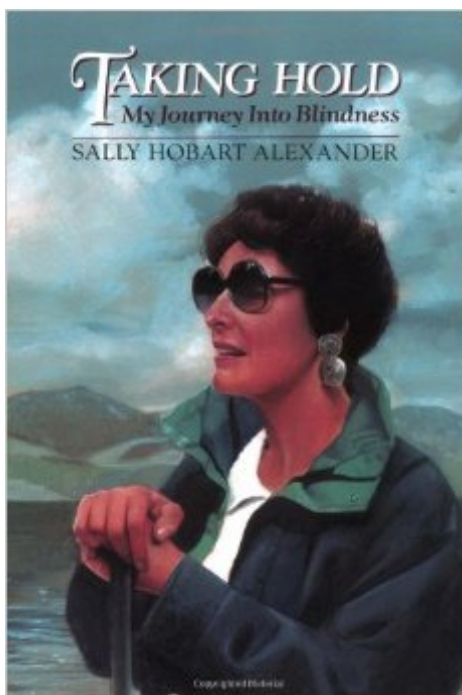


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I absolutely enjoyed reading this book. The author, who became blind as an adult, writes honestly and movingly about adjusting to life as a blind woman in a sighted world. The reading level is written for grades 7-12, but adults would also enjoy reading this autobiography. I wish the author would publish a new edition of this book and combine it with her second autobiography, which was published two years later, in 1997. The sequel, which I read first, made far more sense once I was able to locate this book - *Taking Hold: My Journey Into Blindness*, which is out of print and difficult to find.

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