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A novel idea: “Focus on People” awardee is author of books for teens with hearing loss
By Brande Victorian

In December, Oticon announced the recipients of its annual Focus on People Awards which recognize the accomplishments and contributions of individuals with hearing loss. Among the awardees was Jennifer Gibson, 40, of Warkworth, Ontario, author of the novel, Sway, which is based on her experiences as a hard-of-hearing teenager.

A year after its e-publication, Sway has been listed as one of the top 50 bestsellers and top 10 of 500 in the children’s fiction category by www.kobobooks.com, a popular online source for ebooks. With the release of the follow-up novel, Compass, Gibson told The Ear Hears (EH) about the moment that she decided to become an author and her dream of seeing her books go from the internet to paperback to the big screen.

The Hearing Post

Stigma Around the World
By Robert Traynor, EdD

My Foreign Affairs had hoped to have had a number of colleagues presenting input from around the world on the topic of amplification stigma. Although we received great input from some, such as our last posting from South Africa, others have indicated that stigma is so obvious in each fitting that it is part of every discussion relative to the use of amplification.

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COVER STORY

Teen hearing loss study goes viral, experts uncover the facts
By Judith Nemes

News flash: study finds large increase in the prevalence of hearing loss among teenagers.

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Musical training gives edge in auditory processing

As audiologists, we’re frequently interested in how the brain interacts with different sounds. Usually, of course, it’s for diagnostic reasons, and our primary question is whether a tone is perceived, or a speech signal is understood.

The children of Cabo need your help

On the far end of the Baja California peninsula are the two towns of Cabo, Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. The indigenous people in this area are isolated from the general populations in Mexico and genetic hearing problems are common.

Understanding from half a world away

We awoke Monday morning with a view overlooking a city to the south with an undefined horizon due to a smoky haze filling the basin that the city of 1 million occupied. After a more than 11-hour flight from Los Angeles to London and a few hours layover, we traveled another 5 hours east, landing around 1 am local time Monday.

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