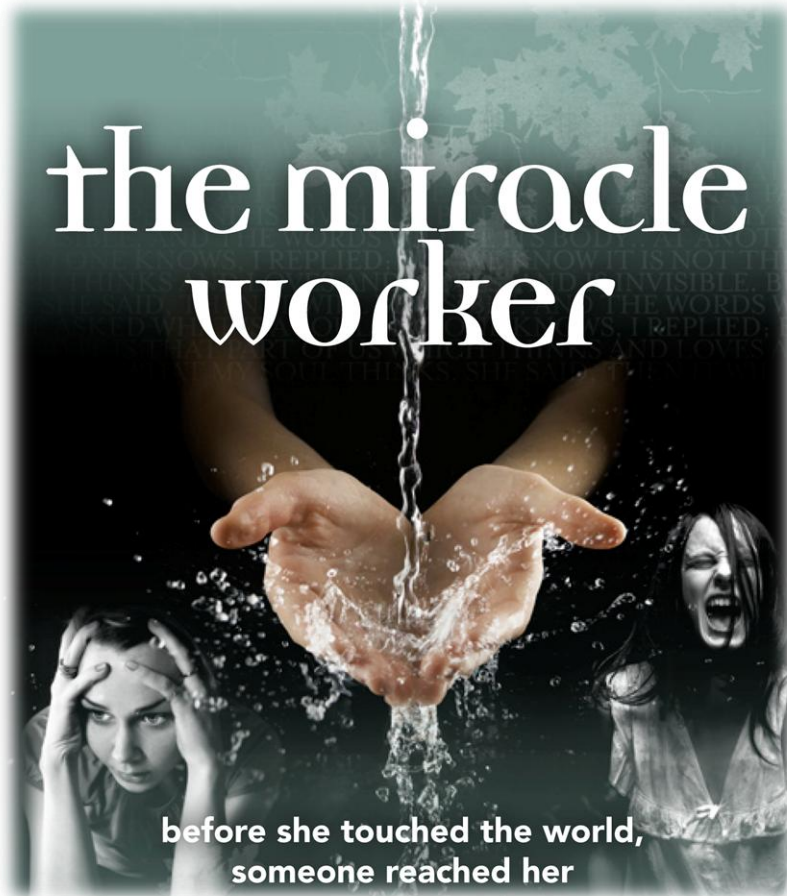


# the miracle worker



before she touched the world,  
someone reached her

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# SUGGESTED BOOKS

## **THE STORY OF MY LIFE BY HELEN KELLER**

A memoir about Helen Keller's early years, written when she was just 22 years old. The book is available online at [afb.org/mylife/book.asp?ch=HK-intro](http://afb.org/mylife/book.asp?ch=HK-intro) and includes her letters and an account of her life written by John Macy, Helen's editor and the husband of Anne Sullivan.

## **OPTIMISM BY HELEN KELLER**

An essay by Helen Keller the optimism within, without and the practice of optimism.

## **BEYOND THE MIRACLE WORKER: THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF ANNE SULLIVAN MACY AND HER EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDSHIP WITH HELEN KELLER BY KIM E. NIELSEN**

A biography of Anne Sullivan Macy, exploring her fascinating relationship with Helen Keller through the context of her life and background.

## **HELEN KELLER BY MARGARET DAVIDSON**

A biography of Helen Keller written for young people.

## **MISS SPITFIRE: REACHING HELEN KELLER BY SARAH MILLER**

A children's novel about how Annie Sullivan taught language to Helen Keller.

## **HELEN KELLER: REBEL LIVES BY JOHN DAVIS**

An exploration of Helen Keller's social activism.

## **THE IMPRISONED GUEST: SAMUEL HOWE AND LAURA BRIDGMAN, THE ORIGINAL DEAF-BLIND GIRL BY ELISABETH GLITTER**

The story of how Laura Bridgman became the first deaf-blind person to be educated.

## **MY LEFT FOOT BY CHRISTY BROWN (also on video)**

The story of how Irish author, poet and painter Christy Brown overcame the physical limitations of severe cerebral palsy to learn to read and write.

## **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD BY MARK MEDOFF (also on video)**

A play about the relationship between a former student at a school for the Deaf and a speech teacher.

## **SOUND AND FURY DIRECTED BY JOSH ARONSON**

A documentary about one family's struggle over whether or not to implant cochlear implants in two young cousins. The PBS website also includes resources and information about the film and Deaf culture: [pbs.org/wnet/soundandfury/index.html](http://pbs.org/wnet/soundandfury/index.html)

## **OF SUCH SMALL DIFFERENCE BY JOANNE GREENBERG**

A novel about a deaf-blind young man and his struggles for independence

