

Media that *Celebrate* the Lives, Stories and Contributions of Individuals with Disabilities:

A Collection of Books, Audio Recordings and Videos
for People of All Ages

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Key to age group or grade level

AC/JE = Adult Read to Children / Juvenile Easy Reader. Recommended for children in Pre-K to Grade 2, including easy reader books for children beginning to read on their own in Grades 1 & 2.

JF = Juvenile Fiction. Children's fiction or chapter books, 100 pages or less, recommended for children in Grades 3-5.

Pre-Teen/Teens = Recommended for children in Grades 6-8, with chapter books under 350 pages.

YA = Young Adult. Recommended for young adults in Grades 9-12.

A = Adult. Contains language and/or content that may be unsuitable for young adults.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *A Friend Like Simon*

Author: Kate Gaynor

ISBN #: 9780956175120

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: When an autistic child joins a mainstream school, many children find it difficult to understand and cope with a student that is somewhat 'different' to them. This story encourages other children to be mindful and patient of the differences that exist, and to also appreciate the positive contribution that an autistic child can make to a group.

Title: *A Picture Book of Helen Keller*

Author: David A. Adler

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8234-0818-3

Disability: Deaf-Blind

Story Profile: A brief biography of the woman who overcame her handicaps of being both blind and deaf. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *A Rainbow of Friends*

Author: P.K. Hallinan

ISBN #: 9780824955199

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: A story in verse about how all friends are special and valuable regardless of differences or difficulties.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *A Very Special Friend*

Author: Dorothy Hoffman Levi

ISBN #: 9780930323554

Disability: Deaf

Story Profile: In search of a friend her own age, six-year-old Frannie meets Laura, who is deaf, and learns sign language from her.

Title: *A Very Special Sister*

Author: Dorothy Hoffman Levi

ISBN #: 9780930323967

Disability: Deaf

Story Profile: Laura, who is deaf, is excited about becoming a big sister, but she worries that a new baby who can hear might get more love from their mother than she does.

Title: *All Kinds of Friends, Even Green!*

Author: Ellen B. Senisi

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-35-6

Disability: Spina Bifida

Story Profile: The teacher gives Moses and his class an assignment to write about a friend. His friend Katie has an iguana named Zaki who is missing toes, making it hard for her to walk and climb. Moses decides to write about Zaki because he and Zaki have a lot in common. They both have special needs. More than just a story about friendship, this book looks at difference in a clever yet subtle way. (K and up)

Title: *Andy and his yellow Frisbee*

Author: Mary Thompson

ISBN#: 0933149832

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: The new girl at school tries to befriend Andy, an autistic boy who spends every recess by himself, spinning a yellow Frisbee under the watchful eye of his older sister. (K and up)

Title: *Anna & Natalie*

Author: Barbara Cole

ISBN #: 1595721053

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: When her teacher announces a letter-writing contest to decide which four students will be chosen to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Anna is determined to win. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Armann and Gentle*

Author: Kristin Steinsdottir

ISBN #: 9780933388369

Disability: Stuttering

Story Profile: A six-year old boy, Armann stutters when frustrated.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Author: A True Story*

Author: Helen Lester

ISBN #: 0395827442

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: A true story of a girl, Helen Lester, who has trouble writing even something as simple as a grocery list, and ends up becoming a teacher and then a celebrated children's book author. (P and up)

Title: *Be Good to Eddie Lee*

Author: Virginia Filling

ISBN #: 9780698115828

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Eddie Lee, a boy with Down syndrome, follows his neighbor, Christy, into the woods to find frog eggs. Eddie Lee takes Christy to a secret place in the woods and teaches her that beautiful things can be found in unexpected places.

Title: *Be Quiet, Marina!*

Author: Kirsten DeBear

ISBN #: 1887734791

Disability: Cerebral Palsy/Down syndrome

Story Profile: A noisy little girl with Cerebral Palsy and a quiet little girl with Down syndrome learn to play together and eventually become best friends. (P and up)

Title: *Best Friend On Wheels*

Author: Debra Shirley

ISBN #: 9780807588680

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: A rhyming text looks at two friends who share good times. The rhyme moves quickly, yet touches on many aspects of life for people in wheelchairs: the rude reactions, getting into bed, and normal children's activities (K and up)

Title: *Big Brother Dustin*

Author: Alden R. Carter

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-0715-6

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: A boy with Down syndrome helps his parents and grandparents get ready for the birth of his baby sister and chooses the perfect name for her. (P and up)

Title: *Breakfast at the Liberty Diner*

Author: Daniel Kirk

ISBN #: 0786822430

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Bobby, his mother, and his baby brother are having breakfast at the Liberty Diner when President Franklin Roosevelt stops in for a visit. (Gr. 2 and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Brothers and Sisters*

Author: Laura Dwight

ISBN #: 1887734805

Disability: General Disabilities

Story Profile: A photo essay about school-age siblings, one of whom has a disability. Emphasizes playing together and everyday family life. (K and up)

Title: *Can you hear a rainbow? The Story of a Deaf Boy Named Chris*

Author: Jamee Riggio Heelan

ISBN #: 1561452688

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: A deaf child tells how he uses sign language, hearing aids, and his other senses to communicate, how his friends help him, and how he goes to public school with an interpreter. (K and up)

Title: *Catherine's Story*

Author: Genevieve Moore

ISBN #: 9781845076559

Disability: Prosthetics

Story Profile: A non-fiction picture book. Catherine, who wears leg braces, has a special walk. (K and up)

Title: *Cat's Got Your Tongue?*

Author: Charles E. Schaefer, Ph. D.

ISBN #: 9780945354451

Disability: Communication Disorders, Mutism

Story Profile: Anna chooses not to talk when she enters kindergarten, but then she discovers the pleasures of self-expression in the security of a therapist's office.

Title: *Clancy the Courageous Cow*

Author: Lachie Hume

ISBN #: 0061172499

Disability: General

Story Profile: Clancy the cow is a misfit in his herd, but when he proves himself in the annual cow wrestling match, he demonstrates the foolishness of judging by appearances. (K and up)

Title: *Cristina Keeps a Promise*

Author: Virginia Kroll

ISBN #: 0807513504

Disability: General

Story Profile: Having promised her younger brother that she will watch him race in the Special Olympics, Cristina is offered the chance to meet a famous author -- her favorite -- on the same day and must make a tough choice. (Gr. 1 and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Dad and Me in the Morning*

Author: Patricia Lakin

ISBN #: 0807514195

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: A deaf boy and his father share a special time as they watch the sun rise at the beach. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Daniel's New Friend*

Author: Becky Friedman

ISBN #: 9781481435437

Disability: Mobility

Story Profile: Daniel and Miss Elaina are visiting Prince Wednesday's castle for a play date. When they arrive, they are excited to meet a new friend: Prince Wednesday's cousin, Chrissie! Daniel has so much fun playing with his new friend. Then he notices that Chrissie wears braces on her legs to help her walk. Even though Chrissie may walk differently than Daniel, she loves the color red and playing pretend just as much as he does. Daniel is thrilled to make a wonderful new friend!

Title: *Danny and the Merry-Go-Round*

Author: Nan Holcomb

ISBN #: 9780944727119

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Danny, who has cerebral palsy, is faced with another frustrating day at the playground, watching the other children play, until a friendly gesture from another kid gives him an unexpected adventure and helps him feel better about himself.

