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"Whenever I am questioned to offer a suggestion of a good, easy to read book about sign language and the Deaf community, I now have a clear answer... this book packs a ton of useful information in one spot. A must have for any new sign language student!" - *John Miller, Co-Founder, Educator, SigningSavvy.com*

"This book is an essential guide for those thinking of learning ASL, considering a career working within the Deaf community or looking to understand Deaf culture. It is filled with all the important information you need in one place and is truly an amazing read." - *Pearl Feder, L.C.S.W., Editor & Coordinator, SayWhatClub Social Media*

"As a Deaf person from Gallaudet University with Masters Studies in ASL Linguistics, I recommend this book for the beginning ASL signer. Communication involves more than just learning, using, and understanding the language. This book smoothly pulls it all together while inspiring the novice learner." - *MJ Williams, Author, BabiesandSignLanguage.com*

"This is a great book for students to learn about the Deaf Culture, community, history, professions and much more. I recommend this book as a supplement to any other ASL book used in the classroom." - *Cindy Dawes, ASL Instructor, Fivay High School*

#### About the Author

Beginning when she was only thirteen years old, Michelle Jay has understood her passion and love for ASL. As a hearing person in the Deaf community, Michelle was determined to master everything she could about ASL... not just "how to sign" but the very best ways to learn to sign as well!

As the founder of StartASL.com, the leading online resource for ASL and Deaf Culture, Michelle has tremendous insight into this unique community. Michelle earned a Bachelor's Degree in Deaf Studies, with an emphasis in teaching, from one of the nation's premier programs at California State University, Northridge.

When not writing books or tending her website, Michelle contributes thought-provoking articles to academic publishers such as Greenhaven Press. Her unique articles have done much to support Deaf Culture, and have been printed in resource publications such as *American Chronicle* and *Perspectives on Diseases & Disorders: Deafness & Hearing Impairments*.

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