

Deaf Culture Question of the Week - Nov. 16 - 20, 2009

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Who is the author of the book Deaf Heritage: A Narrative History of Deaf America?

- a. Jack Gannon
- b. Frederick Schreiber
- c. Harlan Lane
- d. Carol Padden

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Answer: "a" Jack Gannon - Published in June, 1981 by the National Association of the Deaf, Deaf Heritage was a groundbreaking book reviewing the history of Deaf people in America from the founding of the first school for the Deaf in Hartford Connecticut (1817) through the advent of the technological revolution in the 1970s and 80s that set the stage for the empowerment of Deaf people resulting in the Deaf President Now! protest at Gallaudet University in 1988 and recognition of Deaf cultural life in America. This book should be read by every Deaf and hard of hearing student, their parents, their teachers, interpreters and others who claim the privilege of working with and associating with the Deaf community.