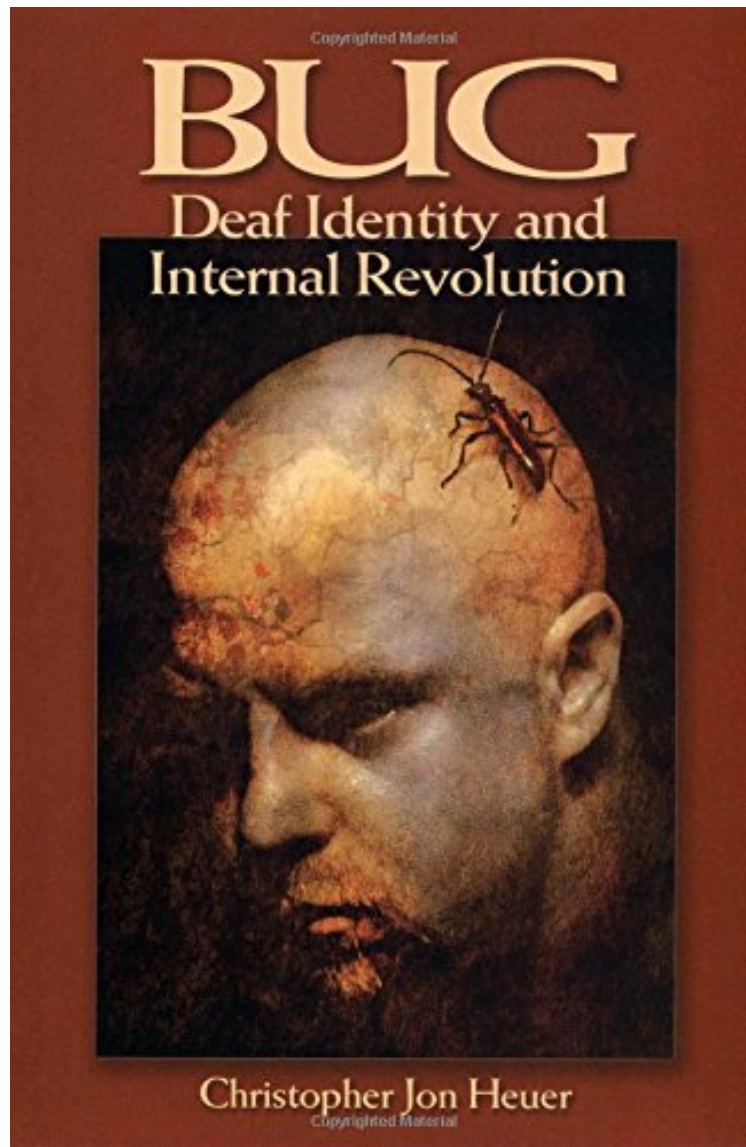


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What you have in your hands is a bomb. But it is the kind you need to hold on to for dear life, not run away from. From the Foreword, John Lee Clark Christopher Jon Heuer lost his hearing early, but not before being able to hear a lot as a kid. He also received a good education, both in a speech-oriented setting and a signing environment. These varied experiences provided him with the perfect background to write about biases he faced, not only those of a mostly oblivious hearing society, but also those of ideologically restrictive members of the Deaf community. BUG: Deaf Identity and Internal Revolution combines new work of Heuers with his best columns from The Tactile Mind Weekly and the National Association of the Deafs Mind Over Matter. He addresses all topics exit interviews, baldness, faith healing, marriage, cats, Christmas trips, backyard campfires in boxer shorts with a withering wit that spares no aspect of life and deafness. Being bugged for Heuer began early: When I was growing up, my mothers response to every problem I had was: Well, he just needs to adjust to his deafness. Bloody nose? Chris, you need to adjust to your deafness. Homework not done? I know its hard adjusting to your deafness, honey, but Acne scarring? Lots of teenagers get zits, Chris. I know its hard for you, dealing with this while trying to adjust to your He rebelled then, and continues through his even-handed irreverence in BUG, a bomb that should go off in everyones consciousness about being deaf and Deaf.

From Publishers Weekly A lot of things bug Heuer, not least the insensitivity of the hearing and the narrow-mindedness of many in the deaf-or is it Deaf-community. The small "d"/capital "D" question is not a small matter; Heuer uses them to differentiate between those who have a hearing impairment and people who define themselves as part of a deaf culture with its own language (American Sign) and traditions. Heuer was born with impaired hearing but suffered continuing hearing loss throughout his childhood, becoming almost entirely deaf early on. An English teacher at Gallaudet, a Washington, D.C. university for the deaf, Heuer proves an intriguing, dynamic guide: though he learned to speak as a young child, he now chooses to sign; though he identifies strongly with the Deaf Pride movement, he deplors its insularity. Collecting 116 opinion pieces-most from The Tactile Mind Weekly, some from the National Association of the Blind website, a few new-Heuer proves angry, lively and convincing whether discussing the complacency of the Deaf toward illiteracy in their ranks, or the failure of hearing parents to learn Sign when their hearing impaired children are young. Despite his serious intent, Heuer is always entertaining, and his insights into discrimination and "the soft prejudice" have a powerful reach. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "What you have in your hands is a bomb. But it is the kind you need to hold on to for dear life, not run away from." About the Author Christopher Jon Heuer is an instructor in the Department of Applied Literacy at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.