESS: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT DOES, AND HOW TO LIVE WITH IT**

**Author: CARROLL, THOMAS J.**

**Original Date: 1961**

The national chaplain of the Blinded Veterans Association addresses psychological and physical rehabilitation of adventitiously blind adults. Highlights issues associated with mobility, interpersonal communication, employment, finances, and well-being. Discusses special concerns regarding blind children, the elderly, congenitally blind persons, and those with other mental or physical conditions. 1961.

BR 16701, BT 00329, RC 20473, DB 20473 DLD, DX 20473

**Title: FREEDOM FOR THE BLIND: THE SECRET IS EMPOWERMENT**

**Author: OMVIG, JAMES H**

**Original Date: 2002**

A blind attorney and rehabilitation professional draws upon his own knowledge and experience to outline some ways blind people can enrich and improve their lives and careers. Omvig promotes the development of new philosophies and strategies that challenge traditional methods of rehabilitation for blind persons in the United States. 2002.

BR 14467, RC 55216

**Title: IF BLINDNESS COMES**

**Author: JERNIGAN, KENNETH**

**Original Date: 1994**

Defining a "blind person" as one who has to develop so many alternative techniques as to substantially alter his pattern of living, this guide encourages the newly blind to ask "how can I do it?" rather than "can I do it?" The history and purpose of the National Federation of the Blind are discussed as are other available services, programs, devices, and employment information.

RC 38282, DB 38282

**Title: IF BLINDNESS STRIKES DON'T STRIKE OUT: A LIVELY LOOK AT LIVING WITH A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

**Author: SMITH, MARGARET M.**

**Original Date: 1984**

The author, blind since birth, has worked with the visually handicapped since completing her master's degree in journalism. Designed primarily to help blind people cope, the volume is crammed with anecdotes and information that offer the sighted a realistic glimpse into what it is like to live without sight. 1984.

BR 05858, RC 21060, DB 21060 DLD

**Title: LIGHT IN THE SHADOWS: FEELINGS ABOUT BLINDNESS**

**Author: PERRY, ELIZABETH C.**

**Original Date: 1982**

Interviews with seven people who share their experiences with varying degrees of visual impairment. The seven tell about their adjustments with clarity and honesty, expressing their hopes and fears about living with their disability. May be especially interesting to people who have recently become visually impaired. 1982.

BR 05531, RC 19874

**Title: LIKE CATS AND DOGS**

**Author: JERNIGAN, KENNETH**

**Original Date: 1997**

The nine stories in this collection describe ways in which blind people often learn to live comfortably in their environment, emphasizing harmony and friendship with one's surroundings, rather than misunderstanding and frustration. Eight of the selections are written by blind people.

BR 11232, RC 44869

**Title: SELF-ESTEEM AND ADJUSTING WITH BLINDNESS: THE PROCESS OF RESPONDING TO LIFE'S DEMANDS**

**Author: TUTTLE, DEAN W.**

**Original Date: 1984**

Third edition of a manual written for professionals who work with blind and low-vision individuals. Topics include an overview of blindness and its meaning for the individual. Describes the adjustment to the condition, psychological implications, and issues of self-esteem. Includes case studies.

BR 06183, BR 16647, RC 66055, DB 66055, DX 66055

**Title: STRUGGLE OF BLIND PEOPLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION: THE DEPENDENCY-REHAB CONFLICT; EMPOWERMENT IN THE BLINDNESS COMMUNITY**

**Author: VAUGHAN, C. EDWIN**

**Original Date: 1993**

The focus of this book is the struggle between people with visual handicaps and people who work to educate and rehabilitate them, with emphasis on those

whose experiences with visual handicaps and the rehabilitation system begin early in life.

BR 10146, RC 40098, DB 40098 DLD

**Title: WORLD UNDER MY FINGERS: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON BRAILLE**

**Author: PIERCE, BARBARA**

**Original Date: 1995**

Aimed at convincing parents of children with low vision to expose them to braille. Firsthand accounts of people who have either depended on braille all of their lives or who were denied braille instruction and have paid price of that neglect for years. A contributor explains that reading print is like listening to a distant radio station with static, while reading braille is like sitting in a symphony hall.

BR 10436

### ***DAILY LIVING SKILLS***

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**Title: ABLE GARDENER: OVERCOMING BARRIERS OF AGE AND PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**

**Author: YEOMANS, KATHLEEN**

**Original Date: 1992**

Nurse and gardener Yeomans covers general aspects of gardening while emphasizing adaptive techniques such as using raised beds, back-saving tools, and easy-care plants. If the gardener is visually impaired, she suggests designing with plants that are fragrant, textured, edible, or even audible. Included are exercises for gardeners and mail-order sources for plants, seeds, and supplies (including adaptive tools).

RC 40311, DB 40311 DLD

**Title: ALL ABOUT BRAILLE: READING BY TOUCH; TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION**

**Author: JEFFREY, LAURA S.**

**Original Date: 2004**

Discusses Helen Keller, Louis Braille, and other noted blind persons, including mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer and musicians Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. Provides information on learning braille, using computers with braille displays, and walking with a cane or guide dog. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2004

BR 15653, RC 58906

**Title: BRAILLE COOKBOOK**

**Author: HOOPER, MARJORIE S.**

**Original Date: 1948**

A work prepared especially to meet the needs of blind cooks. It contains not only a variety of recipes, but also purchasing and storage hints, including information on buying suitable cuts of meat and timetables for cooking.

BR 00639

**Title: COOKING WITHOUT LOOKING: FOOD PREPARATION METHODS AND TECHNIQUES FOR FOOD PREPARATION METHODS AND TECHNIQUES FOR BLIND HOME-MAKERS.**

**Author: TIPPS, ESTHER KNUDSON**

**Original Date: 1956**

Methods and techniques developed through research at the Texas School for the Blind. In addition to recipes, the book gives the basic principles of meal planning, marketing, food preparation, table service, and food storage. 1956.

BR 13478, RC 52505

**Title: GUIDE TO INDEPENDENCE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Author: YOUNGER, VIVIAN**

**Original Date: 1991**

Written for persons with no vision or low vision and their families and friends, this guide provides instructions on "how to perform basic tasks of daily living, how to address new and puzzling feelings and fears, how to respond to embarrassing situations," and more. Includes journal notes, organizational check lists, and a resource directory. [RC 42674 pub. 1994.]



RC 42674, DB 42674

**Title: HOW DO I DO THIS WHEN I CAN'T SEE WHAT I'M DOING? INFORMATION PROCESSING FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED**

**Author: JAHODA, GERALD**

**Original Date: 1993**

Calling upon his own experiences, the author describes how visually impaired persons can gather and process information, including using computers as assistive devices. He also discusses personal information management systems, jobs and leisure activities, daily living, and organizations that assist visually disabled persons.

BR 09176, RC 36212, DB 36212 DLD

**Title: LABEL IT! BRAILLE AND AUDIO STRATEGIES FOR IDENTIFYING ITEMS AT HOME AND WORK**

**Author: DIXON, JUDITH M.**

**Original Date: 2008**

Advocates investing time and energy to label items to organize one's environment and make daily life more manageable. Offers tips on methods, tools, and materials for creating labels for apparel, medications, food containers, appliances, and miscellaneous items. 2008.

