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Anne Sullivan Macy the story behind Helen Keller, Nella Braddy Henney, 1933, , 365 pages. .

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The Story of My Life , Helen Keller, 1996, Biography & Autobiography, 75 pages. Great story of

human courage and dedication recounted in autobiography of a remarkable woman: the magical moment when Miss Keller first recognizes the connection between words ....

The intimate story of two women whose lives were bound together in a unique relationship marked by genius, dependence, and love. Lash traces Anne Sullivan's early years in a Massachusetts poorhouse, describes her meeting with Helen Keller in Alabama, and goes on to recount the joint events of their lives: Helen's childhood experiences, education at Radcliffe, and work in vaudeville, politics, and for the blind. This definitive biography concludes with Helen's final years without Anne Sullivan Macy.

He relies heavily on voluminous correspondence to show the many facets of Helen and those in her life. Many of these details are not explained in other biographies. For example, Helen's father tried to shore up his finances with loans (often defaulted) from Helen's patrons. The "Frost King" incident caused many people to doubt Annie's veracity and credibility as a teacher for the rest of her life. Mr. Sandborn and Mr. Anagnos used the controversy to divert attention from Annie's role as Teacher to Helen and to re-focus attention on the role that the Perkins Institute played in her education. Lash also shows that John Macy had a complex relationship (for the good and the bad) with both Annie and with Helen. Helen was a radical Socialist and often risked her popularity and, therefore, their income by speaking out in support of Socialist leaders and causes. In the end the reader sees that Helen and many of those around her did great things, but they were not perfect. Insecurity, jealousy, money and a desire for love and fame caused all of them to act ugly sometimes.

The other point that was never clear to me before, is that Helen and Annie spent their lives marketing themselves in order to generate an income. Helen's father faced a serious financial downturn that prevented him from supporting them from Helen's young womanhood on. Therefore, to continue Helen's formal education and to maintain a home away from Alabama, they had to cultivate sponsors, write publishable material, and earn money speaking at a myriad of functions. In many ways, this was an uncertain life that dictated that they remain in good standing with public opinion at all times.

The other connection that Lash made for me concerns the complexity, the depth and the breadth of Annie and Helen's relationship. Because Annie suffered through a harrowing childhood, she desperately needed to create a loving family. Helen presented the perfect opportunity for Annie to be needed and to love and be loved unconditionally. While some people construed their relationship to be unhealthy or manipulative, it seems that it was a natural outgrowth of their particular situation. Once again, it was not perfect, but it served a huge need for them both.

This comprehensive, fascinating and completely riveting biography does an excellent job of separating the two women's lives and analyzing each woman in her own right. Helen takes giant steps beyond the water pump where Annie first impressed upon her the concept of language. It is to this author's credit that the reader does not languish at that water pump, but follows these women throughout their lives.

The true symbiosis is fully described when other teachers as well as Helen's own mother Kate, try to separate her from Annie. Feeling that her maternal authority had been usurped, Kate understandably wanted to wean Helen from Annie. Each attempt by any person to effect such a change resulted in disaster. Even Annie's marriage to a gifted editor named John Macy ended in an acrimonious split because he felt Helen took up too large a portion of their lives together. From all accounts, Macy seemed to feel that Annie used the same domineering methods she had used on the child Helen with him. He also described Annie as "manipulative and controlling," which certainly seem like apt descriptions of her approach. Resentful of Helen's constant presence and feeling like an odd member of an equally odd triadic relationship, John retreats further from the marriage.

When Annie dies, Helen is disconsolate; she feels she can't survive without her "Teacher," although she, by that point had been at Annie's side for nearly half a century. A bright, progressive woman named Polly assumes the role of "Teacher," and Helen flourishes under her gentle tutelage and

interpretation. Polly is clearly accepting of Helen's challenges and appears to make a sincere effort to see that Helen is fully included in all conversations and activities which she [Polly] is part of. One does not get the sense that Polly is a martyr. One gets the impression that Polly is loyal and determined with no agenda of her own.

There is no need to read anything else on Helen Keller or Annie Sullivan Macy, because it is all included in this incredible biography. This in-depth look at these two remarkable women was both readable and thoroughly informative. Of all my research on Annie Sullivan, I have found nothing that is not mentioned in Mr. Lash's work; he has truly captured her spirit, along with her triumphant pupil.

As a school child, I learnt of Helen Keller as a woman who struggled with blindness and deafness to become famous. Though I have always been curious of people with physical disabilities, something I can now attribute to Asperger's Syndrome making me inherently violent and self-centred, apart from knowing about the Braille alphabet (which she did not invent) it was not until relatively recently that I have become really curious about who Helen Keller was and what she did.

The size of "Helen and Teacher: The Story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy" makes it look far from easy reading, but in fact the language all through from the beginning of Anne's life right to the last days when Helen was an aging celebrity is never dry or dull. Nonetheless, the amount of detail is superb and will offer surprises to the reader even after a number of reads. The early part of "Helen and Teacher" deals with the colourful life of Anne Sullivan Macy before she met Helen, and it surprises even me to find out how troubled a person she was. In some ways the story reminds one of what I have read about Margaret Sanger in her fierce struggle against repressive religious control to do work with the disadvantaged. The fever which caused Helen Keller's blindness and deafness, and the general character of her family and childhood, are rather more mundane but are described very well, especially in terms of how Helen's father, a veteran of the American Civil War, required considerable knowledge of famous people to be able to help her after she became blind and deaf.