Title: *Different Just Like Me*

Author: Lori Mitchell

ISBN #: 0881069752

Disability: General

Story Profile: While preparing for a visit to her grandmother, a young girl notices that, like the flowers in Grammie's garden, people who are different from one another also share similarities, and it's okay to like them all the same. (K and up)

Title: *Dillon the Dolphin: Educating Children About Cerebral Palsy*

Author: Shelly Weiss

ISBN #: 9781891383502

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: This story explains a specific medical condition in kid-friendly language in hopes of demystifying perceived differences to readers so they can comfortably and freely interact with others who are unlike themselves without fearing the unknown.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disability*

Author: Pat Thomas

ISBN #: 0764121189

Disability: Prosthetics

Story Profile: A picture book about physical disabilities that addresses questions and concerns in an age-appropriate manner. (P and up)

Title: *Dustin's Big Day at School*

Author: Alden R. Carter

ISBN #:

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Second-grader Dustin, who has Down syndrome, anticipates the arrival of two very special guests at his school one day. (K and up)

Title: *Eddie Enough!*

Author: Debbie Zimmett

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-25-9

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Third grader Eddie Minetti is always getting in trouble at school until his ADHD is diagnosed and treated. (P and up)

Title: *Elana's Ears, or How I Became the Best Big Sister in the World*

Author: Gloria Roth Lowell

ISBN #: 1557985987

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Lacey, the family dog, is jealous of the new baby that her human parents brought home until she discovers that the baby cannot hear. (K and up)

Title: *Eukee: The Jumpy Jumpy Elephant*

Author: Clifford L. Corman and Esther Trevino

ISBN #: 9781886941755

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: An honest portrayal of the difficulties faced by young children with attention deficit disorder (ADD), this story follows Eukee, a young elephant who has trouble getting along with friends and family due to his hyperactivity and self-control. Finding the help he needs, Eukee helps youngsters, parents, teachers, and service providers learn more about themselves and the disorder.

Title: *Extraordinary Friends*

Author: Fred Rogers

ISBN #: 0399231463

Disability: General Disabilities

Story Profile: This book focuses on people with disabilities, and emphasizes that they are more like people WITH disabilities than they are not. It talks about people who might use equipment such as wheelchairs or special computers, and suggests ways to interact with them. (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Author: Wil Mara

ISBN #: 0516218441

Disability: Wheelchair - Biography

Story Profile: An introduction to the life of the thirty-second president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose three terms in office spanned the years of the Depression and the Second World War. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Frida*

Author: Jonah Winter

ISBN #: 0590203207

Disability: Amputee - Biography

Story Profile: A picture-book homage to the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, whose indomitable spirit has made her a revered icon to struggling women artists. The text outlines her life in a simplistic style, relating her childhood illness and the almost-fatal school bus accident that left her in constant physical pain. It was her painting that saved her, becoming her imaginary friend. Instead of crying, she painted pictures of herself crying. The account ends with a description of her paintings as 'exvotos': magical scenes with words at the bottom, and scenes of accidents with angels coming to the rescue. (P and up)

Title: *Hanni and Beth: Safe and Sound*

Author: Bethe Finke

ISBN #: 9780979291807

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Seeing Eye dog Hanni describes her routine duties to guide and protect her partner Beth, a woman who is blind. Both Hanni and Beth provide personal notes about their background. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Happy Birthday Jason*

Author: C. Jean Cutbill and Diane Rawsthorn

ISBN #: 9780920702376

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: A delightful story that will help children better understand their world by understanding Jason's. His story reveals that children with learning disabilities are more similar to other children than they are different.

Title: *Having a Brother Like David*

Author: Cindy Dolby Nollette and others

ISBN #: 9789998799867

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Marty explains that David looks a lot like other children but has special needs.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Helen Keller: Courage in the Dark*

Author: Johanna Hurwitz

ISBN #: 0679977058

Disability: Deaf-Blind - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the blind and deaf girl who overcame both handicaps with the help of her teacher, Annie Sullivan. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *Helen Keller: Her Life in Pictures*

Author: George Sullivan

ISBN #: 9780439918152

Disability: Deaf-Blind

Story Profile: Helen Keller tells what life was like as a person with an inability to hear, see, or speak, and the training she went through to overcome her disabilities so she could become the first deaf and blind student to graduate from an American college

Title: *Helping Sophia*

Author: Anastasia Suen

ISBN #: 9781602700307

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: When Sophia's helper is absent, her fellow third-graders help out by learning how to push her wheelchair. (P and up)

Title: *How to Deal with Autism*

Author: Lynette Robbins

ISBN #: 9781404281424

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: There has been an alarming increase in the number of kids diagnosed with autism each year. Information can be a useful tool in calming fears, and this book provides just such a tool. Signs to watch for, different kinds and severities of autism, and different approaches to treatment are included in this book.

Title: *Howie Helps Himself*

Author: Joan Fassler

ISBN #: 9780807534229

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Howie wants to make his father proud of him by learning to move his own wheelchair as his classmates do.

Title: *Hudson Hates School*

Author: Ella Hudson

ISBN #: 1847800335

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Hudson is good at a lot of things, but spelling isn't one of them. In fact, having to do spelling tests is one of the many things he HATES about school. After another horrible day, Hudson declares he will never go back to school. But one final, very different test helps Hudson understand why he is special... and how he can learn to learn! (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *I am utterly unique: Celebrating the strengths of children with Asperger's syndrome and high-functioning autism*

Author: Elaine Marie Larson

ISBN#: 1931282897

Disability: Asperger's/Autism

Story Profile: An alphabetical enumeration of individual traits that make children—and others—unique. Highlights talents and abilities from the Autism spectrum. (P and up)

Title: *I can! Can you?*

Author: Carol Adorjan

ISBN #: 0807534919

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: A little girl tells what her older sister is able to do that she cannot, but then she relates what she can do, which gets to be more every day. (P and up)

Title: *If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?*

Author: Barbara Esham

ISBN #: 9781603364485

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Katie always thought her dad was smart. After all, he is one of the busiest attorneys in town! People are always asking him for advice. How can her very smart dad struggle with one of her spelling words?

Title: *I See Things Differently: A First Look at Autism*

Author: Pat Thomas

ISBN #: 1438004796, 9781438004792

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Psychotherapist and counselor Pat Thomas puts her gentle yet straightforward approach to work in this new addition to Barron's highly acclaimed *A First Look At...Series*. This book will help children understand what autism is and how it affects someone who has it. A wonderful catalyst for discussion that will help children to better understand and support autistic classmates or siblings. The story line is simple and easily accessible to younger children who will learn that exploring the personal feelings around social issues is a first step in dealing with them. Full-color illustrations on every page.

Title: *I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book about Understanding and Celebrating Each Other*

Author: Cindy Gainer

ISBN #: ISBN-1-57542-039-2

Disability: General Disabilities

Story Profile: In this book, children interact with people who are different from themselves, take turns, work and play together, discover and develop traits and skills that make them unique, and explore the many ways in which they are like and unlike others. (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism*

Author: Laurie Lears

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-3480-3

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: A young girl realizes how much she cares for her autistic brother Ian when he is lost at the park. (K and up)

Title: *In Jesse's Shoes: Appreciating Kids with Special Needs*

Author: Beverly Lewis

ISBN #: 9780764203138

Disability: Special Needs

Story Profile: Jesse's sister struggles to understand her brother, and to deal with the kids who make fun of him. Families everywhere will benefit from this sensitive yet realistic story about learning to understand and befriend a child with special needs.