RC 67704, DB 67704

**Title: MEALTIME MANUAL FOR THE AGED AND HANDICAPPED**

**Author: KLINGER, JUDITH LANNEFELD**

**Original Date: 1970**

[Compiled by the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, N.Y.U. Medical Center. With foreword by Howard A Rusk.] A guide for planning and preparing simple, well-balanced meals. Based on research, this handbook offers solutions to special problems experienced by the blind, those in wheelchairs, the elderly, the arthritic, and handicapped. Included are chapters on shopping, selecting appliances, and other pertinent information.

BR 01400

**Title: SINGULAR VIEW: THE ART OF SEEING WITH ONE EYE; FOURTH EDITION**  
**Author: BRADY, FRANK B. Original Date: 1988**

A manual for people who have recently lost their sight in one eye. The author explains simply how human eyes function, and addresses such specific challenges as shaking hands, threading a needle, approaching a curb, and parking a car. Brady discusses technological developments, care of the good eye, and some well-known people who have one-eyed sight.

RC 37951, DB 37951 DLD

**Title: TOOTHPASTE AND RAILROAD TRACKS**  
**Author: JERNIGAN, KENNETH Original Date: 1995**

"Details of everyday life as blind persons live it." Members of the National Federation of the Blind, including Kenneth Jernigan and Mark Maurer, contribute essays. Jernigan explains his methods of shaving and brushing his teeth. Barbara Walker discusses her daughter's attitude about her mother's blindness. Patricia Maurer describes learning to read and write as a teenager in a rural community.

BR 10131, RC 40557, DB 40557

## ***MEDICAL INFORMATION***

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**Title: 20/20 IS NOT ENOUGH: THE NEW WORLD OF VISION**  
**Author: SEIDERMAN, ARTHUR S. Original Date: 1989**

Two optometrists discuss the difference between sight, which is present at birth, and vision, a learned skill involving the eye and the brain. They conclude that many people with vision problems are not receiving the help they need. Among them are children with learning disabilities, professionals doing intensive work for which their eyes

DB 31493

**Title: AGING EYE**

**Author: GORDON, SANDRA**

**Original Date: 2001**

Discusses the natural aging of the eye, how to protect one's vision, and the three most common disorders in later life: cataracts, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration. Describes the symptoms, diagnoses, and treatments available for these conditions. 2001.

RC 54126, DB 54126

**Title: DIFFERENT WAY OF SEEING: YOUTH WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS AND BLINDNESS**

**Author: SOUDER, PATRICIA**

**Original Date: 2004**

Follows a young girl's coping with sudden vision loss. Includes descriptions of various visual disorders, their causes, and the kinds of help that adaptive devices like white canes and guide dogs can provide to people with diminished sight. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

RC 58329, DB 58329 DLD

**Title: ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BLINDNESS AND VISION IMPAIRMENT**

**Author: SARDEGNA, JILL**

**Original Date: 1991**

Provides brief discussions of topics relating to blindness and visual impairment. Subjects range from medical terms, conditions, and procedures to leaders in the blindness field and common misconceptions about blindness. Appendices cover companies, data bases, organizations, educational information, and periodicals.

BR 08816, BR 06183, BR 16647, RC 34666, RC 66055, DB 66055, DX 66055, DB 34666 DLD

**Title: EYE BOOK: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO EYE DISORDERS AND HEALTH**

**Author: CASSEL, GARY H.**

**Original Date: 1998**

Two ophthalmologists and an optometrist provide an "owner's manual for our eyes." They describe vision changes that occur over time and health problems

that affect the ability to see. Topics include coping with low vision, eye trauma and emergencies, glaucoma, cataracts, and age-related macular degeneration.

RC 47103, DB 47103 DLD

**Title: FIRST YEAR-AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION: AN ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR THE NEWLY DIAGNOSED**

**Author: ROBERTS, DANIEL L**

**Original Date: 2006**

Visually impaired educator and musician offer a month-by-month guide to coping with this progressive retinal disease and related conditions. Discusses causes and characteristics, strategies for slowing its progression, and treatment options. Covers lifestyle issues such as traveling, staying healthy, combating boredom and depression, and navigating daily tasks. Includes resources. 2006.

RC 63206, DB 63206

**Title: MACULAR DEGENERATION: A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Author: SAMUEL, MICHAEL A., 1956**

**Original Date: 2008**

Retinal surgeon discusses the causes and diagnoses associated with the wet and dry forms of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Includes guidelines for treatment; suggests nutritional therapy, including sample meals; and presents tips for improving the quality of life while coping with AMD. 2008.

RC 67861, DB 67861

**Title: MACULAR DISEASE: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR LIVING WITH VISION LOSS**

**Author: WOLFE, PEGGY R**

**Original Date: 2008**

Author offers ideas and strategies for living with declining vision and provides examples from her own experience. Suggests ways to organize one's home and deal with financial and legal affairs. Encourages others to embrace technology to enjoy reading, writing, and using computers. Lists useful organizations and companies. 2008.

RC 66823, DB 66823, DX 66823

**Title: ONE HUNDRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT MACULAR DEGENERATION**

**Author: HEIER, JEFFREY S.**

**Original Date: 2010**

A retina specialist answers questions about the causes, prevention, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of age-related wet and dry macular degeneration. Includes patient commentary and discusses the future possibilities of research trials. 2010.

DB 70278

**Title: OVERCOMING MACULAR DEGENERATION: A GUIDE TO SEEING BEYOND THE CLOUDS**

**Author: SOLOMON, YALE**

**Original Date: 2009**

In this updated edition of Overcoming Macular Degeneration (DB/RC 51826), ophthalmologist Solomon, who has the condition, offers information and advice to patients. Lists special tools, including magnifiers and text-to-voice devices; issues for caregivers, such as watching for signs of depression; and resources. 2009.

DB 73559

**Title: PROTECT YOUR SIGHT: HOW TO SAVE YOUR VISION IN THE EPIDEMIC OF MACULAR DEGENERATION**

**Author: FOLK, JAMES C**

**Original Date: 2006**

Comprehensive guide to age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Ophthalmologists Folk and Wilkinson describe the nature and symptoms of AMD, possible causes, and risk factors, including smoking and cardiovascular disease. They also discuss treatments and rehabilitation and recommend diet and lifestyle changes to help reduce chance and severity of onset. 2006.

RC 63384, DB 63384

**Title: READER'S DIGEST GUIDE TO EYE CARE: COMMON VISION PROBLEMS, FROM DRY EYE TO MACULAR DEGENERATION**

**Author: WEIZER, JENNIFER S.**

**Original Date: 2009**

Ophthalmologists describe the way the eye works and its common afflictions and related health matters, including macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. They discuss treatments such as Lasik surgery; provide tips on living with visual impairments; and answer common questions about sight, surgery, and medications. 2009.

DB 71102

## ***COMPUTERS AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY***

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**Title: ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE INTERNET: MAKING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ACCESIBLE TO ALL**

**Author: MATES, BARBARA T.**

**Original Date: 2000**

Advice for librarians and others on ways to improve disabled persons' access to electronic resources, including computers and the Internet. Provides information about screen readers, braille displays, voice recognition systems, and hearing-assistance devices. Lists web sites, vendors, manufacturers, consultants, and libraries with special programs.

RC 51780, DB 51780 DLD

**Title: CELL-PHONE ACCESS: THE CURRENT STATE OF CELL-PHONE ACCESIBILITY**

**Author: BURTON, DARREN**

**Original Date: 2011**

<http://www.afb.org/afbpres/pub.asp?DocID=aw120602>

This article describes the types of phones currently available and even details different accessibility features specific cell-phone companies provide.

