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Editorial Review

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Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) occurs when the brain cannot process or understand correctly the sounds the ears hear, even though the ears might be functioning properly. It is rarely recognized, often misdiagnosed, and poorly understood, yet the effects can be devastating. Pocket is simultaneously releasing two complementary texts on the subject that are definitely worth some notice. Foli's *Like Sound Through Water* is a mother's account of her family's struggle with APD in her oldest son, Ben. Her account reads like a novel and is thoroughly engaging while providing a wealth of information. Foli clearly shows the pain misdiagnosis and clinical inaccuracies can cause. While finally obtaining a correct diagnosis brought some relief, Foli shows that the battle for normalcy had only begun. This is mostly a success story with an upbeat ending. The resource section in the back is a bonus. Bellis's *When the Brain Can't Hear* is the first APD sourcebook written specifically for lay readers. Bellis, the author of an important text on APD for professionals (*Assessment and Management of Central Auditory Processing Disorders in the Educational Setting from Science to Practice*), herself suffers from APD as the result of a car accident. Her text is naturally more clinical in nature but still quite readable. It covers the many subtypes of APD and their manifestations, diagnosis and testing, treatment options, and coping techniques. The ample glossary adds to the book's accessibility. Either of these texts would be appropriate additions to most collections, but they are best purchased together. The diagnosis of APD is seen more frequently, and with no other lay texts on the subject available, these books are absolutely essential. KellyJo Houtz Griffin, Eatonville, WA
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The term *auditory processing disorder* (APD), a 1960s coinage, refers to an affliction of the system running from the ear to the brain that is to be distinguished from problems with hearing, language, and thinking. Because Bellis has suffered from APD after a car accident, she changed the main thrust of her career to avoid specific tasks she was no longer able to perform and still continue in her major field. She gives a clear and informative account of the condition, which has five basic types and manifold variations. APD can complicate socialization and cause sufferers to miss the vocal changes of humor, sarcasm, and other spoken subtleties. Bellis draws on many case histories to underline her points, among them that APD can occur at almost any age and in both sexes. She examines the difficulties of obtaining the accurate diagnosis vital for effective treatment; reports on the wide variety of therapies needed for APD; explains how to adjust at school, work, and home; and concludes with a thorough glossary. *William Beatty*
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Teri James Bellis, Ph.d., is a professor of audiology at the University of South Dakota and the author of the authoritative text for professionals on the diagnosis and treatment of APD. Ironically, she herself became the victim of adult-onset APD as the result of head trauma suffered in a car accident.

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