Title: *It's Called Dyslexia*

Author: Jennifer Moore-Mallinos

ISBN #: 9780764137945

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Whoever said that learning to read and write is easy? The little girl in this story is unhappy and no longer enjoys school. When learning to read and write, she tries to remember which way the letters go, but often gets them mixed up. After she discovers that dyslexia is the reason for her trouble, she begins to understand that with extra practice and help from others, she will begin to read and write correctly. At the same time, she also discovers a hidden talent she never knew existed! (P and up)

Title: *It's ok to be me!*

Author: Jennifer Moore-Mallinos; illustrations, Marta Fabrega

ISBN#: 9780764135842

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: The story of a child in a wheelchair who explains how he can do almost anything that other children can do. (P and up)

Title: *It's Okay to Be Different*

Author: Todd Parr

ISBN #: 0316666033

Disability: General

Story Profile: Illustrations and brief text describe all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as "It's okay to be a different color," "It's okay to need some help," "It's okay to be adopted," and "It's okay to have a different nose." (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Janine and the Field Day Finish*

Author: Maryann Cocca-Leffler

ISBN #: 9780807537565

Disability: Vision & Physical

Story Profile: Janine is good at a lot of things, like singing, cheering, and spelling big words. But she is not very good at sports—her body just doesn't work like the other kids'. On field day at school, Janine tries her best to finish each challenge. Meanwhile, Abby bullies her way to win first place. Even though Abby teases her, Janine is there to pick Abby up when she falls. Will Janine help Abby learn that being number one is not the most important goal?

Title: *Jonathan James Says "Let's Be Friends"*

Author: Crystal Bowman

ISBN #: 0310496012

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Jonathan the rabbit discovers that he can be friends with many kinds of people, from a boy in a wheelchair to a missionary who tells people about Jesus. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *Jordan Has a Hearing Loss*

Author: Jillian Powell

ISBN #: 0791081796

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Learn how Jordan's hearing loss doesn't keep him from doing the same things that all kids do: playing soccer, going to the movies, and swimming. Learn how he uses sign language and lip-reads. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *Just Like You*

Author: Sarah Albee

ISBN #: 0375815880

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: One day at preschool, Elmo discovers that he has a new classmate: Lizzie. Elmo can't stop staring because she's in a wheelchair. But Elmo finds out that except for her disability, the two of them have more in common than not. Lizzie has a puppy, she loves ice cream, and she loves to play basketball. (K and up)

Title: *Keeping up with Roo*

Author: Sharlee Glenn

ISBN #: 0399234802

Disability: Cognitive Disabilities

Story Profile: Gracie has always had a special bond with her Aunt Roo, who has an intellectual disability, but that relationship starts to change when Gracie begins school. (Gr. 1 and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Keith Edward's Different Ways*

Author: Karen Melberg Schwier

ISBN #: 9780915166749

Disability: Down syndrome; Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: Five-year-old Keith Edward, who takes a little longer to learn new things, has an interesting day as he meets a woman in a wheelchair and other people who are different from him in various ways.

Title: *Knots on a Counting Rope*

Author: Bill Martin and John Archambault

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8050-0571-4

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race. (P and up)

Title: *Knockin' on wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates*

Author: Lynne Barasch

ISBN #: 1584301708

Disability: Prosthetic – Biography

Story Profile: Award-winning biography of world famous African-American tap dancer who had only one leg. Recounts Clayton Bates's unstoppable love of dancing, his accident in 1919 at age 12, and the wooden leg his uncle whittled for him—the peg leg that became his nickname. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *Learning Disabilities and the Don't Give Up Kid*

Author: Jeanne Gehret

ISBN #: ISBN-9625136-0-1

Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

Story Profile: A dyslexic boy wants to grow up to be an inventor like Thomas Edison, but is constantly frustrated by problems at school. He switches into a small special education class of children with auditory processing difficulties. The teacher gives him more personal attention, using an example from Edison's life to inspire him. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Lee: The Rabbit with Epilepsy*

Author: Deborah M. Moss

ISBN #: 9780933149328

Disability: Epilepsy

Story Profile: This story follows Lee from her first seizure to the doctor's office, and then home with new medication to control her seizures. A very reassuring tale for young children with epilepsy.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Leo the Late Bloomer*

Author: Robert Krause

ISBN #: 9780064433488

Disability: Developmental Delays

Story Profile: Leo is a lion who isn't reading, writing, drawing, or even speaking, and his father is concerned. But Leo's mother isn't. She knows her son will do all those things and more when he's ready.

Title: *Little Stevie Wonder*

Author: Quincy Troupe

ISBN #: 0618340602

Disability: Blindness - Biography

Story Profile: A poem tribute to blind musician and composer Stevie Wonder. Includes sound disc with 2 songs. (K and up)

Title: *Looking After Louis*

Author: Lesley Ely

ISBN#: 0807547468

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: When a new boy with Autism joins their classroom, his classmates try to understand his world and include him in theirs. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *"Love Me For Who I Am"* (CD)

Author: Brady Rymer

ISBN#:

Disability: Autism/Asperger's

Story Profile: A music CD for children with Autism and Asperger's syndrome. (All ages)

Title: *Ludwig van Beethoven*

Author: Mike Venezia

ISBN #: 0516045423

Disability: Deaf - Biography

Story Profile: Briefly recounts the life of the German composer who wrote beautiful sonatas and symphonies despite tragic personal problems. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Ludwig van Beethoven: Musical Pioneer*

Author: Carol Greene

ISBN #: ISBN-0-516-04208-4

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: The life of Beethoven is chronicled from his despair over his worsening deafness to his deepening commitment to his music. (Gr. 1 and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Luke has Asthma, Too*

Author: Alison Rogers

ISBN #: 9780914525066

Disability: Asthma

Story Profile: Luke has an older cousin who teaches him some aspects of asthma management and serves as a general role model.

Title: *Mama Zooms*

Author: Jane Cowen-Fletcher

ISBN #: 0590457748

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: A boy's wonderful mama takes him zooming everywhere with her, because her wheelchair is a zooming machine. (P and up)

Title: *Max Learns Sign Language*

Author: Adria F. Klein

ISBN #: 9781404831483

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Max takes a class in sign language so that he can talk with his friend, Susan, who cannot hear. (Gr. 1 and up, easy reader)

Title: *Moses Goes to a Concert*

Author: Isaac Millman

ISBN #: ISBN-0-374-35067-1

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Moses and his classmates, who are hearing impaired, attend a concert and learn a surprising fact about the percussionist who performs. The story is told in text, pictures, and American Sign Language. (K and up)

Title: *Moses Goes to School*

Author: Isaac Millman

ISBN #: ISBN-0-374-35069-8

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Moses has a great day with his friends and teacher at a school for students with hearing impairments. The story is told in text, pictures, and American Sign Language. (K and up)

Title: *Moses Goes to the Circus*

Author: Isaac Millman

ISBN #: ISBN-0-374-35064-7

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Moses, a boy who is deaf, and his family are going to the Big Apple's Circus of the Senses with acts specially designed for the deaf, hard-of-hearing and the blind. Moses' little sister, Renee, isn't deaf, but is learning sign language. Moses loves teaching her, and the book includes illustrations of some of the signs they use. (K and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *My Brother Charlie*

Author: Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete

ISBN #: 9780545094665

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Charlie has autism. His brain works in a special way. It's harder for him to make friends and show his true feelings. And stay safe. His big sister tells us for everything that Charlie can't do well, there are plenty more things that he's good at. He knows the names of all the American presidents. He knows stuff about airplanes. And he can even play the piano better than anyone she knows.