**Title: NONVISUAL DESKTOP ACCESS AND THUNDER: A COMPARISON OF TWO FREE SCREEN READERS**

**Author: BURTSON, DARREN AND JOHN LILLY Original Date: 2011**

<http://www.afb.org/afbpres/pub.asp?DocID=aw120803>

Two free screen readers are compared for usability by people with visual impairments using common computer tasks.

**Title: SEEING BEYOND BLINDNESS**

**Author: KINASH, SHELLEY**

**Original Date: 2006**

Inquiry into the blind person's online-learning experience. Author presents interpretive research culled from interviews with seven blind online learners and twenty-five others--blind and sighted--including parents, teachers, and inventors of accessibility resources. Discusses usability and user issues such as technological proficiency and working knowledge of adaptive technology. 2006.

BR 17387, RC 65093, DB 65093

**Title: WEB ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Author: PACIELLO, MICHAEL G.**

**Original Date: 2000**

Advocates making the World Wide Web fully accessible for people with disabilities and provides instructions for designing and building web sites with the use of assistive technology. Describes tools and utilities currently available, outlines legal issues, and discusses problem solving resources.

BR 13355, RC 51844, DB 51844

## ***ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY***

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**Title: ANIMAL HELPERS FOR THE DISABLED**

**Author: KENT, DEBORAH**

**Original Date: 2003**

Traces the history of guide and assistance dogs as well as other service animals such as horses and monkeys. Describes the training that enables them to help persons with physical disabilities. For grades 4-7. 2003.

RC 57627, DB 57627 DLD

**Title: CARE AND FEEDING OF THE LONG WHITE CANE: INSTRUCTIONS IN CANE TRAVEL**

**Author: BICKFORD, THOMAS**

**Original Date: 1993**

The author, blind himself, begins with instructions for novices in cane use and continues with step-by-step advice on walking within buildings, following traffic patterns, and using public transportation. Also discussed are recreational hiking and dealing with inclement weather.

RC 37053, DB 37053 DLD

**Title: DIFFERENT WAY OF SEEING: YOUTH WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS AND BLINDNESS**

**Author: SOUDER, PATRICIA**

**Original Date: 2004**

Follows a young girl's coping with sudden vision loss. Includes descriptions of various visual disorders, their causes, and the kinds of help that adaptive devices like white canes and guide dogs can provide to people with diminished sight. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

RC 58329, DB 58329 DLD

**Title: DIGEST OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO TRAVEL WITH DOG GUIDES**

**Author: SEEING EYE, INC.**

**Original Date: 1987**

A digest of statutes from the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the provinces of Canada on the legal rights of blind persons who use dog guides. Seventh edition. [Laws may have changed since the publication of this book.]

BR 07668

**Title: FINDING WHEELS: A CURRICULUM FOR NONDRIVERS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS FOR GAINING CONTROL OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

**Author: CORN, ANNE L**

**Original Date: 2000**

Presents multifaceted program addressing emotional and physical travel-related issues for young adults with visual impairments who may or may not have



additional mild disabilities. Explores options such as paratransit, charity services, and bioptic driving and provides budgeting and route planning strategies to maximize independence. Includes case studies and activities. 2000.

RC 57825, DB 57825 DLD

**Title: MODULAR INSTRUCTION FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED: PRESCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL**

**Author: WILLOUGHBY, DORIS M.**

**Original Date: 1998**

In this companion to Handbook for Itinerant and Resource Teachers of Blind and Visually Impaired Students (RC 30434, BR 8036), the authors provide sample exercises for teaching cane travel to students from preschool through high school. Covers general techniques as well as specifics for outdoor travel and use of public transportation.

BR 13164, RC 50652, DB 50652 DLD

**Title: THERAPY DOGS: TRAINING YOUR DOG TO HELP OTHERS**

**Author: DAVIS, KATHY DIAMOND**

**Original Date: 2002**

Provides guidelines for selecting, socializing, and training dogs to do therapy work as part of a group of dogs and by themselves for people with special needs. Offers practical instructions for owners on handling a dog as part of a human-dog team. 2002.

RC 63582, DB 63582 DLD

## ***GUIDE DOG STORIES***

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**Title: BANNER, FORWARD! THE PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY OF A GUIDE DOG**

**Author: RAPPAPORT, EVA**

**Original Date: 1969**

The author, an animal trainer and breeder, follows a specially bred Golden Retriever through her training as a seeing eye dog.

BR 01843

**Title: BUDDY: THE FIRST SEEING EYE DOG**

**Author: MOORE, EVA**

**Original Date: 1996**

Morris Frank, a blind man, traveled to Switzerland in the 1920s to train with his first guide dog, Buddy, a German shepherd. After learning to work together, Morris and Buddy went to the United States to teach other blind people about Seeing Eye dogs. For grades 2-4. 1996.

BR 14814

**Title: GUIDE DOG GOES TO SCHOOL: THE STORY OF A DOG TRAINED TO LEAD THE BLIND**

**Author: SMITH, ELIZABETH S.**

**Original Date: 1987**

Guide dogs for persons who are blind go through a long period of training before they assume their life's work. This true story follows Cinderella, a golden retriever, through the stages of her training to become a guide dog.

RC 32373, DB 32373

**Title: INDEPENDENT VISION: DOROTHY HARRISON EUSTIS AND THE STORY OF THE SEEING EYE**

**Author: ASCARELLI, MIRIAM, 1962-**

**Original Date: 2010**

Biography of Dorothy Harrison Eustis (1886-1946), founder of the Seeing Eye, the first guide-dog school in America. Chronicles her childhood in upper-class Philadelphia, two marriages, and vacations in Switzerland, where she was introduced to dogs assisting blinded German veterans. Describes the 1929 establishment of Eustis's school in New Jersey. 2010.

BR 18748

**Title: LOVE IN THE LEAD: THE FIFTY-YEAR MIRACLE OF THE SEEING EYE DOG**

**Author: PUTNAM, PETER**

**Original Date: 1979**

Account of the early years in the development of the Seeing Eye, Inc., that emphasizes the bond of love forged between man and dog. The author of "Keep Your Head Up, Mr. Putnam" has owned seven Seeing Eye dogs and has been active in the program since 1941.

BR 04133, BR 15981, RC 13824, RC 53712, RC 60083, DB 60083

**Title: MORE THAN MAN'S BEST FRIEND: THE STORY OF WORKING DOGS**

**Author: O'SULLIVAN, ROBYN**

**Original Date: 2006**

Explains the jobs that some dogs are trained to do to help people. Covers guide, service, customs, herding, and search-and-rescue dogs. Includes a glossary and list of resources. For grades 2-4. 2006.

RC 64323, DB 64323 DLD

**Title: MY EYES HAVE A COLD NOSE**

**Author: CHEVIGNY, HECTOR**

**Original Date: 1946**

Los Angeles radio script writer recounts what he calls his "initiation into the blind world" after he lost his sight from retinal detachment. Describes failed surgical procedures, his physical and emotional adjustment, and a return to work and society with the help of his guide dog, Wizard. 1946.

