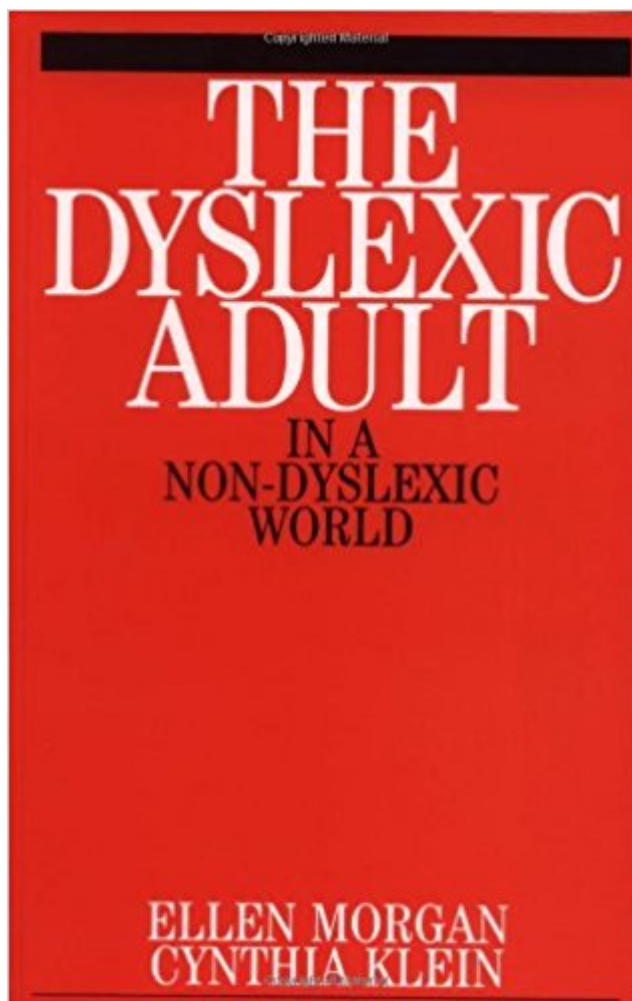


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The Dyslexic Adult In A Non-dyslexic World



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It is refreshing to find a book devoted to the experiences of dyslexic adults, since much of the available literature focuses on children. The Dyslexic Adult in a non-dyslexic world was a welcome addition to my bookshelf. It is eminently readable and combines an 'academic' understanding of the issues with down-to-earth examples based on interviews with dyslexic adults. I particularly liked the fact that it gave a 'voice' to many people who have previously been ignored; namely, those adults whose dyslexia was not identified at school. Their stories, told through their own words, are well integrated into the various themes of the book. As the parent of an adult dyslexic son, I was able to identify my son's experiences with many of those described by the interviewees. This book presents a realistic view of the problems and difficulties encountered by many dyslexic adults, but gives a balanced account by also exploring the many strengths which dyslexic adults may possess. It should appeal to a wide range of readers, including non-dyslexic members of the dyslexic adult's family, teachers, employers, friends and, perhaps most importantly, to dyslexic adults themselves.

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