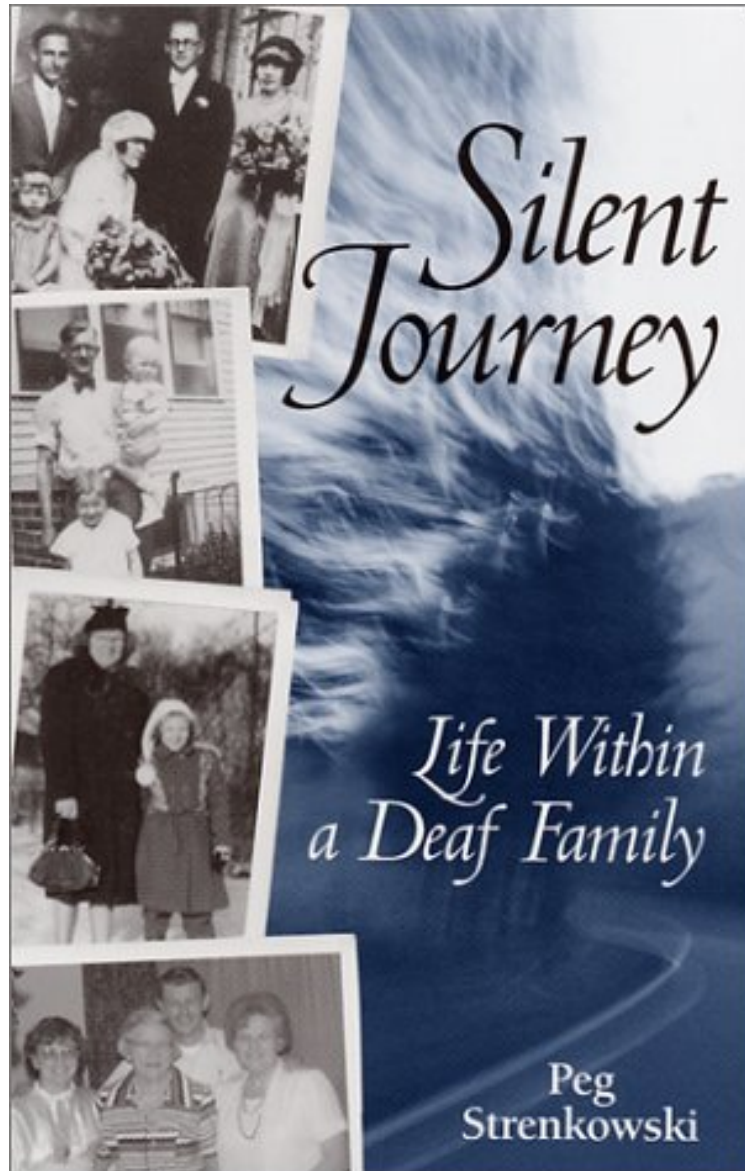


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**Peg Strenkowski : Silent Journey : Life Within a Deaf Family** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Silent Journey : Life Within a Deaf Family:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An inspirational true storyBy A CustomerIn times where family values are often questioned, this story demonstrates that a strong family can overcome any challenge.It was amazing to read; the different struggles of two deaf parents raising 3 "hearing" kids and the creativity they used to overcome typical family problems.This book will really hit home, a must read for every family member!!Bravo!1 of 1 people

found the following review helpful. I truly enjoyed this journey. By A Customer Silent Journey is a delightful look at the challenges of living with deafness throughout the 1900's. My heart broke with every story of discrimination they faced, and rejoiced each time they overcame another obstacle. I couldn't put this one down and finished it in 2 days!

A poignant true life story which begins in the early 1900s when, infant Maggie, rendered deaf from spinal meningitis, struggles to survive during a time when the handicapped were derided and formal education for the deaf was controversial. Her family raised her on instinct alone. Maggie did not go to school until she was 9 years old. She developed a strong will to learn, a sense of competitiveness and a dedicated spirit. The story watches her grow through adolescence, become a loving wife, devoted mother and exceptional grandmother. She touched many lives and became a true inspiration in a world still tinged with bigotry.

Silent Journey is fascinating. You'll be amazed at the good humor, inventiveness and cooperation the deaf parents used... -- Sherie Schmauder, Contributing Editor, Recorder Community Newspapers, Bernardsville, NJ Silent Journey is told in a simple, spare voice that understates much of the trouble... -- Nicki Leone, Book Review for the Focus, Wilmington NC Silent Journey makes a genuine contribution to the literature of deafness... -- Ben Steelman, writer and critic for the Morning Star and Sunday Star-News, Wilmington NC From the Inside Flap Preface: As Momma lay there in a hospital bed at the hospice facility in Morris County taking her last few breaths of life, I thought "Dear Lord, she will finally be free of pain and, in her afterlife, now free to speak and hear and to see with both eyes." Momma died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 73. Had life really been unjust or unfair to her? No, I don't think so. Had she not been that tiny infant who survived the ravages of spinal meningitis which left her deaf, and blind in one eye at the age of six months, or the little deaf girl who never saw the inside of a classroom until she was 9 years old, she would never have developed into the strong-willed survivor that she was. She married Daddy, who also was deaf as a result of a childhood illness. Together, they raised a family of three "hearing" children, sharing many trials and tribulations. Upon Daddy's death, Momma embodied a spirited independence which left an indelible imprint on the lives of everyone who came in contact with her. "Silent Journey" is a poignant story which will touch the hearts of many, young and old. In a time when families are disintegrating, this story, filled with struggles but never defeat, will be an inspiration to everyone. Momma had a keen memory in those last few years of her life, especially about her childhood. Most of what you will read in Part 1 of my book are the stories Momma had told me over and over again. Part 2 is my interpretation of our life within a deaf family, plus the shared memories from the grandchildren. She impacted all of our lives. It has taken all of us a few years to realize that we are the people we are because we were influenced by this genteel lady. About the Author Silent Journey is Peg's first publication. An avid reader and letter writer, Peggy was raised by deaf parents and always felt that her family and upbringing was unique. To preserve her life's story, she started out writing a journal for her children and grandchildren for posterity. The journal evolved into the book "Silent Journey - Life Within a Deaf Family". Peg worked as a secretary and administrative assistant where creative writing was a necessity. An avid letter-writer, maintaining a penpal relationship for over 40 years, Peggy has written many letters-to-the-editor on topics such as quality education, tenured teachers and greed. Several articles on Valentine's Day romance, as well as "The lost art of thank you notes", "It's never too late to say Thank You" and "A Thanksgiving to Remember" have been published.. Peggy was raised in Bloomfield, New Jersey, raised her children in Whippany, New Jersey and Milpitas, California, she now resides in Hampstead, North Carolina where she and her husband Jack are enjoying retirement in a golf community. She has several ideas for future books. She is presently working on "It takes a long time to grow old friends".