BR 16763, BT 00350, RC 62786, DB 62786 DLD

**Title: PARTNERS IN INDEPENDENCE: A SUCCESS STORY OF DOGS AND THE DISABLED**

**Author: EAMES, ED**

**Original Date: 1997**

Accounts of disabled people whose lives have been enhanced by specially trained guide, hearing, and service dogs. Documents heroism as well as everyday deeds. The authors, who are visually impaired, also describe their own experiences with canine partners

BR 11885, BR 15603, RC 44952, RC 58508, DB 58508

**Title: RIGHT DOG FOR THE JOB: IRA'S PATH FROM SERVICE DOG TO GUIDE DOG**  
**Author: PATENT, DOROTHY HINSHAW** **Original Date: 2004**

Account of a Golden retriever puppy named Ira, raised by a sixth-grade teacher whose students help train Ira as a service dog for people with disabilities. Also traces Ira's later education at a special school where he learns to assist people who are blind. For grades 2-4. 2004.

RC 58712, DB 58712 DLD

**Title: THUNDER DOG: THE TRUE STORY OF A BLIND MAN, HIS GUIDE DOG, AND THE TRIUMPH OF TRUST AT GROUND ZERO**  
**Author: HINGSON, MICHAEL, 1950-** **Original Date: 2011**

Michael Hingson, an executive who worked in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, recounts his escape after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Hingson, blind since birth, describes what he and his guide dog Roselle experienced as she led him down seventy-eight flights of stairs to safety. 2011.

BR 19434, LB 06970, DB 73300

**Title: TRAVELING BLIND: ADVENTURES IN VISION WITH A GUIDE DOG BY MY SIDE**  
**Author: KRIEGER, SUSAN** **Original Date: 2010**

Stanford professor Krieger describes adapting to life with progressively limited vision caused by birdshot retinochoroidopathy. She writes of embarking upon local and long-distance trips and exploring the southwest desert with her guide dog Teela and her lover Hannah. 2010.

BR 18861, DB 71184

## ***BIOGRAPHIES***

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**Title: BALLAD OF BLIND TOM**

**Author: O'CONNELL, DEIRDRE**

**Original Date: 2009**

Biography of Thomas Wiggins (1849-1908), a blind and possibly autistic musical savant known as "Blind Tom," who was born a slave in Georgia. A piano prodigy and child composer, Wiggins became a novelty act of worldwide renown, profiting his white guardian. Chronicles his achievements and later descent into obscurity. 2009.

DB 71033

**Title: BRAVO! MISS BROWN: A WORLD WITHOUT SIGHT AND SOUND**

**Author: MACTAVISH, JOAN**

**Original Date: 2000**

Biography of Mae Brown (1935-1973), who was the first deaf-blind person to graduate from a Canadian university and a counselor at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Her college tutor chronicles Brown's family, education, social and professional life, and triumphs and disappointments.

BR 13551, RC 52603, DB 52603

**Title: ECLIPSE: A NIGHTMARE**

**Author: DE MONTALEMBERT, HUGUES**

**Original Date: 1985**

An intense autobiographical memoir of a globe-trotting French painter living in New York City. After being attacked by three intruders who blinded him by throwing a caustic solution into his face, he recounts how he learned to live with his blindness. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

RC 23749, DB 23749 DLD

**Title: HOPE UNSEEN: THE STORY OF THE U.S. ARMY'S FIRST BLIND ACTIVE-DUTY OFFICER**

**Author: SMILEY, SCOTTY**

**Original Date: 2010**

Account of U.S. Army Captain and Ranger Scotty Smiley, who after losing his sight during a suicide-bomber attack in Iraq, became the first active-duty blind officer. Covers Smiley's post-injury accomplishments, including earning an MBA, winning

an ESPY, climbing Mount Rainier, and teaching leadership at West Point. Discusses his faith. 2010.

BR 19133, DB 71909

**Title: IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT I HEAR**

**Author: SULLIVAN, TOM**

**Original Date: 1975**

Autobiography of a gifted young man who lost his sight shortly after birth. Gifted and refusing to accept limitations, he developed his abilities, becoming a champion wrestler, a dean's list student, a Harvard graduate, and a successful musician. He focuses on personal relationships--especially with his family--and experiences that have helped him maintain a positive outlook.

BR 02848, RC 35991

**Title: IMPRISONED GUEST: SAMUEL HOWE AND LAURA BRIDGMAN, THE ORIGINAL DEAF-BLIND GIRL**

**Author: GITTER, ELISABETH**

**Original Date: 2001**

The life of Laura Bridgman, deaf and blind from age two, who became one of the most famous women of the mid-nineteenth century. Explores her education with Samuel Howe at Boston's Perkins Institution for the Blind; views her achievements in the context of American

BR 13353, RC 51840, DB 51840 DLD, DX 51840

**Title: IN THE DARK**

**Author: STONE, RUTH**

**Original Date: 2004**

More than one hundred poems by the National Book Award-winning author of In the Next Galaxy (RC 57465). Stone, who was born in 1915, writes of aging and her loss of vision in "Accepting" and "Floaters." Other verses explore science, politics, art, history, and the minutia of everyday life. 2004.

RC 59866, DB 59866

**Title: INSIDE MY WORLD**

**Author: JOHNSON, LARRY P.**

**Original Date: 2010**

Author of *Mexico by Touch* (BR 15306) and *You Can If You Think You Can* (BR 18602) reminisces about growing up a blind child in Chicago during the 1940s and 1950s. Describes learning braille in grammar school, joining the Boy Scouts, and pledging a fraternity at age sixteen. 2010.

BR 19118, DB 72707

**Title: INVISIBLE: A MEMOIR**

**Author: MONTALEMBERT, HUGUES DE**

**Original Date: 2010**

Reflections of a French painter and photographer who was blinded in a 1978 attack in New York City. Explores the meaning of vision for an artist, coping with tragedy without self-pity, adjusting to a new life, and finding the inner source of independence and freedom. 2010.

DB 72571

**Title: NICKIE'S NOOK: SHARING THE JOURNEY**

**Author: COBY, NICKIE**

**Original Date: 2007**

Selected writings from the online journal of blind college student and aspiring social worker Coby, who has Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Discusses her guide dog Julio, her Christianity, and the differences between blindness and chronic illness. For senior high and older readers. 2007.

BR 18136, RC 68003, DB 68003

**Title: RAY CHARLES: "I WAS BORN WITH MUSIC INSIDE ME"**

**Author: FORD, CARIN T**

**Original Date: 2008**

Biography of musical legend Ray Charles (1930-2004), who became blind at age seven. Chronicles his education at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and his career. Describes his love of music and his struggles with racial prejudice, marriage difficulties, drug abuse, and legal problems. For grades 6-9. 2008.

RC 67059, DB 67059

**Title: RAY CHARLES: VOICE OF SOUL**

**Author: RITZ, DAVID**

**Original Date: 1994**

Biography of musical genius Ray Charles, who was left sightless by glaucoma as a child. While a student at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Charles learned to read and write music in Braille. Describes his personal and professional struggles, including drug addiction, as well as triumphs.

RC 46564, DB 46564 DLD

**Title: STORY OF MY LIFE**

**Author: KELLER, HELEN, 1880-1968**

**Original Date: 1903**

The restored classic autobiography of an exceptional young woman and her companion, originally published in 1903, with 2003 commentary by editor Roger Shattuck. Helen Keller's own account of her transformation is followed by her teacher Anne Sullivan's record of their early years together and insights of Anne's husband, John Macy. 1903. BR 3998 has introduction by Robert Russell.

