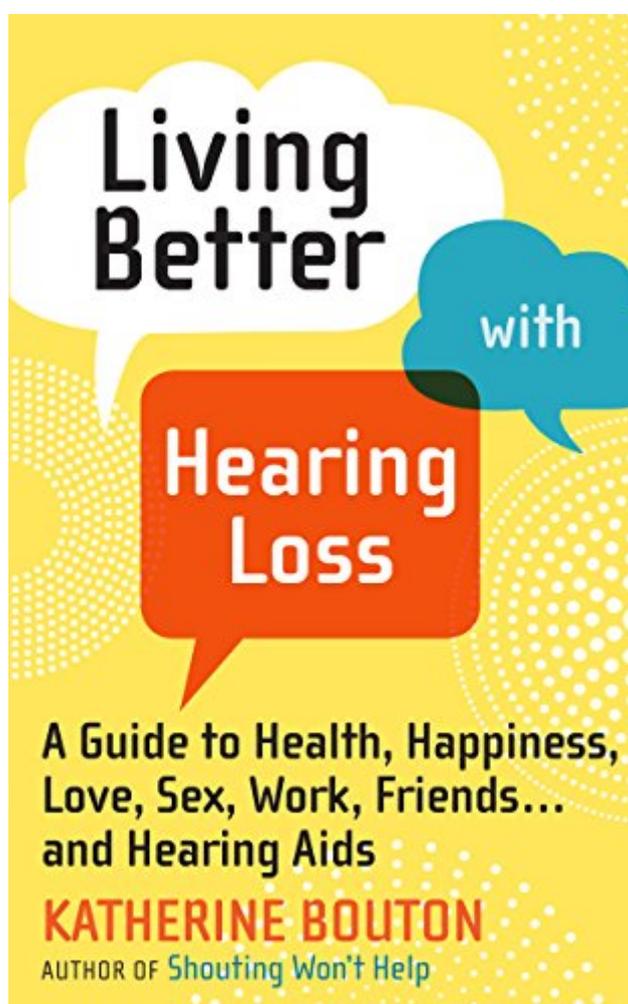


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# Living Better With Hearing Loss: A Guide To Health, Happiness, Love, Sex, Work, Friends . . . And Hearing Aids



## Synopsis

LIVING BETTER WITH HEARING LOSS is a practical guide to daily life with hearing loss, from the mildest to the most severe. Detailed information about hearing aids, assistive listening devices, PSAP's -- and where to buy them -- will help the newcomer to hearing loss as well as the veteran navigate the confusing world of hearing loss technology. With anecdotes, humor and hard-earned experience, the author shares tips for travel, restaurants, the workplace, love, sex and friends. Katherine Bouton is also the author of *Shouting Won't Help*, a memoir of adult-onset hearing loss. *Living Better With Hearing Loss* is available as an ebook. For print copies, go to the publisher's web site: [workman.com/products/9780761185086/](http://workman.com/products/9780761185086/)

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## Customer Reviews

Katherine Bouton follows up her bestselling book *Shouting Won't Help* with this insightful read about everything related to hearing loss. The book first caught my eye because I learned that the author had mentioned my blog [LipreadingMom.com](http://LipreadingMom.com). After reading throughout the afternoon, I found myself nodding and saying "I didn't know that" due to Bouton's well-researched and thought-provoking insight. Of course, my children had to tap my shoulder repeatedly to get my attention to look up from

the book! The most interesting portion for me personally concerned if and how to disclose hearing loss to prospective employers. I am a proponent of disclosing such information to employers, and the book tackles this sensitive topic by presenting the author's personal experiences in the workforce along with others'. Also compelling were the statistics about hearing loss and how it relates to education, employment, and income. Again, the author approaches this topic with adequate research and kept her opinions quiet. The research spoke for itself. The latter part of the book discusses why few people use hearing devices or even disclose their hearing loss. The common theme was fear...fear of what employers would think or what friends or even strangers would say. The other disheartening part is most insurance companies and Medicare do not pay for hearing aids, yet these entities will pay for cochlear implants. Why should someone who is not a candidate for a cochlear implant but could benefit from hearing aids not have affordable access to them? That is where Bouton wisely touched upon advocacy efforts with organizations, such as the Hearing Loss Association of America, working to provide more affordable access to hearing assistive products and services. For someone who is new to hearing loss or has lived with it for a number of years, such as myself, *Living Better with Hearing Loss* is well worth a read.

This is the perfect guide to all things hearing-loss related. Bouton writes in a clear, engaging, down-to-earth style that is a pleasure to read. Whether you are hard of hearing, have friends or relatives or coworkers who are, or have a job (nursing, social work, teaching etc) that brings you into contact with people who can't hear so well, this book will be both enlightening and helpful.

A must for anyone wanting to get a better understand of hearing loss for themselves or others. Well written and informative. A great help in my goal in becoming an advocate/volunteer/mentor for those new to hearing devices.

Great book. Parts of it make you laugh out loud. Must read by people with hearing loss as well as others so they can have a better understanding of what we experience, what are needs are and how we cope with our loss.

An excellent read for those with hearing loss and also family and friends of those with hearing loss. Good strategies both for the hearing impaired and family and friends of those with hearing loss.

If you or someone you know is deaf or has hearing loss this is a must read.

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