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Freedom Machines (filmed in 2004) is an unprecedented look at disability in the age of technology, presenting intimate stories of people ages 8-93, whose talents and independence are being unleashed by access to modern, enabling technologies. Nearly twenty years after the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, the film reflects on the gaps between its promise and the realities for our largest minority group – 54,000,000 American with disabilities. Whether mainstream tools or extraordinary inventions such as stairclimbing wheelchairs, Freedom Machines reveals the power of technology to change lives.