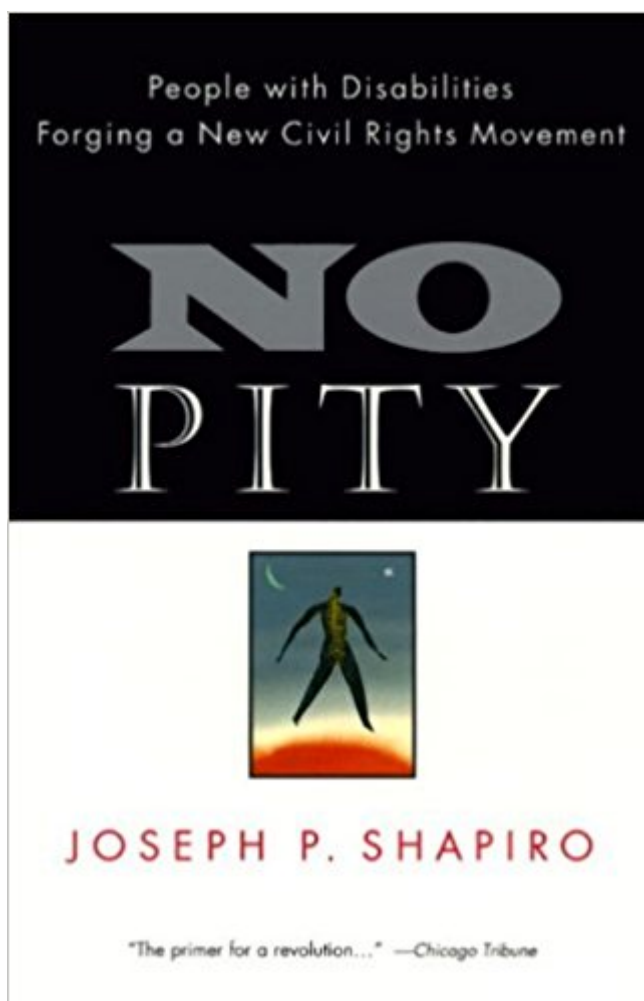


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# No Pity: People With Disabilities Forging A New Civil Rights Movement



## Synopsis

People with disabilities forging the newest and last human rights movement of the century.

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## Customer Reviews

Shapiro, social policies writer for U.S. News & World Report , centers his empathetic review of our society's relations to its disabled population on the 1992 passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He documents the political progress of the issue with stories about several of the nation's estimated 35 million disabled people. Included are polio-afflicted activists, Special Olympics competitors, armed services veterans and elderly people who owe their survival to medical and technological advances. While the author cites encouraging signs of progress made in the advance of their rights, he notes that disabled people still struggle to be accepted on equal, independent terms without being patronized, segregated or victimized in an antiquated social services system and a prejudiced society. Author tour. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With 35 million disabled Americans, the American with Disabilities Act and its implications are here to stay. Shapiro, a U.S. News & World Report journalist, explores in depth the thoughts, fears, and facts behind the disability rights movement. The premise throughout this compelling historical account is that there is no pity or tragedy in disability--it is society's myths, fears, and stereotypes that make being disabled difficult. Shapiro's coverage is thorough, ranging from the movement's

beginnings in Berkeley in the 1960s to the issues that will emerge in the future. Those interested in gaining a basic understand of the disability rights movement, will find this title is well organized, thoroughly researched, and thought-provoking. For all collections.- Emily H. Ferren, Carroll Cty. P.L., Westminster, Md. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Yes, it's really old (published in 1994). And yes, some of the facts are out of date. (I can only attest to the autism section on that part, given that autism is the disorder I know most about, but that part was really factually out of date...our knowledge of autism has hugely changed since 1994.) That said, what I read this book for wasn't to learn facts so much as to gain a different perspective and a sense of history with regards to the disability rights movement. And WOW did this book deliver. Highly recommended.

As a deaf person and an educator, I find myself very involved whether I like it or not in being an activist. I was taking a law class on disability law, and the second footnote in the required text was on this book. That intrigued me, and when I read the reviews about the book, I was even more intrigued. This book is a must-read for anyone who might or does work with the disabled. We no longer want the pity, the institutions, and the exclusion from society. We want to be viewed as normal except with one part or a few parts that may not function as some would consider normal. We want an equal education, equal opportunity to jobs, equal opportunities to participate in society. And everyone will be the better for it. Mr Shapiro as a non-disabled person, wrote a book that was compassionate but strived hard to see things from our point of view. This ability probably stands him in good stead as a journalist. He even taught me things I didn't know about other disabilities. Educators, lawyers, politicians, parents, social workers, and health care professionals need to get off their duff and read this book. They can no longer turn a blind eye or claim ignorance as an excuse to not allowing those of us with differences our rights under the law.

It embraced all the intricate on the historical ignorance on people's and organizations' approach to developmental disabilities. It exposed the treatments persons with developmental disabilities were subjected. It gave the step by step stuggles, reactions, success and laws that came about as a result of the fight persons with developmental disabilities fought to this date. If you need to be an activist, advocate, or educator, for persons with and without developmental disabilities, this book, No Pity: People with Disabilities... is a must read book. Eat it, chew it thoroughly you will not regret it.

I am glad my instructor recommended it for my class ( Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University).No Pity : People with Disabilities Forging a New Civil Rights Movement

No Pity by Shapiro is a great read that taught me a lot about the hardships people with disabilities have to endure in their everyday lives. One of the big lessons I learned after reading this book is that disability does not discriminate, and can happen to anyone. I was originally assigned this text book as an elective course I took on issues/topics in disabilities, but found myself enjoying it more than I had previously enjoyed any other college textbook.

What an excellent book that relates the work and times of personal advocacy in the 20th century. Though it was published in 1993, the author's information and insights help to clarify and aggregate the work, meaning, and consequence of the day -- and still rings true into the 21st century. Highly recommended.

Fascinating & thorough study of disability rights, though slightly dated in some regards: lacking somewhat in discussion of intersectionality, for instance.

Very interesting read on the history of the disability rights movement. Great examples to help put concepts into perspective. It was hard to put down once I started it.

Talk about enlightenment... This book is amazing. Must read, especially for today's world.

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