This book is also available on the Internet at <http://www.afb.org/mylife>

BR 03998, BR 14704, RC 55883, DB 55883, DX 55883

**Title: SURPASSING EXPECTATIONS: MY LIFE WITHOUT SIGHT**

**Author: SCADDEN, LAWRENCE**

**Original Date: 2008**

Autobiography of California-born (1939) Scadden, who was blinded at age five. Describes his career as a research psychologist with a doctorate degree. Discusses his work in developing assistive technology for visually impaired people and promoting science education. Examines the effects of blindness, Scadden's personal development, and his experiences abroad. 2008.

BR 18597, RC 68883, DB 68883

**Title: TAKING HOLD: MY JOURNEY INTO BLINDNESS**



**Author: ALEXANDER, SALLY HOBART**

**Original Date: 1994**

Sally Hobart was twenty-four when she began to lose her sight. At first she saw a thin black line that disappeared after a few minutes. But the line returned, and Sally realized after visits to many specialists that she would soon be totally blind. She tells of her frustrations, the loss of her fiancée, the support of family and friends, and the help she got in adjusting to her new world.

BR 10223, RC 40247, DB 40247 DLD

**Title: TO THE LEFT OF INSPIRATION: ADVENTURES IN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

**Author: SCHNEIDER, KATHERINE**

**Original Date: 2006**

Psychologist pens memoir, providing opinions and "pearls of wisdom" acquired during some fifty years as a blind woman. Describes contracting fibromyalgia a decade ago. Discusses the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, her career as a clinical psychologist, and personal experiences with guide dogs and grocery stores. 2005

RC 64437, DB 64437

**Title: TOUCH THE TOP OF THE WORLD: A BLIND MAN'S JOURNEY TO CLIMB FARTHER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE**

**Author: WEIHENMAYER, ERIK**

**Original Date: 2001**

In this adventure-packed memoir, the author recalls rebelling against becoming blind by age fifteen. Relates acquiring a passion for mountaineering and developing the character traits that enabled him to succeed. Covers his climbing exploits and his wedding on top of Mount Kilimanjaro. Some strong language

BR 14512, RC 51505, DB 51505 DLD, DX 51505

**Title: TRIUMPH OVER DARKNESS: THE LIFE OF LOUIS BRAILLE**

**Author: BICKEL, LENNARD**

**Original Date: 1988**

Biography of Frenchman Louis Braille (1809-1852), who perfected a raised-dot alphabet code named in his honor when he was only fifteen. Discusses the

development of the system of reading and writing that opened the world of learning for blind people. 1988.

BR 17820, DB 68015

**Title: UNDAUNTED BY BLINDNESS: CONCISE BIOGRAPHIES OF FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO LET VISUAL IMPAIRMENT DEFINE THEM**

**Author: OLSTROM, CLIFFORD E.**

**Original Date: 2010**

Director of the Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind presents four hundred capsule biographies of notable blind people in various occupations and from different historical periods. Includes profiles of Irish composer Torlogh Carolan (1670-1738), American publisher Joseph Pulitzer (1847-1911), and Cuban ballerina Alicia Alonso (b. 1921). 2010.

BR 19185, DB 72232

**Title: W.C. HANDY: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE MAN WHO MADE THE BLUES**

**Author: ROBERTSON, DAVID**

**Original Date: 2009**

Biography of William Christopher Handy (1873-1958) traces his Alabama childhood during Reconstruction, his musical training, and his early career performing in ragtime and vaudeville venues. Highlights Handy's ability to write scores and publish commercially, his relocation to Memphis and then Harlem, and the accident that blinded him. 2009.

DB 69060

**Title: WHITE COAT, WHITE CANE**

**Author: HARTMAN, DAVID**

**Original Date: 1978**

Account of the obstacles the blind author encountered in becoming a psychiatrist. He credits a "persistent brattiness" and bouts with a competitive sister for his considerable drive. Some strong language.

BR 04076, RC 14631

## ***FICTION – ADULT***

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**Title: ALIVE DAY**

**Author: SULLIVAN, TOM**

**Original Date: 2009**

Blind psychiatrist Brenden McCarthy treats marine corporal Antwone Carver, an Iraq War veteran who is paralyzed from the waist down. Antwone struggles with his disability but finds inspiration with the help of therapy, medication, and Brenden's lovable guide dog, Nelson. Sequel to Together (RC 67040, BR 17900). 2009.

BR 18545, RC 69912, DB 69912

**Title: BEYOND THE NIGHT**

**Author: SCHALESKY, MARLO**

**Original Date: 2008**

California. Paul Tilden holds vigil by the bedside of his comatose wife, Maddie, who fights for her life in a hospital. Paul relives their love affair--helping Maddie cope with blindness, their bond growing into something much more--and prays that he can reach her. 2008.

BR 18782

**Title: BLIND CONTESSA'S NEW MACHINE**

**Author: WALLACE, CAREY**

**Original Date: 2010**

Early nineteenth-century Italy. Contessa Carolina tells her parents and fiancé she is going blind, but they won't listen. Only local eccentric Turri believes her. He invents a machine - a typewriter - for her, and the two fall in love. Based on a true story. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB 71568, LB 06533

**Title: BLIND CURVE**

**Author: SOLOMON, ANNIE**

**Original Date: 2005**

Detective Danny Sinofsky loses his sight in an undercover operation. Martha Crowe, who worshipped Danny in high school, becomes his mobility instructor. When Danny and Martha are sent to a safe house for protection, they fall in love. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

BR 15929, RC 59915, DB 59915

**Title: BLIND JUSTICE: A SIR JOHN FIELDING MYSTERY #1**

**Author: ALEXANDER, BRUCE**

**Original Date: 1994**

Based on the life of the blind eighteenth-century justice Sir John Fielding, who, with novelist Henry Fielding, founded the Bow Street Runners. Known for his fairness, Sir John enlists the aid of Jeremy Proctor; a young boy unjustly accused whom Sir John has taken into his home. The case involves the double murder (by poison and gunshot) of Lord Goodhope.

RC 42229, DB 42229 DLD

**Title: BLIND LOVE**

**Author: CAUVIN, PATRICK**

**Original Date: 1975**

A shy Parisian professor, forty-five and divorced, meets Laura, a beautiful and vivacious blind woman ten years his junior. They take off on a drive through France that is full of romantic adventures and comic mishaps. Along the way, they encounter the problems involved in a relationship between a sighted person and a blind one, and doubts and conflicts that threaten to destroy their idyll. Explicit sex.

BR 02953, LB 01818

**Title: BLIND TRAVELER DOWN A DARK RIVER**

**Author: BENNETT, ROBERT P**

**Original Date: 2004**

Brooklyn. Blind computer specialist Douglas Abledan uses GPS technology to negotiate his surroundings. One day Douglas's personal navigation device malfunctions, causing him to witness the murder of CEO John Haggarty, whose building materials corporation faces opposition from steelmakers and

environmentalists. Dismissed by police, Douglas tracks the killer. Some violence. 2004.

RC 61850, DB 61850

**Title: BROKEN KINGDOMS: INHERITANCE TRILOGY, BOOK 2**

**Author: JEMISIN, N.K.**

**Original Date: 2010**

Oree, a blind artist who sells souvenirs in the shadow of the World Tree, can see magic. When she inadvertently reveals her abilities, she becomes entangled in a conspiracy that has already killed one godling and may target others whom she counts as friends. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

DB 72762 15

**Title: COME HOME, MY HEART**

**Author: CAMPBELL, PHYLLIS**

**Original Date: 2001**

Dr. Susan Perry, an obstetrician, becomes blind after a brain tumor is removed. Once rehabilitated, she moves to a poor, rural Virginia town. In her new career as a social worker, she becomes an integral part of the community and falls in love. 1988.

