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# Silent Star: The Story Of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy



## Synopsis

William Hoy loved baseball. Growing up in the 1860s and '70s, he dreamed of one day playing in the major leagues. A far-off fantasy for many boys, fulfilling this dream was even more of a long shot for William, who was deaf. Striving to find his place in a hearing world, Hoy became a shoemaker. He took pride in his work, but baseball was still his real love. When an amateur team coach saw him playing behind the shoemaker's shop, Hoy dazzled the coach with his hard-hitting skills. Moving from amateur clubs to the minor leagues and eventually to the majors, Hoy proved himself again and again overcoming obstacles and becoming a star both on and off the baseball diamond. *Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy* is a tribute to one of the most inspirational figures in baseball history. A talented player with a standout record, Hoy is a shining example that success in life should not be measured by differences but by drive and determination."

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 11 years

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## Customer Reviews

I got this book for a 4th grade deaf child. He started reading and was shocked to find on the second or third page that William Hoy was DEAF! Nice storytelling, because he really did not see that coming, and it drew him in. The reading level is about 4th grade. My child needed help, since he reads on a 2nd grade level. However, he had partial comprehension on his own due to 1. good

illustrations and 2. his strong background knowledge of being deaf and loving sports. The book touches on the following themes: -Following your dreams-Being responsible-Becoming deaf following illness (age 3)-Exclusion as a child-Inclusion upon finding others like you-Problem solving-Hard work-Deaf people can perform at the level of hearing people--or superior!

How hard would you work to follow your dreams? What if you couldn't hear, would you give up? Not William Ellsworth Hoy. He wanted to play baseball and the odds were against him but he made it through. William Hoy grew up in Houghton, OH. When he was three years old he became very sick and lost his hearing. When William was ten years old he went to a school for the deaf and learned to play baseball. He loved it and he was good at it. But, in 1879 the only thing a deaf person was allowed to do was manual labor. He worked in a shoe shop and eventually bought it. In the back he set up a baseball field where he played with teens when he had time. In 1885 Hoy was approached by a coach who recruited players for an amateur team. Hoy's baseball career was set into motion. Author Bill Wise shares a remarkable story that would engage any young reader, baseball enthusiast, or child with disabilities. This intriguing story shares facts and beautifully illustrated pictures bring Hoy's career and struggles to life.

My grandson is deaf and wears a cochlear implant, so I thought this book would have some real interest for him. He definitely enjoyed the book and found out that William Hoy had meningitis just like he did.

It was very good . My grand son like it so it was worth it. One of our grandsons reads to the other one.

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