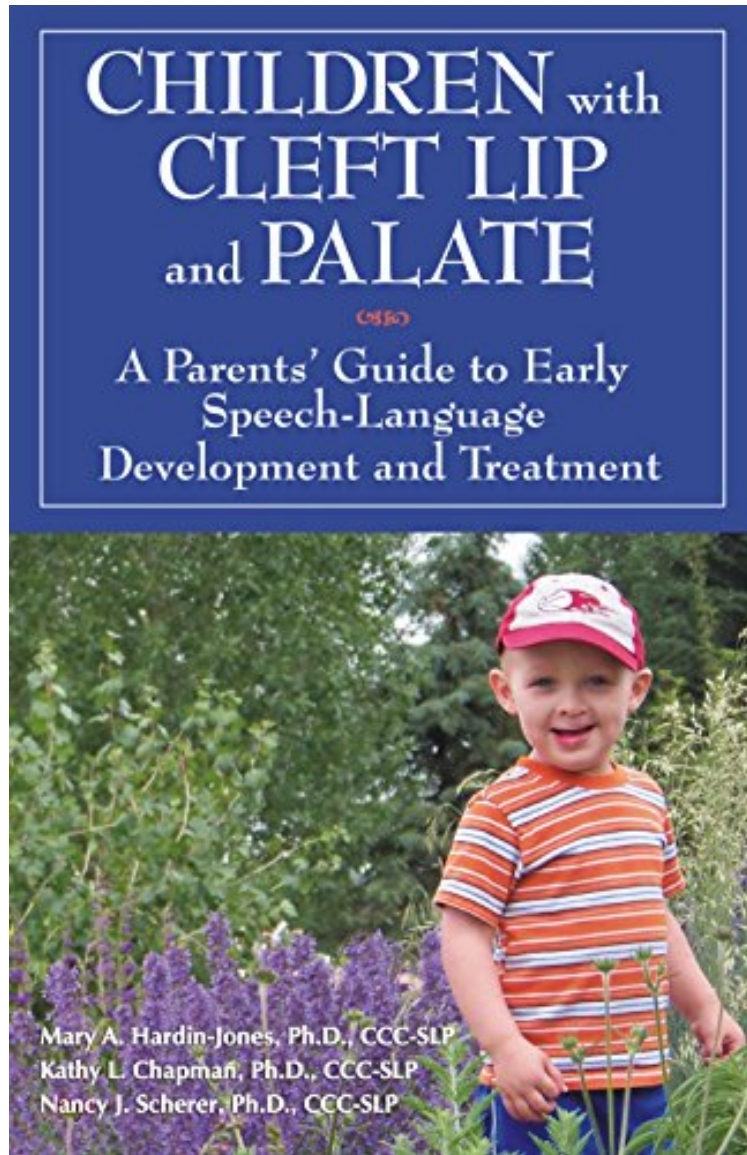


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While cleft palate is one of the more common birth defects, its implications for language development are significant. This accessible, research-based guide is recommended for all parenting collections. --Library Journal, February 15, 2016
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The authors are professors of speech-language pathology who have spoken and published extensively on assessment and treatment of children with cleft lip and palate. They are also experienced clinicians who bring a wealth of experience to this book.