BR 14857, RC 56383

**Title: COUNTRY OF THE BLIND AND OTHER STORIES**

**Author: WELLS, H.G. (HERBERT GEORGE)**

**Original Date: 1911**

Thirty-three other-worldly short stories by British author H.G. Wells (1866-1946). In the title piece, a mountain climber falls from a steep ledge into the country of the blind, which has been isolated from the outside world for many generations. He mistakenly assumes that he will become king. 1911.

RC 65130, DB 65130 DLD

**Title: DROP OF PATIENCE**

**Author: KELLEY, WILLIAM MELVIN**

**Original Date: 1965**

Novel of a tortured anti-hero, a gifted jazz musician who is black and blind. Though he is lucky as a musician, he is completely luckless in love. Some strong language.

BR 04464

**Title: FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**

**Author: YORK, REBECCA**

**Original Date: 1997**

Jenny Larkin lost her sight in a car accident in high school. She blames herself, though no one else does. Ben Brisco has always loved Jenny, yet never expressed it. Their feelings come to the surface when Jenny becomes a possible witness in her best friend's murder. Some descriptions of sex.

BR 11189, RC 44417

**Title: FORTUNATE ONES: EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY PHILADELPHIA AS SEEN WITHOUT SIGHT**

**Author: NOESNER, FREDERICK W.**

**Original Date: 2010**

Young gunsmith Andrew Annaler, blinded by a gunpowder explosion during service with the Royal Americans and fortunate to be alive, returns to colonial Philadelphia and the emotional support of family and friends. A subsequent murder and a duel involve Andrew's relatives and many

DB 72086 22

**Title: GARDEN OF EROS**

**Author: BRYANT, DOROTHY, and 1930- Original Date: 1979**

A stream-of-consciousness novel explores the significance of the life-giving experience for an insightful woman. Afraid that her husband has deserted her, a young blind woman recalls the significant people in her life as she gives birth to her first child alone.

BR 04882, RC 18449

**Title: GOING BLIND**

**Author: PENNER, JONATHAN**

**Original Date: 1977**

Sensitive, touching novel about a young professor who loses an eye in a car accident and soon suffers sympathetic failure of vision in the other. He decides to conceal his ailment in order to keep his position at the university and to keep the woman he loves. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

BR 04734, LB 02165

**Title: HONEY OUT OF STONE**

**Author: ADELMAN, GARY**

**Original Date: 1970**

A fictionalized account of a blind man's struggle with life, love, his work at the university where he teaches English, and the meaning of the world. Explicit descriptions of sex.

BR 01255

**Title: LARK AND TERMITE**

**Author: PHILLIPS, JAYNE ANNE**

**Original Date: 2009**

West Virginia, 1950s. While Robert Leavitt is fighting in Korea, his wife Lola leaves their hydrocephalic son "Termite" with her sister Nonie. Lola's daughter Lark, whom Nonie is also raising, becomes Termite's main caretaker. She senses his rich inner life even though he doesn't speak and is legally blind. 2009.

DB 73051

**Title: LIGHT THAT FAILED**

**Author: KIPLING, RUDYARD**

**Original Date: 1890**

Kipling's first novel, published in 1890, is the story of an artist who received a sword wound while working in the Sudan as an illustrator. Knowing that his sight would soon be gone, he strove to finish his painting, "Melancholia," at the same time suffering from an unhappy love affair.

BR 08642, BR 04464, RC 32530

**Title: LOST GIRLS: A SHERRY MOORE NOVEL**

**Author: SHUMAN, GEORGE D**

**Original Date: 2008**

When a mountain climber is found dead in Alaska, blind psychic Sherry Moore uses her gift of seeing a corpse's last thoughts in hopes of finding the victim's fellow climbers. Instead, visions lead Moore to a Caribbean slave-trafficking ring and a missing girl's mother. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

RC 68334, DB 68334

**Title: LOVING LITTLE EGYPT**

**Author: MCMAHON, THOMAS A.**

**Original Date: 1987**

A romp that involves real people in imagined events with a historical basis. Mourly Vold, a nearly blind student, discovers how to make free telephone connections and creates a communications network of blind people called the Party Line. William Randolph Hearst hears of this, fears a conspiracy of Bolsheviks or Mexican anarchists and enlists the aid of his old crony Thomas Edison in catching the miscreants. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1987.

BR 07001, RC 26286

**Title: PARABLE OF THE BLIND**

**Author: HOFMANN, GERT**

**Original Date: 1986**

Probes existential terror by way of an examination, tinged with irony, of the travails and involuntary teamwork of six blind beggars. They have been summoned to pose for Pieter Breughel the Elder's 1568 masterpiece, referred to in the title. A philosophical chorus conveyed in a first-person-plural format, explores the world of blind people and the relationships among art, victimization, and universal suffering. 1986.

BR 06781, RC 25141



**Title: PASTORAL SYMPHONY**

**Author: GIDE, ANDRE**

**Original Date: 1919**

First published in 1919, this story tells of the illicit love between a married pastor and the blind orphan whom he rescues from poverty and rears in his own home. His attempt to shield her from the knowledge of evil ends in tragedy. [BR 4055 translated by Dorothy Bussy, c. 1931.]

BR 04055

**Title: RIVERS OF DARKNESS**

**Author: HARDY, RONALD**

**Original Date: 1979**

Mozambique is invaded by the deadly blackfly that is causing blindness, while the Portuguese government remains indifferent to the plight of the natives. Dr. Harry Lynd, who arrives from the World Health Organization to fight the disease, finds he must weave a difficult path between the guerrillas and the government. Some strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

BR 04087, BR 06781, RC 25141

**Title: STORM AT DAYBREAK: DAYBREAK MYSTERIES, VOLUME 1**

**Author: HOFF, B. J.**

**Original Date: 1986**

Jennifer Terry is hired as an assistant to the owner of a Christian radio station in West Virginia. Left sightless by a drunken driver, Daniel Kaine is a composer as well as an ex-Olympic swimmer. While they gradually fall in love, their happiness is threatened by attempts on Dan's life.

BR 11674, RC 46590

**Title: THIS IS ALL I ASK**

**Author: KURLAND, LYNN**

**Original Date: 1997**

England, 1249. Gillian is terrified when the knight known as the Dragon of Blackmour proposes to her, unaware that the Dragon is blind--and that he had

promised her late brother he would rescue Gillian from their abusive father. Descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1997.

DB 73366

**Title: TOGETHER: A STORY OF SHARED VISION**

**Author: SULLIVAN, TOM**

**Original Date: 2008**

Colorado. Twenty-five-year-old Brenden McCarthy is a first-year medical resident and an avid mountain climber until a climbing accident blinds him. Now Brenden's widowed mother wants to care for him and his fiancée considers leaving him, while Brenden enters rehabilitation and gets a guide dog--thrice-rejected black labrador, Nelson. 2008.

BR 17900, RC 67040, DB 67040

**Title: TROUBLE DON'T LAST ALWAYS**

**Author: RAY, FRANCIS**

**Original Date: 2001**

Lily Crawford flees her abusive husband only to have her car break down in Louisiana. Lily meets a local family and takes a job keeping house for neurosurgeon Adam Wakefield, who lost his sight during a recent carjacking. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2001.