Title: *My Brother Matthew*

Author: Mary Thompson

ISBN #: 9780933149472

Disability: Developmental Disabilities

Story Profile: David is a young boy who describes life with his younger brother who was born with a mental disability. A realistic, compassionate tale about how family life typically focuses on the needs of a child with a disability, and the effects that can have on the other kids in the family.

Title: *My brother Sammy*

Author: Becky Edwards

ISBN#: 0761314172

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: A boy describes some of the many feelings he has about his brother, Sammy, who is autistic. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *My Friend Has Down Syndrome*

Author: Amanda Doering Tourville

ISBN #: 9781404857513

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Explains some of the challenges and rewards of having a friend with Down syndrome using everyday, kid-friendly examples. (K and up)

Title: *My Friend Has Down Syndrome*

Author: Jennifer Moore-Mallinos

ISBN #: 9780764140761

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Two little girls meet at summer camp and a friendship develops between them, even though one has Down syndrome. They learn that everyone is good at something, and that everyone needs extra help sometimes. (P and up)

Title: *My Friend Isabelle*

Author: Eliza Woloson

ISBN #: 9781606131091

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: A young boy describes the activities he shares with his friend Isabelle, a girl with Down syndrome. (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *My Friend Suhana: A Story of Friendship and Cerebral Palsy*

Author: Shaila Abdullah and Aanyah Abdullah

ISBN #: 9781615992119

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: A heartwarming tale of a little girl who forms a close bond with a child with cerebral palsy. The girl finds that through her art, she can reach her special friend Suhana.

Title: *My Mom is Handicapped: A "Grownup" Children's Book*

Author: Barbara Turner Brabham

ISBN #: 9781882185221

Disability: Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: A six-year old boy describes life with his mother, a teacher with physical disabilities.

Title: *My Pal, Victor*

Author: Diane Gonzalez Bertrand

ISBN #: 0972019294

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Two Latino boys experience carefree camaraderie. One boy is in a wheelchair. Bilingual text in English and Spanish. Schneider Family Book Award, 2005. (P and up)

Title: *My Sister Alicia May*

Author: Nancy Ling

ISBN #: 9780979203596

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Older sister Rachael tells the story of her relationship with Alicia, her younger sister who has Down syndrome. Defending her sister from bullies is touched upon. (K and up)

Title: *Nathan's Wish: A Story About Cerebral Palsy*

Author: Laurie Lears

ISBN #: 0807571016

Disability: Cerebral Palsy/Wheelchair

Story Profile: A boy with Cerebral Palsy helps out at a raptor rehabilitation center and is inspired himself when an owl that cannot fly finds another purpose in life. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Nice Wheels*

Author: Gwendolyn Hooks

ISBN #: 0516251791

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: The classmates of a new boy at school find although he is in a wheelchair, he can do what they do, (Gr. 1 and up, easy reader)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Otto Learns About His Medicine: A Story About Medicine for Hyperactive Children*,
Third edition

Author: Matthew Galvin

ISBN #: ISBN-1-55798-771-8

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Otto, a fidgety young car that has trouble paying attention in school, visits a special mechanic who prescribes a medicine to control his hyperactive behavior. The newest edition contains an expanded note to parents with more detailed information about using medicine for children with ADD. (Preschool and up)

Title: *Perfect*

Author: Nicola Davies

ISBN #: 9780823436521

Disability: Cerebral palsy

Story Profile: *Perfect* is a story of disappointment, acceptance and love. It tells the story of a young boy who learns to accept that his baby sister has a disability, but that she is still perfect in every way. The story, written from the perspective of the boy, is suffused with natural imagery and is an ideal tool for opening up the subject of disability with children.

Title: *Playing by the rules: A story about autism*

Author: Dena Fox

ISBN#: 9781890627836

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: When Great Aunt Tilda comes to visit, it takes her a little while to learn to understand Josh, who has autism, just as it takes him some time to get used to her. (P and up)

Title: *Ricky*

Author: Guido van Genechten

ISBN #: 9781605370095

Disability: General

Story Profile: Ricky is a rabbit who is embarrassed by his right ear, which doesn't stand up straight like his left ear or all of his friends' ears. (P and up)

Title: *Rolling Along with Goldilocks and the Three Bears*

Author: Cindy Meyers

ISBN #: 1890627127

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: In this updated version of a familiar folktale, Baby Bear gets around in a wheelchair and has a motorized bed, which fascinates Goldilocks when she becomes friends with him after her surprise visit to the Three Bears' house. (K and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Rolling Along: The Story of Taylor and His Wheelchair*

Author: Jamee Riggio Heelan

ISBN #: ISBN-1-56145-219-X

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Explains how having Cerebral Palsy affects Taylor, and how getting a wheelchair makes a big difference in helping him get around, do things by himself, and even play basketball with his twin Tyler. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *Rosie: A Visiting Dog's Story*

Author: Stephanie Calmenson

ISBN #: ISBN-0-395-654477-7

Disability: General

Story Profile: Rosie, a Tibetan terrier who is trained to work as a visiting dog, provides therapeutic comfort and entertainment to children and adults who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. (K and up)

Title: *Russ and the Apple Tree Surprise*

Author: Janet Elizabeth Rickett

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-16-x

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: After Russ, a five-year-old with Down syndrome, picks a basket of apples and helps his mother and grandmother make a pie, his grandfather invites him into the backyard for a surprise. (P and up)

Title: *Russ and the Firehouse*

Author: Janet Elizabeth Rickett

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-17-8

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Russ is a young boy with Down syndrome whose everyday life experiences—not his disability—are the subject of books in this series. Russ goes “on duty” with his uncle, a fireman. Their shift includes a full inspection of the fire equipment, including keeping it clean. He also encounters Spark, the firehouse dog. At the end of this exciting day, all the firemen thank Russ for his hard work and invite him back for another visit. (P and up)

Title: *Russell Is Extra Special: A Book About Autism for Children*

Author: Charles A. Amenta

ISBN #: 9780945354444

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Describes the daily life, likes and dislikes, and habits of Russell Amenta, who is a happy boy despite being severely autistic

Title: *Seeing Things My Way*

Author: Alden Carter

ISBN #: 0807572969

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Narrative related by a visually impaired child about her daily life. (Gr. 1 and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Shelley: The Hyperactive Turtle*

Author: Deborah M. Moss

ISBN #: ISBN-0-933149-31-X

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: After his mother takes him to the doctor, Shelley the turtle begins to understand why he feels so jumpy and wiggly inside that he can't stay still. (P and up)

Title: *Silent Observer*

Author: Christy MacKinnon

ISBN #: 9781563680229

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: The late author tells of growing up deaf in rural Nova Scotia at the turn of the century and her exchanges with Alexander Graham Bell and Helen Keller, both of whom encouraged her to learn and to draw.

Title: *Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book*

Author: Celeste Shally

ISBN #: 9780979471308

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: A story about two boys: one who has autism, the other who does not. Their relationship provides practical examples of how to make such a friendship work, and will help children see that their peers with autism can make a fun, genuine contribution to friendship.

