

What one book has contributed most to the story of your current life?

I would have to say, Helen Keller. After reading this book about the obstacles she has overcome in her life being blind and deaf, reminds me of all the obstacles I have overcome. I know that no matter what came my way I could get through them, if she could overcome learning to do all the things she learned being blind and deaf. Helen learned to write, she wrote books, and gave speeches about her life. She became a role model. I have been through a lot in my life as well, and made it through those obstacles. It wasn't until Helen became ill with a fever, and she got better they realized something was different about her. She didn't respond to her name being called. Then they realized she was blind and deaf. Helen was often angry, that's why they brought in a teacher Anne Sullivan to help teach Helen. She taught Helen to finger spell, taught her the manual alphabet. In time Helen learned Braille, it was for people with visual impairment. Over time Helen became famous, she was appearing in newspaper about an amazing child who was deaf-blind and could understand words and read. When Helen received news her father passed away, she began to realize she could no longer depend on others. She made up mind to prepare herself for college. She study hard for the entrance test, and passed it in fall of 1900. Overtime Helen wrote books and articles for magazines. In 1904 Helen graduated an honor student from Radcliffe College. Helen decided she wanted to learn to talk to give speeches, so she took lessons to help her talk. She made many speeches about herself being blind -deaf. She wanted everyone to know the challenges she makes and that anyone can do it. Helen also had organization help people with disabilities. So they can get the help like her.

Why do I feel this book influenced me. Well, I to had to overcome many obstacles

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in my life. No, mine have not been as bad as Helens. But I see if someone like her can overcome all this and make it through fine than so could I. I have been through a lot for my age. I just like Helen never gave up. Plenty people ask me how I never had a nervous break down. I have overcame, being physically, mentally and verbally abused. Raped 3 times, married twice, had a miscarriage, having the gastric bypass surgery, excess skin taken off my stomach, and deciding to go back to college at 36, on top of being a wife, and mother. And reading all the things Helens accomplishments just show, I'm not the only one in this world who has been through a lot, I'm sure there are many more people who overcame many obstacles in there life. Just not many choose to write about them. I for one try to talk to others who've been through what I have. I, like Helen, don't want to give up no matter how rough things get. And just to know at least of one person out there make it through all the obstacles thrown there way, then I to know I can make it through.