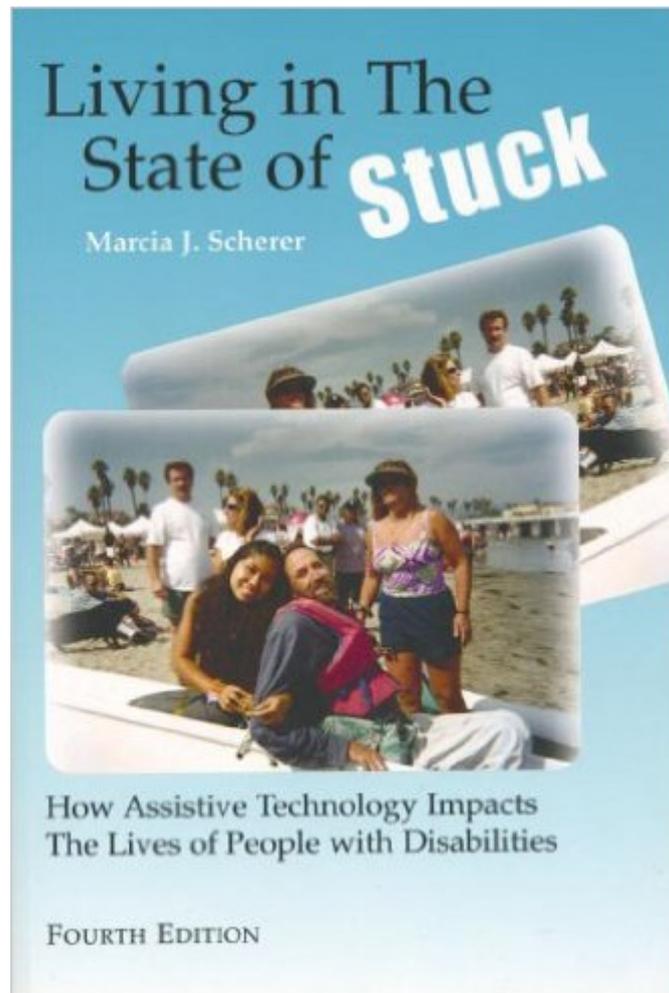


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# Living In The State Of Stuck: How Assistive Technology Impacts The Lives Of People With Disabilities



## Synopsis

In the latest (4th) edition of this well-regarded work, Dr. Scherer brings us up-to-date on the "battles won and battles lost" of the men and women with disabilities whom she followed closely in previous volumes. The result is an engaging, eye-opening, and frank discussion on assistive technology from the standpoint of those who use it (or have opted not to).

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This is a book about people with disabilities and access technology. It's the first book I've seen on the subject of how disabled people relate to access technology. This author has done most of her work with spinal cord injuries, so in that sense it isn't about people with vision problems; but I was absolutely struck by how many parallels there are between issues faced by the blind, and the issues faced by those with severe spinal cord injuries or cerebral palsy. I was very gratified to see that we aren't the only population for whom technology is really a mixed bag. As with us, the technology they use can in some way define the way they interact with the general public so it affects the way they feel about themselves. (For example, I will not use speech products unless I am with family or by myself.) Just as in the general public, they have their technophiles and their technophobes. As it is for us, their biggest problems are psychological and sociological, not their actual disability. I was struck by how similar their population is relative to people born with disability versus those who become disabled later in life and how that effects their response to technology. Having used a slate and stylus all through college, I will never forget how thrilled I was the first time I saw refreshable

Braille! I knew immediately that it would revolutionize my life, and it did! During my former lives in high technology for blind folks, I was always dumbfounded when other blind people didn't have the same response to refreshable Braille that I had. Dr. Scherer's book talks about how people who were born with a physical disability relate so much differently to a motorized wheelchair and other technologies than those who become disabled because of an accident or disease.

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