After that comes the body of "Helen and Teacher" showing how Anne Sullivan Macy helped Helen Keller to first communicate and then become a celebrity for her work as a writer and with later generations of blind and deaf people. The whole of this section is full of quotations that add perfectly to the text though showing exactly how Helen Keller developed her ability to write and speak, and how by the time she was a teenager Helen was already a prolific letter-writer, which led to her classic *The Story of My Life* and to many later less famous writings. In the process Joseph Lash does not fail to cover any significant person in Helen Keller's life and looks equivocally at the problems as well as the highlights of Keller's transformation into a celebrity and later into a political radical. The difficulties Anne faced with her marriage are also done very well and the number of quotes from observers who directly knew Helen and Anne only increases as one progresses through the book.

The last half of the book deals with Helen's later life when she turned from a writing celebrity and political activist (there is one scathing criticism of Theodore Roosevelt on page 417 that ought to be noted by his modern critics like Thomas Woods), and to campaigning for the blind, which was her most important occupation for the last half of her life. The very last part, "Helen without Teacher" is somewhat less interesting though still very dense and dramatic.

In addition to the text and copious quotes, "Helen and Teacher: The Story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy" contains beautiful pictures that are an attraction of themselves. Though the images of Helen and Anne are at times repetitive, the surroundings more than make up for this problem even with all images being black and white.

As a biography of one of the most remarkable - and famous - American women, "Helen and Teacher: The Story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy" is a must-read that will surprise the reader even after having several good looks. It may not be easy to read in one or even a few settings, but nonetheless any small reading will reveal a great deal of interest. Read more &rsquo;

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This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, click here. Highly recommended. It's a long haul at 800+ pages, but it's very interesting to find out about what happened to Helen and Anne Sullivan after those 'golden' childhood years that are often all that's talked about in lesser biographical accounts. For example, Helen's commitment as a suffragist, a socialist and a supporter of birth control were completely unknown to me, as were the years she, Annie and Polly Thompson (her interpreter following Annie's illness and death) spent on the vaudeville circuit...more Highly recommended. It's a long haul at 800+ pages, but it's very interesting to find out about what happened to Helen and Anne Sullivan after those 'golden' childhood years that are often all that's talked about in lesser biographical accounts. For example, Helen's commitment as a suffragist, a socialist and a supporter of birth control were completely unknown to me, as were the years she, Annie and Polly Thompson (her interpreter following Annie's illness and death) spent on the vaudeville circuit during the thirties to make ends meet after the lecture circuits that had helped to support them previously dwindled and died with the economy.

Don't think that because of its length that it's dull or dry. It's not. Lash gives a very clear picture of Helen's life, from her early years through to her twilight years. He's thorough and sensitive, and his writing allows you to feel the growth of Helen, through her changing temperament and views, and her evolving mind. Anyone who wants to know about the other eighty or so years of Helen's life that are rarely mentioned should definitely track down this book. It's a keeper.(less)

I really wanted to enjoy this book. I picked it up years ago at a used book store in Washington state, and when I saw it on my shelf last month I decided it was time to read it. It has taken me 22 days to finish this book. Granted, it's almost 800 pages long, but it shouldn't take quite that long to finish.

The first few chapters were really amazing. I had no idea that Anne Sullivan (aka, Teacher) came from such dire straits, or even that she was visually impaired herself. I devoured all the introductory information on Teacher, and the beginning of the relationship with Helen Keller, within the first few days. I just could not put this book down. But once the book began to focus more on the public life of Helen Keller, it became so very, very dry. Occasionally the author would throw in little tidbits of who Helen Keller was, but generally he focused on the ongoing arguments between her and the American Foundation of the Blind on how much salary she was to draw and the financial difficulties she always found herself in. I also found it difficult to follow the author's chosen quotes; many times he simply throws one in, without a lead-in or an attribution. The author also tends to use pronouns rather indiscriminately, so it's difficult to tell exactly who has said the particular quote, or even the reason he chose to include that quote.

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Teacher. Interestingly, Helen Keller had a real "spirituality" about her ... speaking often of God (without ever really indicating what many of us would call a saving commitment to Christ)... I'm so thankful we leave those issues to a just and loving God. While Helen was definitely more "physically" handicapped, Annie Sullivan was definitely more "spiritually empty" individual ... and heartbreakingly so. For the most part, she wanted nothing to do with God and at times, I found myself longing to read that she finally found the Savior Who could have filled her spiritual emptiness. I could hardly put this book down ... even though its length can appear daunting !! (less)

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I mean, my understanding is that, at a certain point in her life, Helen Keller had her real eyes replaced with glass ones. Did this book mention that interesting fact in 820 pages? Nope. But it managed to talk about her...more \*gasping\* Such a long book. An amazingly long book, in tiny-tiny print. 820 pages, with maybe about 120 pages' worth of interesting information. The rest ... well, Helen Keller was really into politics and philosophy and travel ... and this biographer was really into dry details.

At the heart of this wonderful biography is the brilliantly portrayed relationship between two great American women whose lives were bound together for all time. "Something fascinating on every page . . . a deeply absorbing portrait of two intertwined lives".--"The New York Times Book Review".  
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