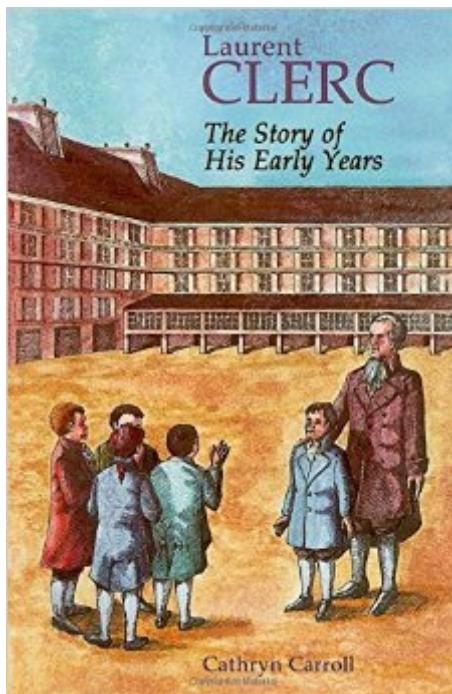


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# Laurent Clerc: The Story Of His Early Years



## **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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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.

Laurent Clerc was the person responsible for Deaf education in the United States. This book gives a fictionalized account of his early life, from growing up in revolution era France up to when he was about to leave to America. The book is fairly entertaining, and very easy and quick to read. However, many details that would interest the reader are left out, like Clerc's relationship to his mother. Though Carroll successfully portrays some of the hardships of life as a Deaf person, you really don't get much else out of this book.

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

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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.

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