

## USA tour med mera Yrken

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Steve Baldwin is a deaf author from Austin, Texas. He is famous in the deaf community for his books and articles.

The book about NTD describes their development from just 16 people up until today. They have become famous. It's also about how they have stuck together and kept it alive. They have been around for 30 years. They've kept their faith in art and culture alive for the deaf and the hearing.

Most hearing authors start writing at the age of 25 or so. The deaf are more sensitive and often start writing later. I was 35, which was fine for me. Even if my first language was English I'm no linguistic expert who finds writing easy. I still struggle with the language.

Most deaf people know who Yerker Andersson is. He's world famous. 25 years ago, he said, "Steve, lots of deaf people can write books, television and movie scripts, but they don't. And why don't they? It's because they haven't done their homework."

If you want to be a writer, you have to do a lot of research. Most research is done by the hearing, who do a poor job because they don't know about our world. It's better if the deaf can do all the work since we know what it's like.

There are plenty of hearing writers and researchers. Now it's our turn! We need deaf authors, researchers and directors. Then we can promote deaf history, which is one of our goals.