Title: *Some Kids Are Blind*

Author: Lola M. Schaefer

ISBN #: 9781429617741

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Simple text and photographs describe the condition of blindness and some of the everyday activities of children who are blind. (P and up)

Title: *Some Kids Are Deaf*

Author: Lola M. Schaefer

ISBN #: 9781429608114

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Simple text and photographs describe the condition of deafness and some of the everyday activities of children who are deaf. (P and up)

Title: *Some Kids Use Wheelchairs*

Author: Lola Schaefer

ISBN #: 9781429608121

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Simple text and photographs discuss why some kids cannot walk, how wheelchairs help them, and the everyday activities of children who use wheelchairs. (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Some Kids Wear Leg Braces*

Author: Lola M. Schaefer

ISBN #: 9781429617772

Disability: Mobility

Story Profile: Simple text and photographs show kids with mobility challenges enjoying activities with their peers. (P and up)

Title: *Special People, Special Ways*

Author: Arlene Maguire

ISBN #: 9781885477651

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: "Though we seem different, inside we're the same. Our hearts are for caring, no matter our name." Each page portrays positive images of children with various disabilities.

Title: *Stretching Ourselves: Kids with Cerebral Palsy*

Author: Alden R. Carter

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-7637-9

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Describes Cerebral Palsy and focuses on the daily lives of three children with varying degrees of this condition. (Gr. 2 and up)

Title: *Susan Laughs*

Author: Jeanne Willis

ISBN #: 0805065016

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Rhyming couplets describe a wide range of common emotions and activities experienced by a little girl who uses a wheelchair. (P and up)

Title: *Taking Cerebral Palsy to School*

Author: Mary Elizabeth Anderson

ISBN #: 9781891383083

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Even though Chad has cerebral palsy, he can still attend school and do many of the same things as his classmates. This book answers many of the questions his classmates have but may be too scared or uncomfortable to ask.

Title: *Taking Down Syndrome to School*

Author: Jenna Glatzer

ISBN #: 9781891383199

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Nick's story explains what Down Syndrome is and how it affects children born with it. Children can identify why a peer may be treated differently and begin to empathize with them. In addition, children whose conditions set them apart as being different begin to feel accepted and safe.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Talking to Angels*

Author: Esther Watson

ISBN #: 9780152010775

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: A poetic tribute to the author's autistic sister, Christa, explains why autism is not a barrier to love or friendship, and celebrates the special world in which the young girl exists.

Title: *Thank You, Mr. Falker*

Author: Patricia Polacco

ISBN #: 9780399257629

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: The real-life, classic story of a dyslexic girl and the teacher who would not let her fail. Trisha could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability.

Title: *That Teacher Uses Crutches!: Teaching Children about Cerebral Palsy*

Author: Lori-Ann Lears

ISBN #: 9781480843370

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: There's a new teacher at school, and everyone in Mrs. Madden's third-grade class is curious about her. She walks around on crutches all the time! The students have many questions.

Title: *The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia*

Author: Diane Burton Robb

ISBN #: 9780807503027

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: When Adam started kindergarten, the teacher wanted him to learn about letters. But "p" looked like "q," and "b" looked like "d." In first grade, he had to put the letters into words so he could read. That was the beginning of the Alphabet War.

Title: *The Best Worst Brother*

Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen and Charlotte Fremaux

ISBN #: 1890627682

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Older sister Emma tries to be patient while teaching three-year-old Isaac, who has Down Syndrome, how to communicate using sign language. Includes questions and answers about sign language. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *The Making of My Special Hand: Madison's Story*

Author: Jamee Riggio Heelan

ISBN #: 156145186X

Disability: Prosthetic

Story Profile: A child who was born with one hand tells the story of how people at the hospital made a helper hand for her, how the new hand operates, how it feels, and how she can use it.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *The Prince Who Was Just Himself*

Author: Silke Schnee

ISBN #: 9780874866827

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: The royal couple is looking forward to their third child. "He looks a little different," muses the king at Prince Noah's arrival. "He is not like the others," agrees the queen. Soon they notice what a very special person he is, even though he can't do everything his brothers can.

Title: *The Sidewalk Patrol*

Author: Larry Dane Brimner

ISBN #: 0516225375

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Abby and her friends take time to move some bicycles so that their blind neighbor can walk on the sidewalk. (K and up)

Title: *There's a Little Bit of Me in Jamey*

Author: Diana M. Amadeo

ISBN #: 9780807578544

Disability: Leukemia

Story Profile: Brian, whose younger brother Jamey has leukemia, feels frightened, confused, and neglected by his parents, but he finds some comfort when he donates bone marrow to his brother.

Title: *Thomas Alva Edison: Great Inventor*

Author: David A. Adler

ISBN #: 9780823408207

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: A biography of the inventive genius who developed the electric light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture, despite his deafness.

Title: *Tobin learns To Make Friends*

Author: Diane Murrel

ISBN#: 1885477791

Disability: Autism/Asperger's

Story Profile: Tobin, a train, teaches social skills to children without their awareness of the educational impact. Tobin is taught by the conductor not to blow his whistle repeatedly, not to get into other trains' space, not to crowd others or get too close to their faces, and not to borrow things without asking first, among other lessons. The colorful illustrations and the dialogue between the conductor and Tobin make this book great to read out loud. While written for children on the Autism spectrum, the social skills enumerated in Tobin make it a book for all children.

Title: *Tom's Special Talent*

Author: Kate Gaynor

ISBN #: 9780956175106

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Tom isn't sure if he has any talents at all when he sees how good his friends are at writing and reading. But a school competition soon helps him to find his own very special talent!

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *Tools That Help Me*

Author: Adam Schaefer

ISBN #: 1595159967

Disability: General Disabilities

Story Profile: Very short on text, good pictures. (K and up)

Title: *Understanding Sam and Asperger syndrome*

Author: Clarabelle van Niekerk & Liezl Venter

ISBN#: 9780974721712

Disability: Autism/Asperger's

Story Profile: A young boy named Sam has difficulty at school and seems moody at home. When Sam is diagnosed with a form of autism called Asperger syndrome, his family and teachers understand him better and learn how to help him succeed. Includes tips for parents, teachers and children on being with children who have Asperger's. (K and up)

Title: *Way to go, Alex!*

Author: Robin Pulver

ISBN #: 0807515833

Disability: Cognitive Disabilities

Story Profile: Carly learns a lot about Alex, her mentally disabled older brother, as he trains for and competes in the Special Olympics. (Gr. 1 and up)

Title: *We All Communicate*

Author: Rebecca Rissman

ISBN #: 9781432921521

Disability: General

Story Profile: This book explores the different ways that people talk and listen to one another.

Title: *We All Learn*

Author: Rebecca Rissman

ISBN #: 9781432921538

Disability: General

Story Profile: Readers explore the different ways and places that people learn. (P and up)

Title: *We All Move*

Author: Rebecca Rissman

ISBN #: 9781432921538

Disability: Prosthetics

Story Profile: Readers explore the different ways that people with disabilities move. (P and up)

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *We All Play*

Author: Rebecca Rissman

ISBN #: 9781432921514

Disability: General

Story Profile: Books in this series introduce children to the notion that all people are different and all people are special. The simple text explains common activities, while the clear images can stimulate thought and discussion about mental and physical differences. In *We All Play*, readers explore the different ways, places, and reasons that people play. (P and up)

Title: *We'll Paint the Octopus Red*

Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-06-2

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Emma and her father discuss what they will do when the new baby arrives, but they adjust their expectations when he is born with Down syndrome. (K and up)

Title: *We're Different, We're the Same*

Author: Bobbi Kates

ISBN #: 9780679832270

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: Who better than *Sesame Street* to teach us that we may all look different on the outside—but it's important to remember that deep down, we are all very much alike? This book shows that we all have the same needs, desires, and feelings.

