# **National Geographic Kids Readers: Helen Keller**

# **Notes for parents: reading this book with your child**

* Before your child shares this book with you, ask them to imagine what it is like not to be able to see or hear. Talk about how they would find strategies to cope. If appropriate, talk about any friends with sight or hearing difficulties and how they communicate.
* Look at the picture on the front cover, and discuss that Helen Keller is reading by using her fingers to feel raised dots, and that this is called Braille.
* Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  + Show your interest in the information as you read together and talk about Helen Keller’s achievements.
  + Encourage your child to relate to what they have read, by talking about their everyday experiences of friends and relatives with hearing or sight impairments.
  + Enjoy taking the quiz together and looking for the answers.
  + Be impressed with the Cool Fact sections.
  + Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
  + Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
* Discuss how Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan changed the world for people have problems with their sight and hearing.