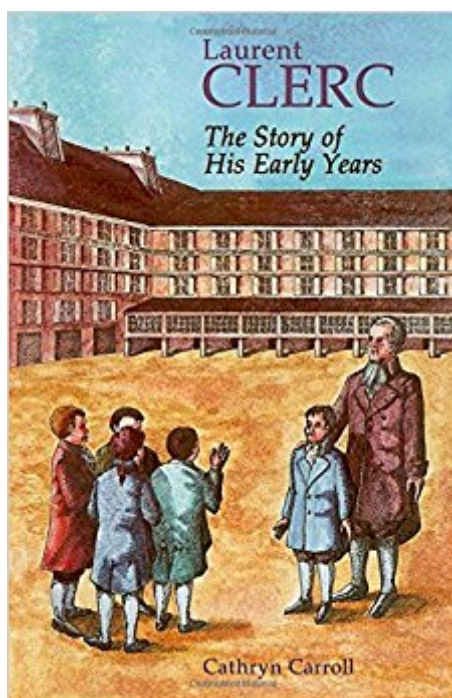


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# Laurent Clerc: The Story Of His Early Years



## Synopsis

Laurent Clerc won lasting renown as the deaf teacher who helped Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet establish schools to educate deaf Americans in the 19th century. Now, his character as a young boy growing up in Paris has been captured in the novel *Laurent Clerc*. In his own voice, Clerc vividly relates the experiences that led to his later progressive teaching methods. Especially influential was his long stay at the Royal National Institute for the Deaf in Paris, where he encountered sharply distinct personalities – the saintly, inspiring deaf teacher Massieu, the vicious Dr. Itard and his heartless “experiments” on deaf boys, and the “Father of the Deaf,” Abbe Sicard, who could hardly sign. Young adult readers will find his story richly entertaining as well as informative.

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## Customer Reviews

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This story is great. It is very engaging and easy to read. I was assigned to read this book for my ASL class, which didn't give me great hopes for enjoying it. However, it was fantastic. I passed my copy on to my mom's boyfriend (former English teacher) and he is already raving about it. Good job Cathryn Carroll.

I purchased this book because it was a required reading material for his ASL class. The story is interesting. I think it is good for those who are studying ASL to learn how deaf people were treated before the worldwide use of sign language.

I have read this book, very well!!!! I should recommend you to read this book!!! Very Awesomes!!!! I will let you read, and finish read the story, first

I got this book as a required reading for a class. It's an easy and interesting read.

This was a great read! I recommend for anyone involved in American Sign Language!

Fast on the shipment. The book is very interesting and it is hard to put it down. I would refer anyone to read this book.

This is a great little book. You can look inside to see the reading level; I would guess it is Grade 5-6. My Deaf third grader was going to use it for a book report, but he was totally lost. Even with help, he could not read it. However, I enjoyed it!

This was a great book - very interesting and easy to read. The writer does an excellent job of describing what it must be like to find oneself isolated in silence, and then to discover a world of communication in sign language. Some of the tales of the "fixes" tried on them by the doctor were heart-rending, but not so gruesome to be disturbing for younger readers. I would highly recommend this book to anyone, but especially if you have any interest in sign language or deaf education. It is written for young adults, but my son was assigned it in a college class, and he recommended it to me. I liked it so much I bought one as a gift, too.

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