DB 72464

**Title: WHAT LOVE SEES: A BIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL**

**Author: VREELAND, SUSAN**

**Original Date: 1988**

This biographical novel tells the story of Jean Treadway, who became blind after an operation to correct her vision. Treadway leaves her protected aristocratic New England home and moves to a remote California mountain town to marry Forrest Holly, a blind rancher.

BR 07671

**Title: WISH YOU WERE HERE**

**Author: RIDGWAY, CHRISTIE**

**Original Date: 2002**

Zoe and her sister Lyssa, a leukemia survivor, have run an inn on Abrigo Island ever since a bus crash killed their parents. Then Yeager, a temporarily blinded astronaut, and his friend Deke arrive and shake up the sisters' world. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

DB 73889

**Title: WOMAN IN THE CLOAK**

**Author: HILL, PAMELA**

**Original Date: 1988**

There was to have been great rejoicing in the land when Lady Margherita was born, but there was only horror and shame at the fact that she was blind and deformed. Locked away by her parents until she was seventeen, and then abandoned, she became a messenger of goodwill to all those with whom she came in contact. She eventually became a member of the Mantellante, the cloaked women of St. Dominic.

BR 08211

**Title: WWW: WAKE; THE WWW TRILOGY, BOOK 1**

**Author: SAWYER, ROBERT J.**

**Original Date: 2009**

When a Japanese researcher proposes another eye operation to the tech-savvy, mathematical genius and blind fifteen-year-old Caitlin, she jumps at the chance to have an experimental signal-processing implant inserted behind her eye. But instead of sight, Caitlin's mind visualizes the Internet and detects an enigmatic entity within. 2009.

BR 18658, RC 69237, DB 69237 13

**Title: YOURS UNTIL DAWN**

**Author: MEDEIROS, TERESA**

**Original Date: 2004**

1806. Gabriel Fairchild, earl of Sheffield, blinded at Trafalgar and abandoned by his fiancée, now lives bitterly in seclusion. Nurse Samantha Wickersham, although

hiding her shadowy past, helps him regain his confidence, independence, and ability to love. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

RC 59080, DB 59080

## ***FICTION – YOUTH***

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**Title: ANNERTON PIT**

**Author: DICKINSON, PETER**

**Original Date: 1977**

Two brothers, one blind, search for their eccentric grandfather, who has disappeared while tracking down ghosts. The trail leads them to an abandoned mine where they are trapped in a terrifying maze haunted by fear and death.

RC 55575, DB 55575 DLD

**Title: BLINDSIDED**

**Author: CUMMINGS, PRISCILLA, 1951-**

**Original Date: 2010**

Fourteen-year-old Natalie attends a boarding school for the blind to learn braille, cane use, and self-protection skills. After she and her roommate are attacked by drunks, Natalie must decide whether to retreat to her parents' home or actively claim an independent life. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2010.

BR 18999, DB 71417

**Title: BLUEBERRY EYES**

**Author: BEATTY, MONICA DRISCOLL**

**Original Date: 1996**

Meaghan, now seven, talks about her eye problems: the glasses she has been wearing since she was four months old, the visits to the eye doctor, wearing a patch to correct her lazy eye, and her trip to the hospital to have her eyes operated on.

RC 42735, DB 42735 DLD

**Title: BELONGING**

**Author: KENT, DEBORAH**

**Original Date: 1978**

Fifteen-year-old Meg, who longs to be like everyone else, insists on enrolling in Ridge View High School instead of continuing at the special institute for blind students. During a very difficult year, she learns that being like everyone else isn't as easy or as satisfying as she has imagined. A largely autobiographical first novel by a young blind author. For junior and senior high readers.

BR 03940, RC 13304

**Title: BUSINESS IS LOOKING UP: FEATURING RENALDO RODRIGUEZ**

**Author: AIELLO, BARBARA**

**Original Date: 1988**

When eleven-year-old Renaldo, who is blind, sets up a greeting card service for stepfamilies, he discovers there is a lot more to running a business than just making money. Includes a question and answer section on blindness.

BR 08037, RC 30566

**Title: CAKES AND MIRACLES: A PURIM TALE**

**Author: GOLDIN, BARBARA DIAMOND**

**Original Date: 2010**

Hershel, the only blind boy in his village, wants to help his widowed mother in the kitchen. She does not believe that he can shape the dough into cookies. But Hershel surprises his mother on Purim morning. Includes notes on the origins of the holiday. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2010.

BR 20008

**Title: CAY**

**Author: TAYLOR, THEODORE**

**Original Date: 1969**

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a twelve-year-old white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an elderly black deckhand are stranded on a desert island in the Caribbean. The man's wisdom and love enable the boy to acquire courage and insight and to overcome stranded on a desert island in the Caribbean. The man's

wisdom and love enable the boy to acquire courage and insight and to overcome his bigotry.

BR 08750, CT 04712, RC 34450, DB 34450 DLD

**Title: DEAD END BLUFF**

**Author: WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH**

**Original Date: 1966**

For eighth-grader Quig, who is blind, the steep bluff at Dead End that he is forbidden to climb symbolizes all the dead ends in his life. Then one night Quig hears his seven-year-old brother Tommy fall into the river at the bottom of the cliff. For grades 4-7. 1966.

DB 73569

**Title: DIFFERENT KIND OF BEAUTY**

**Author: MCNICOLL, SYLVIA**

**Original Date: 2003**

Sequel to Bringing Up Beauty (RC 52424). Now a freshman in high school and soon to become an aunt, Elizabeth is raising her second guide dog, Beauty II. Her story alternates with that of Kyle, who struggles to cope with his loss of sight. For grades 4-7. 2004.

RC 60205, DB 60205

**Title: FOLLOW MY LEADER**

**Author: GARFIELD, JAMES B.**

**Original Date: 1957**

At first eleven-year-old Jimmy is discouraged by losing his sight in a firecracker accident. Gradually he learns to read braille, use a cane, and do things for himself. But working with his own guide dog, Leader, makes the biggest and best change. For grades 4-7. 1957.

BR 18829, RC 12868, DB 70876

**Title: FROM CHARLIE'S POINT OF VIEW**

**Author: SCRIMGER, RICHARD**

**Original Date: 2005**

Fourteen-year-old Charlie was born blind but that does not deter him from proving his father's innocence in the Stocking Bandit bank robber case. Charlie enlists the help of two friends and a guardian angel to find the real criminal, following leads to a family crypt. For grades 6-9. 2005.

RC 61308, DB 61308 DLD

**Title: GIFT OF GOLD**

**Author: BUTLER, BEVERLY**

**Original Date: 1972**

College junior Cathy Wheeler, from "Light a Single Candle" RC 22637, wants to study speech therapy, an aspiration the department chair considers unrealistic for a blind student. Meanwhile Cathy decides between two young men and hopes to regain some of her vision. For junior and senior high readers. 1972.

RC 66740, LB 01471, DB 66740, DX 66740

**Title: GIRL, STOLEN**

**Author: HENRY, APRIL**

**Original Date: 2010**

Griffin steals a Cadillac Escalade SUV only to discover sixteen-year-old Cheyenne Wilder huddled in the backseat. While Griffin tries to figure out what to do with her, Cheyenne attempts to escape, using her blindness to her advantage. Some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2010.

BR 19209, DB 71997

**Title: GIRL'S BEST FRIEND**

**Author: SAVITZ, HARRIET MAY**

**Original Date: 1995**

Laurie Moss, twelve, is worried that her parents will put their old beagle, Jessie, to sleep because of her arthritis. The vet has some new medicine, but it is expensive so Laurie takes a part-time job. Her boss is blind, like Laurie, and very particular about how things are done at his bike shop. Meanwhile, a new teacher thinks Laurie can't do anything by herself, and a bully taunts her in the halls.