Title: *What Color is the Wind?*

Author: Anne Herbauts

ISBN #: 9781592702213

Disability: Blind

Story Profile: A blind child questions all he encounters—a dog, wolf, elephant, mountain, bird, stream, and tree—about the color of the wind. Each responds differently, with a shape, color, smell, texture, or idea. Each page displays a visual and tactile palette of cutouts, textures and colors. It is a sensory experience that makes the invisible experiential, ending with the wind as the pages fly.

Title: *What It's Like to Be Me*

Author: Helen Exley

ISBN #: 9780377001442

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: In drawings and words, children from all over the world describe how they feel about having a disability. They tell how they see themselves, and how they *want* to be seen.

Title: *What's Inside You is Inside Me Too: My Chromosomes Make Me Unique*

Author: Deslie Webb Quinby and Jeannie Visootsak, MD

ISBN #: 9780692310380

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Every child, every person, every living thing is unique, in big part, due to chromosomes. Children with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome.

AC/JE (Adult Read to Children/Juvenile)

Title: *What's Wrong with Timmy?*

Author: Maria Shriver

ISBN #: ISBN-0-316-23337-4

Disability: Intellectual Disability

Story Profile: When Kate meets Timmy, a boy who has an intellectual disability, she is full of questions. After talking with her mother, Kate realizes that she and Timmy have a lot in common, and they become fast friends. (P and up)

Title: *Where's Chimpy?*

Author: Berniece Rabe

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-8928-4

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Text and photographs show Misty, a little girl with Down syndrome, and her father reviewing her day's activities in their search for her stuffed monkey. (K and up)

Title: *You Can Call Me Willy: A Story for Children about AIDS*

Author: Joan C. Verniero

ISBN #: 9780945354604

Disability: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Story Profile: Although eight-year-old Willy has AIDS, she wants to play baseball.

Title: *Zoom!*

Author: Robert Munsch

ISBN #: 0439187745

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: When Laretta tries out a 92-speed, silver-and-gold dirt-bike wheelchair, she gets a speeding ticket. What sets this story apart is its refreshing, lighthearted approach and its lively, unstoppable protagonist, who, like many kids her age, dreams of going fast, faster, fastest—on a great set of wheels. (P and up)

Title: *47 Strings: Tessa's Special Code*

Author: Becky Carey

ISBN #: 9781942586074

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: An invaluable tool for parents looking to talk about Down syndrome with their children. The book describes, in easy-to-understand language *and* with sensitivity, some of the challenges baby Tessa's special "code" might bring - while never losing focus on the message that a family's love is the same for everyone.

JF (Juvenile Fiction) Grades 3-5

Title: *Blue Bottle Mystery: An Asperger Adventure*

Author: Kathy Hoopmann

ISBN #: ISBN-1-85302-978-5

Disability: Asperger syndrome

Story Profile: Ben and his friend, Andy, discover a mystery after finding a blue bottle. As they work out the mystery, Ben is diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. His diagnosis makes it easier for him, his father, and his teacher to understand why Ben sometimes has problems at home and at school. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *What Do You Mean, I Have a Learning Disability?*

Author: Kathleen M. Dwyer

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8027-8102-0

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: 10-year-old Jimmy is having problems at school and believes he is stupid. After a parent-teacher conference, he is tested and found to have a learning disability. Describes learning disabilities and what can be done to overcome them. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Cory Stories: a kid's book about living with ADHD*

Author: Jeanne Kraus

ISBN #: 1591471486

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: A young boy named Corey explains what it feels like to have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and how his parents and doctor have helped him learn to adjust to it. In short statements and vignettes, Cory describes what it's like to have ADHD: how it affects his relationships with friends and family, his school performance, and his overall functioning. He also describes the many ways available to kids for coping with ADHD, including medication, therapy/counseling, and practical activities for school, home, and friendships. This emotionally reassuring and empowering narrative engages the reader with honest observations, and includes many solid coping tips and ideas. Especially effective for boys with hyperactive ADD. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Everybody is Different: A Book for Young People Who Have a Brother or Sister with Autism*

Author: Fiona Bleach

ISBN#: 9781931282062

Disability: Autism/Asperger's

Story Profile: Many young people have a hard time understanding the complexities of what autism is and why people with autism engage in the behaviors that they do. This book gives answers to the many questions brothers and sisters of young people on the autism spectrum have about their siblings. In addition to explaining in basic terms the characteristics of autism, this book is full of helpful suggestions for making family life more comfortable for everyone. (Gr. 4 and up)

JF (Juvenile Fiction) Grades 3-5

Title: *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*

Author: Sharon Creech

ISBN #: 0060292911

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Rosie tells about her lifelong friendship with Bailey, and how, when it became clear that he was blind, she did everything in her power to help him--sometimes suffocating him with her good intentions. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Keep Your Ear on the Ball*

Author: Genevieve Petrillo

ISBN #: 0884482960

Disability: Blindness/Vision

Story Profile: Twelve-year-old Catherine has conflicting feelings about her younger brother, David, who is autistic. While she loves him, she is also embarrassed by his behavior and feels neglected by their parents. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Liberty: Can a stray dog allow one boy to save himself?*

Author: Kirby Larson

ISBN #: 9780545840712

Disability: Polio

Story Profile: Fish has a knack for inventing. His annoying neighbor, Olympia, has a knack for messing things up. But when his latest invention leads Fish to Liberty, a beautiful stray dog who needs a home, he and Olympia work together to rescue her. As Fish enlists the help of unexpected friends and allies to save Liberty, he finds her perceptions of the world – of race and war, family and friendship – transformed.

Title: *Look Up!*

Author: Jung Jin-Ho

ISBN #: 9780823436521

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Dramatic aerial views and an expressive, subtle palette tell a story about a girl in a wheelchair looking down from her balcony at passersby below and urging them to look up!

Title: *Ludwig van Beethoven*

Author: Noemi Vicini Marri

ISBN #: 0382091647

Disability: Deaf - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the German musician who composed most of his greatest works after his hearing was gone. (Gr. 3 and up)

JF (Juvenile Fiction) Grades 3-5

Title: *Margaret's Moves*

Author: Bernice Rabe

ISBN #: ISBN-0-525-44271-5

Disability: Wheelchair/Spina Bifida

Story Profile: Nine-year-old Margaret, who must use a wheelchair due to her Spina Bifida, longs for a new, lightweight "sports model" chair so that she can speed around as fast as the athletic brother with whom she has an ongoing rivalry. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Niagara Falls, or Does It?* (Hank Zipzer series #1 of 17)

Author: Henry Winkler

ISBN #: 0448432323

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Series follows Hank, a fourth grade boy who has dyslexia, through his school year. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Prairie School*

Author: Avi

ISBN #: 0060276657

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: In 1880, Noah's aunt teaches the reluctant nine-year-old how to read as they explore the Colorado prairie together, with Noah pushing Aunt Dora in her wheelchair. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Ray Charles*

Author: Sharon Bell Mathis

ISBN #: 1584300175

Disability: Blind - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the blind singer. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Sarah's Sleepover*

Author: Bobbie Rodriguez

ISBN #: 0670877506

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Sarah looks forward to the one weekend a month when her five cousins come to visit her at her family's farm. Their joy turns to unease when the lights go out, but Sarah saves the evening by remaining calm and capable of both navigating the house by feel *and* identifying various scary noises in the night. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Sports Great Jim Abbott*

Author: Jeff Savage

ISBN #: 0894903950

Disability: Amputee - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the California Angels baseball team's one-handed pitcher. (Gr. 3 and up)

JF (Juvenile Fiction) Grades 3-5

Title: *Stephen Hawking: Against the Odds– A biography*

Author: Cathy Senker

ISBN #: 9781406297591

Disability: Motor Neuron Disease (ALS)

Story Profile: This book tells the story of Stephen Hawking, the brilliant scientist who made great contributions to the study of the origin of the universe despite suffering from motor neuron disease for most of his life.

