

# MSc Speech & Language Therapy (pre-registration)

## *Preparatory Resource List*

In readiness for your forthcoming MSc programme in speech and language therapy, you may find it useful and interesting to explore some of the resources below. Rather than reading theoretical or academic texts at this time, we recommend gaining some insights into living with a communication impairment and the impact of this for the individual and those around them.

As pre-course reading; this is not essential. The suggestions below deliberately don't include any of the main texts from the curriculum or module reading lists.

We have selected a range of texts, but there are very many more similar books available - don't be constrained by this list, but we hope that it will prove to be a helpful starting point. Similarly, don't be worried if you have already read different books.

Please tell us about other texts or resources that you find that you think would make a valuable addition to our list.

Ackerman, D. (2012) *One Hundred Names for Love: A Memoir*. London: W.W. Norton & Co.

Bauby, J.D. (1997) *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. London: Fourth Estate.

Bolte Taylor, J. (2009) *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey*. London: Yellow Kite.

Burke Harris, N. (2018) *The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity*. London: Bluebird.

Cahalan, S. (2013) *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness*. London: Simon & Schuster.

Campbell, P., Constantino, C., Simpson, S. (eds.) (2019) *Stammering Pride & Prejudice: Difference Not Defect*. Havant: J&R Press.

Crimmins, C. (2002) *Where is the Mango Princess?: A Journey Back from Brain Injury*. London: Vintage.

Daugherty, P. (2020) *An Uncomplicated Life: A Father's Memoir of His Exceptional Daughter*. New York: William Morrow Paperbacks.

Draper, S.M. (2012) *Out of My Mind*. New York: Atheneum Books.

Draper, S.M. (2022) *Out of My Heart*. New York: Atheneum Books.

Erskine, K. (2010) *Mockingbird*. London: Usborne Publishing Ltd.

Genova, L. (2007) *Still Alice*. London: Simon & Schuster. (this is also now a film)

Genova, L. (2011) *Left Neglected*. London: Simon & Schuster. (follows on from Still Alice)

Haddon, M. (2004) *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. London: Vintage.

Hart, A. (2011) *Brains, Trains & Video Games*. California: CreateSpace.

Mernick, M. (2016) *The Gift of Stuttering – Confronting Life’s Challenges: A Personal Journey*. Los Angeles: Mosaica Press.

Mitchell, D. (2006) *Black Swan Green*. London: Hodder & Stoughton.

Osborn, C.L. (2000) *Over my Head: A Doctor’s Own Story of Head Injury from the Inside Looking Out*. Kansas City: Andrews McMeel Publishing.

Pistorius, M (2015) *Ghost Boy: The Miraculous Escape of a Misdiagnosed Boy Trapped Inside his own Body*. London: Simon & Schuster.

Rawlins, R. (2014) *Learning by Accident: A Caregiver’s True Story of Fear, Family and Hope*. New York: Skyhorse Publishing.

Robison, J.E. (2009) *Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger’s*. London: Ebury Publishing.

Robison, J.E. (2009) *Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's*. London: Ebury Publishing.

Rummel-Hudson, R. (2008) *Schuyler's Monster: A Father's Journey with His Wordless Daughter*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Sacks, O. (1986) *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*. London: Picador.

Vawter, V. (2013) *Paperboy*. New York: Delacorte Press.

## **My Beautiful Broken Brain**

“A profoundly personal voyage into the complexity, fragility, and wonder of the human brain, after Lotje Sodderland miraculously survives a hemorrhagic stroke and finds herself starting again in an alien world, bereft of language and logic. This feature documentary takes us on a genre-twisting tale that is by turns excruciating and exquisite – from the devastating consequences of a first-time neurological experiment, through to the extraordinary revelations of her altered sensory perception.”

Documentary film (84 min) available to stream on Netflix.

## **Aphasia the Movie**

“*Aphasia* is the true story of Carl McIntyre who, after suffering a massive stroke and losing his ability to read, write and talk, struggles against overwhelming odds to redefine his life. Carl McIntyre stars as himself and gives a compelling and nuanced performance in this life-affirming film which puts the audience in the seat of the stroke and provides an emotional and humorous ride as Carl navigates the waters of his new normal.”

[https://www.aphasiathemovie.com/Aphasia Project/Aphasia the Movie.html](https://www.aphasiathemovie.com/Aphasia%20Project/Aphasia%20the%20Movie.html)

## **Alive Inside**

“This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory, as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music’s ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it. Rossato-Bennett visits family members who have witnessed the miraculous effects of personalized music on their loved ones, and offers illuminating interviews with experts including renowned neurologist and best-selling author Oliver Sacks and musician Bobby McFerrin.”

Documentary film (78 min) available on Amazon

A free, online short course – a great place to start learning about children and young people’s speech, language and communication development. The first unit explains the terms speech, language and communication which is applicable across all areas of speech and language therapy.

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/talking-point/cpd-online-short-course/>

In this edition of ‘Word of Mouth’, Michael Rosen meets actress and campaigner Samantha Renke and asks her how we should talk about disability;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000qy49>

Emily Lees is an Autistic speech & language therapist, based in Manchester. Emily advocates and campaigns for radical changes in therapy practices for Autistic individuals.

<https://www.autisticslt.com/>