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A new language minority has come to the fore in America as around the world. It is the tight-knit society (some million strong in the U. S.) that calls itself, in American Sign Language, the "Deaf-World". It has a history, a flourishing culture, and a political agenda. *A Journey Into The Deaf-World* is a compelling story of this much misunderstood minority as it struggles for self-determination. The book addresses questions such as: What is Deaf culture all about? How are Deaf children raised and educated? And how should they be? What do signed language and Deaf Culture have to offer the Deaf child -- and hearing people/ What can we learn from Deaf societies in other lands? How does technology help (and hinder) Deaf people? How do Deaf people integrate into the larger society? Rich in examples from the lives of Deaf people and a synthesis of the latest research findings concerning the deaf world, here is a must-read for professionals and students in such fields as audiology, speech-language pathology, medicine, education of the Deaf, school, rehabilitation & mental health counseling, psychology, interpreting, American Sign Language & Deaf studies, and anyone with a Deaf family member, friend, colleague, or acquaintance. -- *Midwest Book Review*

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