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Author: Kathleen M. Dwyer

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Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: 10-year-old Jimmy is having problems at school and believes he is stupid. After a parent-teacher conference, he is tested and found to have a learning disability. Describes learning disabilities and what can be done to overcome them. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Wheel Wizards*

Author: Matt Christopher

ISBN #: 03161136115

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Angry and unhappy because he is now in a wheelchair and apparently no longer able to play basketball, 12-year-old Seth is amazed to discover wheelchair basketball and finds that his life is not over after all. (Gr. 3 and up)

Title: *Wilma Rudolph: Track and Field Champion*

Author: Adrianna Morganelli

ISBN #: 9780778726890

Disability: Polio

Story Profile: When doctors told her parents that she may never walk again, no one could have imagined that Wilma Rudolph would grow up to become the world's fastest woman. This awe-inspiring book shows how, with grace, perseverance and dedication, young Wilma used her inner strength to overcome physical disabilities caused by polio to win three gold medals for the USA in track and field at the 1960 Olympics. A sports superstar and an icon worldwide, her legacy continues to inspire youth and African-American communities today.

Title: *Wrongway Applebaum*

Author: Marjorie Lewis

ISBN #: ISBN-0-698-20610-X

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: Stanley is in fifth grade when his awkwardness and inability to tell left from right conflict with his family's interest in baseball. (Gr. 3 and up)

JF (Juvenile Fiction) Grades 3-5

Title: *Zipper, The Kid with ADHD*

Author: Caroline Janover

ISBN #: ISBN-0-933149-95-6

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Zachary (nicknamed Zipper), a fifth-grader who has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), has trouble concentrating and controlling himself until a retired jazz musician recognizes his talent, believes in him, and gives him the motivation to start trying to do better. (Gr. 4 and up)

Tweens/Teens Grades 6-8

Title: *A Blind Guide to Normal*

Author: Beth Vrabel

ISBN #: 9781510702288 and 1510702288

Disability: Blind - prosthetic eye

Story Profile: Richie "Ryder" Raymond has a gift: he can find the punchline in any situation, even in his limited vision and prosthetic eye. During the past year at Addison School for the Blind, Ryder's quick wit earned the respect and friendship of his classmates. Heading to mainstream, or "normal," school for eighth grade is going to be awesome.

Title: *Anything but Typical*

Author: Nora Baskin

ISBN #: 9781416963783

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Christopher Reeve: Triumph Over Tragedy*

Author: Judy Alter

ISBN #: 0531116743

Disability: Paralysis/Wheelchair - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the actor famous for playing Superman that discusses his activities before and after the accident that paralyzed him, as well as his work as activist for environmental causes, artistic and human rights, and disability rights. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Colin Fischer*

Author: Ashley Edward Miller

ISBN #: 9781595145789

Disability: Autism/Asperger's

Story Profile: A boy with autism teams up with the high school bully to get to the bottom of a cafeteria crime. (Gr. 7 and up)

Title: *Eleven*

Author: Patricia Reilly Griff

ISBN #: 9780385730693

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past. With the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered. (Gr. 5 and up)

Tweens/Teens Grades 6-8

Title: *It was September When We Ran Away the First Time*

Author: D. James Smith

ISBN #: 9781416938095

Disability: Deafness/Hearing Impairment

Story Profile: In Orange Grove, California, in 1951, 12-year-old Paolo, his six-year-old brother Georgie, and their 10-year-old deaf cousin, Billy, become victims of prejudice after Billy befriends a Chinese-American girl. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Mockingbird*

Author: Kathryn Erskine

ISBN #: 9780399252648

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Out of my Mind*

Author: Sharon Draper

ISBN #: 9781416971702

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Fifth-grader Melody has Cerebral Palsy, a condition that affects her body but not her mind. Although she is unable to walk, talk, or feed or care for herself, she can read, think, and feel. A brilliant person is trapped inside her body, determined to make her mark in the world in spite of her physical limitations. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Percy Jackson, The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson series #1 of 5)

Author: Rick Riordan

ISBN #: 0786838655

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Reach for the Moon*

Author: Samantha Abeel

ISBN #: ISBN-1-57025-013-8

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: Samantha, a 13-year-old girl with a learning disability in understanding mathematical concepts, provides a collection of illustrated poems and stories. She writes about her difficulties in middle school, including coping with her disability, and the accompanying emotional challenges. The book also covers the encouragement she received from her English teacher to develop her writing talent. (Gr. 7 and up)

Tweens/Teens Grades 6-8

Title: *Rules*

Author: Cynthia Lord

ISBN #: 0439443822

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Twelve-year-old Catherine has conflicting feelings about her younger brother, David, who is autistic. While she loves him, she is also embarrassed by his behavior and feels neglected by their parents. (Gr. 8 and up)

Title: *Stevie Wonder*

Author: Tenley Williams

ISBN #: 0791059030

Disability: Deaf - Biography

Story Profile: A biography of the blind composer, pianist, and singer whose musical ability, apparent since childhood, has earned him many awards. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Tastes Like Music: 17 Quirks of the Brain and Body*

Author: Maria Birmingham

ISBN#: 9781771470100

Disability:

Story Profile: Humans may all look pretty much the same on the outside, but some people have unique conditions and amazing abilities! Whether it's having no fingerprints at all (adermatoglyphia), hearing music every time you taste chocolate (synesthesia), or being able to see one hundred million colors (tetrachromacy), some conditions bring our understanding of the human body to another level entirely. Each section presents an awe-inspiring snapshot of the biology behind one of 17 quirks, while short interviews with people affected by these conditions (including the author!) provide windows into real-life experiences. Readers will delight in the illustrations throughout and come away with a new appreciation for all the weird and wonderful things the human brain and body can do.

Title: *Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World*

Author: Sy Montgomery

ISBN #: 978-0547443157

Disability: Autism/Asperger's - Biography

Story Profile: An authorized portrait about Grandin's life with autism and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities describes how she overcame key disabilities through education and the support of her mother. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *The Case of the Prank that Stank*

Author: Laura Burns

ISBN #: 159514014X

Disability: Asperger's

Story Profile: Seventh-graders Agatha Wong and Orville Wright, who has Asperger's syndrome, try to prove that the prank they organized did not cause the fire that burned down their rival school's field house. (Gr. 4 and up)

Tweens/Teens Grades 6-8

Title: *The Last Monster*

Author: Ginger Garrett

ISBN #: 9780553535242

Disability: Cancer-Prosthetic

Story Profile: A story steeped in magical realism about love, fear, and the thrill of discovering who we were born to be, *The Last Monster* is a story about making peace with our insecurities and defending those who must hide what they really are.

