

**Deaf Culture Question of the Week** - Nov. 9 - 13, 2009

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Who was the first person to write a book about educating deaf students?

- a. Edward Scouten (1970)
- b. Pablo Bonet (1620)
- c. Pedro Ponce De Leon (1520-1584)
- d. David Denton (1972)

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Answer: "c" Pablo Bonet is credited with writing the first book describing how to teach deaf students to read and write. His method included the use of a one-handed alphabet.

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