BR 10555, RC 42462, DB 42462 DLD

**Title: HALF THE BATTLE**

**Author: HALL, LYNN**

**Original Date: 1982**

Two brothers enter a dangerous hundred-mile horseback race that has been widely publicized throughout New Mexico. For Blair, blind since birth, the race is his chance to prove to himself and everyone else that he has guts. But his brother Loren, tired of Blair's getting attention simply by being blind, has a different kind of race in mind. For junior and senior high readers. 1982.

BR 05513 3

**Title: HEARTWAVES**

**Author: KENT, DEBORAH**

**Original Date: 1984**

Melanie meets a gorgeous-sounding guy on her ham radio. They exchange pictures, but Melanie sends Gary a picture of her best friend, a real beauty. When they finally meet face to face, Melanie discovers that Gary had a secret, too--he didn't tell her that he's blind. A Caprice Romance for junior and senior high readers. 1984.

BR 06008, RC 21408

**Title: MANDY SUE DAY**

**Author: KARIM, ROBERTA**

**Original Date: 1994**

Mandy Sue's farmer father promises each of the children one day without chores, and today is Mandy Sue Day. She spends it riding and talking to her horse, Ben, and although Mandy Sue is blind, she knows her best friend's ears flick back to hear her. PRINT/BRAILLE For grades K-3.

BR 13003, RC 40732, DB 40732 DLD

**Title: MILLION-DOLLAR THROW**

**Author: LUPICA, MIKE**

**Original Date: 2009**



Eighth-grade quarterback Nate will win a million dollars if he completes a pass during halftime of a New England Patriots game. Nate's family needs the money and his best friend Abby needs help as she begins to lose her sight. For grades 5-8. 2009.

DB 71012

**Title: MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL: THE DIARY OF BESS BRENNAN**

**Author: DENENBERG, BARRY**

**Original Date: 2002**

In 1932 twelve-year-old Bess loses her sight in a sledding accident. Dictating her thoughts to her twin sister, Elin, on weekend visits home, Bess keeps a diary describing life at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts, where she learns to read braille. For grades 5-8. 2002.

BR 15330, RC 57810, DB 57810 DLD

**Title: MOM CAN'T SEE ME**

**Author: ALEXANDER, SALLY HOBART**

**Original Date: 1990**

Nine-year-old Leslie Alexander provides a candid, insightful, and upbeat account of life with her mother, who is blind. "Mom does some things differently, but mostly she's like other mothers." Leslie talks about the similarities -- her Mom cooks, enjoys dancing, reading, movies, and sports, and works as a writer; and the differences -- she uses a guide dog, does not drive, and depends a lot on sound. Print/Braille.

BR 08905, RC 41379, DB 41379

**Title: SEE YOU THURSDAY**

**Author: URE, JEAN**

**Original Date: 1981**

Marianne has the misfortune to fall in love with a handsome piano teacher who happens to be eight years older than she is. He also happens to be blind. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1981.

BR 05821, RC 20849

**Title: SEEING LESSONS: STORY OF ABIGAIL CARTER AND AMERICA'S FIRST SCHOOL FOR BLIND PEOPLE**

**Author: HERMANN, SPRING**

**Original Date: 1998**

1832. Ten-year-old Abigail and her six-year-old sister, Sophia, are among the first students chosen to attend a new school in Boston that is solely for children who are blind. The girls are homesick but thrilled at the chance to learn to read, do math and handicrafts, and play the pianoforte.

BR 12163, RC 48114, DB 48114 DLD

**Title: SEEING SUMMER**

**Author: EYERLY, JEANNETTE**

**Original Date: 1981**

Carey is heartbroken to learn that the new girl next door is blind. She soon discovers, though, that she and her neighbor are more alike than different, especially when two thugs kidnap the girls and dump them in a deserted warehouse. For grades 3-6.

BR 05254, BR 1507, RC 19581

**Title: THINGS NOT SEEN**

**Author: CLEMENTS, ANDREW, 1949-**

**Original Date: 2002**

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and can't see his body, his relationship with the physical world and with his parents' changes. He confides his invisibility situation to a new friend, Alicia, blinded two years before, and they try to figure out what happened to him. For grades 6-9. 2002.

BR 17135, RC 54713, DB 54713 DLD

**Title: THINGS THAT ARE**

**Author: CLEMENTS, ANDREW, 1949-**

**Original Date: 2008**

Still adjusting to being blind, Alicia, first met in Things Not Seen (RC 54713, BR 17135), must outwit an invisible man following Bobby, once invisible himself. This

man's demands threaten Bobby, Alicia's family, and perhaps global security. Sequel to Things Hoped For (RC 63723, BR 17136). For grades 6-9. 2008.

BR 18173, RC 67671, DB 67671

**Title: WINDOW**

**Author: INGOLD, JEANETTE**

**Original Date: 1996**

Fifteen-year-old Mandy is blinded in a car accident that took the life of her mother. Sent to live with unknown great-uncles and great-aunts, Mandy elects to attend the local high school. With the help of voices from the past, Mandy learns to understand and accept her new family.

BR 11455, RC 45455, DB 45455 DLD

## ***HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS***

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### ***Free Materials Available from the Disability Information Resource Center:***

Low vision catalogs

    Independent Living Aids

    LS&S

    Maxi-Aids

AFB Guide to Daily Living

Low Vision Resource List (created in-house)

Assistive Technology Funding Guide (created in-house)

Low vision clubs / support groups in Texas (list maintained in-house)

### ***Books and Videos Available on Loan from the DIRC:***

*Going Blind* [videorecording], 2010

*Making life more livable: simple adaptations for living at home after vision loss,* 2002

*Coping with vision loss: maximizing what you can see and do,* 2001

*Orchid of the bayou: a deaf woman faces blindness,* 2001

*Twilight: losing sight, gaining insight,* 1999

***State / Local Organizations:***

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center  
[www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/ccrc/](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs/ccrc/), 512-377-0300

DARS / Division for Blind Services  
[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us), 800-628-5115

Independent Living Centers  
[www.txsilc.org/](http://www.txsilc.org/)  
Then click on "CIL's."

Lighthouses

- Austin: [www.austinlighthouse.org](http://www.austinlighthouse.org), 512-442-2329
- Corpus Christi (South Texas): [www.stlb.net](http://www.stlb.net), 361-883-6553
- Dallas: [www.dallaslighthouse.org](http://www.dallaslighthouse.org), 214-821-2375
- East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind: [www.etlb.org](http://www.etlb.org), 903-593-3111
- El Paso: [www.lighthouse-elpaso.com](http://www.lighthouse-elpaso.com), 915-532-4495
- Houston: [www.houstonlighthouse.org](http://www.houstonlighthouse.org), 713-284-8445
- San Antonio: [www.salighthouse.org](http://www.salighthouse.org), 210-533-5195

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (TSBVI)  
[www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu), 800-872-5273

***National Organizations:***

American Foundation for the Blind  
[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org), 800-232-5463

E.A.R.S for EYES (Enrichment Audio Resource Services, Inc)  
[www.earsforeyes.info](http://www.earsforeyes.info), 800-843-6816

Lighthouse  
[www.lighthouse.org](http://www.lighthouse.org), 800-829-0500

National Federation for the Blind  
[www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org), 410-659-9314