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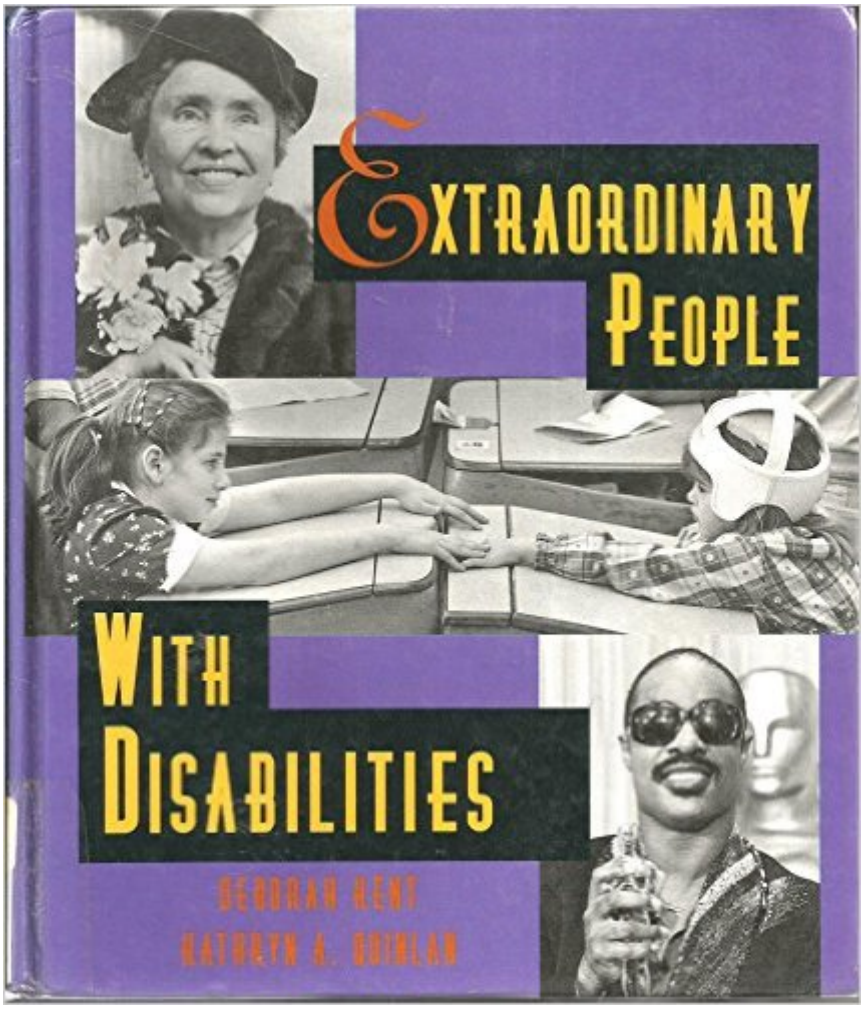

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Synopsis

Profiles seven dozen people throughout history with various physical or mental disabilities. Additional articles provide historical background on the disability rights movement.

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Customer Reviews

Extraordinary People with Disabilities by Kent and Quinlan (Grolier Publishing 1996) This excellent book tells the stories of over 50 outstanding individuals who overcame their disabilities. It is written so that one can choose to read short segments. However, when I picked it up, I felt energized and needed to read it cover-to-cover. The people profiled are from a variety of racial and economic backgrounds. Many of these individuals had physical disabilities but some of the stories profile people with learning or emotional disabilities. Through these stories, the book takes an activist stance. It tells of many who not only overcame their own disabilities, but went on to help other disabled people. The stories make it easier to understand the points of view of disability rights activists. The final chapter gives an overview of important new technological aids for the disabled. It explains why some of these aids are controversial among the disabled community. A glossary gives succinct definitions of many of the terms used in the book. An appendix at the back of the book list many of the major organizations that advocate for individuals with physical and mental disabilities. There is also a section listing related books and journals. I would recommend this book to high

school students and adults. Carol E Watkins, M.D. Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

This book was very well organized and I liked the biographies of several people with disabilities. The only thing that I noticed is that several people, such as Randy Snow, Christopher Reeve, Joni Earickson Tada, etc., were not included in the book. Otherwise, its a great book and would be a good resource for book reports for kids and teens.

An Amazing read for anyone to read about what it's like to be disabled and how you can still accomplish what a person wants with their lives. People of all ages should start experiencing/empathizing with people who are disabled. We are still people and all life should be preserved and respected.

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