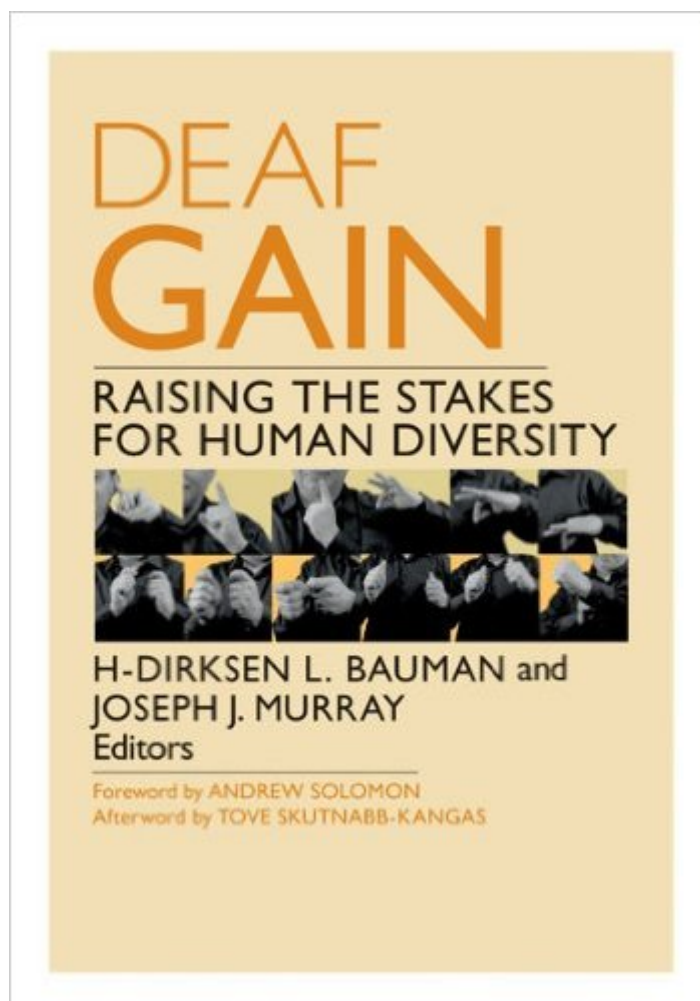


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a crucial book for anyone who knows deaf people, has deaf or hard-of-hearing kids, is interested in Deaf culture and/or Deaf Studies, as well as for anyone who understands what it is to live in a diverse world and to contribute to that diversity

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