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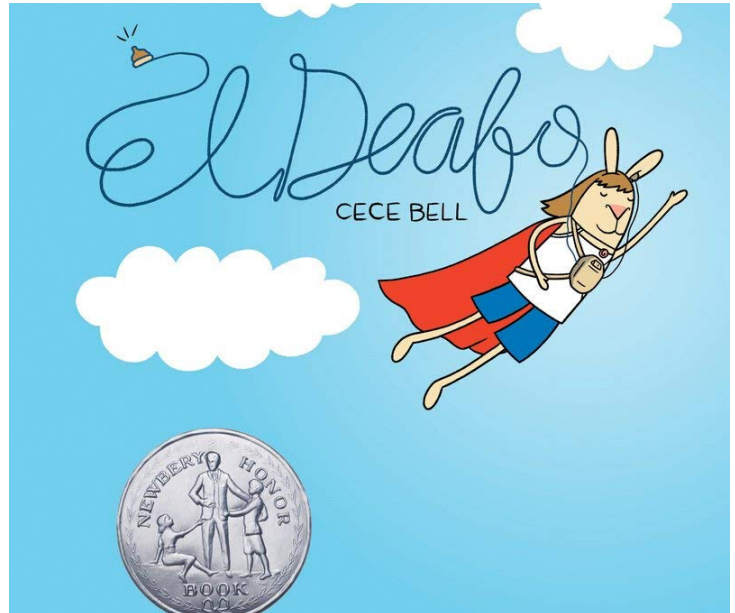
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EL DEAFO BY CECE BELL



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Why do you think Cece wrote this book? Why did she choose bunnies (who have pointy ears)?
- Cece becomes friends with different girls: Laura, Ginny and Martha. How are they kind to her? How are they unkind? Why was Martha afraid?
- What does this graphic novel teach us about resiliency? Fitting in? Give some examples.

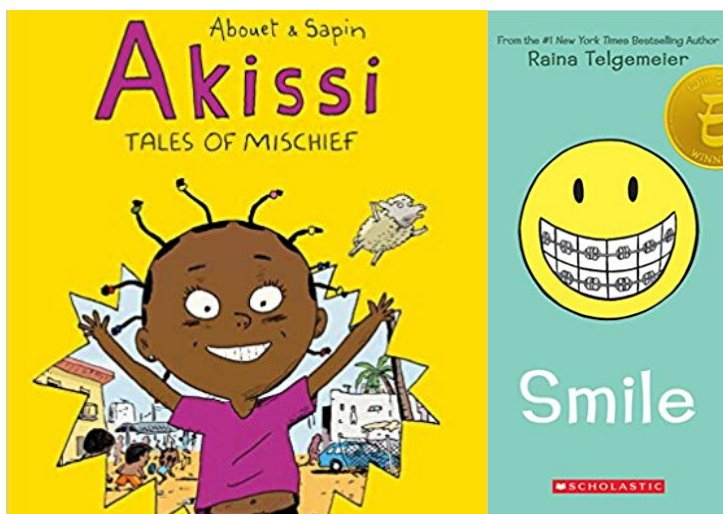


PLOT SUMMARY

Author/illustrator Cece Bell recalls her childhood experiences in this graphic novel memoir. At 4, Cece contracted meningitis, leaving her profoundly deaf. Using humor and whimsy (her characters all look like bunnies), she shows us how she adapts to deafness, learns to lip read and uses her assistive Phonic Ear.

Luckily, Cece discovers her "superpower," she can hear her teacher from anywhere in the building (even in the teachers lounge and the bathroom). Thus, she becomes El Deafo, her superhero alter-ego, who can face any situation with humor and grace.

We love this empowering autobiography because it speaks to feeling different. Great discussion topics include loneliness, resilience and friendship. One note: there is mention of Cece having a crush on a boy.



MEET THE AUTHOR

Click here to see author Cece Bell Talk about her book and her hearing loss in a three-minute video.

Learning more about the author will deepen your appreciation for her memoir. And she'll show you the Phonic Ear hearing aid that she wore.

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- Phoebe and her Unicorn by Dana Simpson
- Akissi by Marguerite Aboutet



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