Title: *The London Eye Mystery*

Author: Siobhan Dowd

ISBN #: 978-0385751841

Disability: Asperger's Syndrome

Story Profile: When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together – Ted, with his brain that is "wired differently," and impatient Kat -- to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim. (Gr. 7 and up)

Title: *The Silver Gate*

Author: Kristin Bailey

ISBN #: 978

Disability: Developmental Delays

Story Profile: In shepherd boy Elric's tiny village, people think children like his younger sister, Wynn, are changelings—left by fairies and doomed to curse all around them. As a baby, Wynn was born with developmental delays, and according to the rules, she was supposed to be abandoned in the woods. Instead Elric's mother saved his sister and hid her away for eleven years. They live in secret and fear of being discovered, yet their home is full of love, laughter, and singing. Wynn and Elric's favorite song is about the Silver Gate, a beautiful fairy realm where all children are welcome.

Title: *The thing about Georgie: A novel*

Author: Lisa Graff

ISBN #: 0060875895

Disability: Dwarfism

Story Profile: Fourth-grader Georgie, who is a dwarf, contends with concerns about becoming a big brother to someone who may outgrow him, losing his best friend Andy, the irony of portraying Abraham Lincoln in his class play, and working on a project with Jeanie the Meanie. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *The Very Ordered Existence of Merilee Marvelous*

Author: Suzanne Crowley

ISBN #: 9780061231971

Disability: Asperger's

Story Profile: Without mentioning Asperger's, Crowley gives readers a window into this puzzling syndrome. (Gr. 6 and up)

Tweens/Teens Grades 6-8

Title: *Trout and Me*

Author: Susan Shreve

ISBN #: ISBN-0-375-81219-9

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder/Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: Ben's troubles at school get progressively worse when he starts hanging around Trout, a new boy in his fifth grade class, who is labeled as learning disabled. (Gr. 5 and up)

Title: *Two-Minute Drill* (Comeback Kids)

Author: Mike Lupica

ISBN #: 0399247157

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school. (Gr. 6 and up)

Title: *Wonder*

Author: R. J. Palacio

ISBN #: 9780375869020

Disability: Craniofacial anomalies

Story Profile: Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. (Gr. 8 and up)

YA (Young Adult) Grades 9 –12

Title: *Accidents of Nature*

Author: Harriet McBryde Johnson

ISBN#: 0805076344

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Having always prided herself on blending in with "normal" people despite her Cerebral Palsy, seventeen-year-old Jean begins to question her role in the world while attending a summer camp for children with disabilities.

Title: *Are You Alone on Purpose?*

Author: Nancy Werlin

ISBN #: ISBN-0-395-67350-X

Disability: Autism, Physical Disabilities, Giftedness

Story Profile: This novel focuses on the lives of two Jewish families: one that includes an autistic boy and his academically gifted sister, the other with a bully who suffers a severe spinal injury in a diving accident and is paralyzed from the waist down.

Title: *Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence*

Author: Teresa Bolick, PH.D.

ISBN #: ISBN-1-931-41241-3

Disability: Asperger syndrome

Story Profile: Ten-to-eighteen year olds face many challenges and adolescents with AS can have special difficulty navigating through changes they encounter when they reach middle school. Teens are presented with complicated issues during the middle school years. Child psychologist and Asperger's specialist Teresa Bolick has solutions for overcoming the obstacles kids with Asperger's face. Packed with practical advice and inspiring stories.

Title: *Close to Famous*

Author: Joan Bauer

ISBN #: 9780670012824

Disability: Dyslexia

Story Profile: Plucky twelve-year-old Foster McFee is not going to let her inability to read keep her from reaching her goal of having her own television cooking show. In fact, her ambitions engage everyone around her, including an unlikely reading tutor who forces her to confront the vulnerability she is trying to keep hidden.

Title: *Everything Beautiful*

Author: Simmone Howell

ISBN #: 9781599900421

Disability: Wheelchair

Story Profile: Teen romance at summer camp with one character who is paraplegic from an accident.

YA (Young Adult) Grades 9 –12

Title: *Extraordinary People with Disabilities*

Author: Deborah Kent and Kathryn A. Quinlan

ISBN #: ISBN-0-516-26074-X

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: Nearly 50 men and women with mental or physical disabilities are profiled in this collection, including well-known figures such as Thomas Edison, Ludwig van Beethoven, Harriet Tubman, Tom Cruise, Chris Burke, and Robert Dole. Others mentioned include a champion wheelchair marathoner with Spina Bifida, a partially blind ballet dancer, a photographer with polio, a deaf author and book reviewer, an Indian chief with Muscular Dystrophy, and an activist and psychotherapist with Cerebral Palsy.

Title: *Helen Keller: A Rebellious Spirit*

Author: Laurie Lawlor

ISBN#: 0823415880

Disability: Deaf/Blind - Biography

Story Profile: Biography of Helen Keller.

Title: *I Am Potential: Eight Lessons on Living, Loving and Reaching Your Dreams*

Author: Patrick Henry Hughes

ISBN#: 9780738212982

Disability: Blind/Wheelchair - Biography

Story Profile: Patrick Henry Hughes was born with a rare genetic disorder that left him without eyes and physically disabled. But he was also blessed with exceptional musical talent. The inspirational "I Am Potential" recounts the critical lessons he has learned that are at the heart of his success.

Title: *Iron Horse: Lou Gehrig in His Time*

Author: Ray Robinson

ISBN #: ISBN-0-393-02857-7

Disability: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Story Profile: Lou Gehrig, nicknamed the Iron Horse for the number of consecutive games he played for the New York Yankees baseball team, died in 1941 after a two-year struggle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Title: *Jerk, California*

Author: Jonathan Friesen

ISBN #: 9780142412039

Disability: Tourette's

Story Profile: Affected by Tourette's syndrome and a stepfather who verbally abuses him, Sam meets an old man in his small Minnesota town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.

YA (Young Adult) Grades 9 –12

Title: *Kristy and the Secret of Susan*

Author: Ann M. Martin

ISBN #: ISBN-0-590-73189-0

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Kristy babysits a child with autism after school and is fascinated to learn about autism and other disabilities as she gets to know Susan and her family.

Title: *Left Out*

Author: Tom Green

ISBN #: 9780062293824

Disability: Deaf

Story Profile: *New York Times* bestselling author and former NFL player Tim Green tells a heartfelt and moving story about a deaf boy's journey to change how others see him—both on and off the football field.

Title: *Little Nothing*

Author: Marisa Silver

ISBN #: 9780399167928

Disability: Dwarfism

Story Profile: In an unnamed country at the beginning of the last century, a child called Pavla is born to peasant parents. Her arrival, fervently anticipated and conceived in part by gypsy tonics and archaic prescriptions, stuns her parents and brings outrage and scorn from her community. Pavla has been born a dwarf, beautiful in face, but as the years pass, she grows no farther than the edge of her crib. When her parents turn to the treatments of a local charlatan, his terrifying cure opens the floodgates of persecution for Pavla.

Title: *Look me in the Eyes*

Author: John Elder Robinson

ISBN #: 9780307395986

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: An autobiography of Mr. Robinson who has Asperger's.

Title: *Marcelo in the Real World*

Author: Francisco X. Stork

ISBN #: 9780545054744

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Marcelo Sandoval, a 17-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

Title: *Mozart & The Whale: A Love Story*

Author: Jerry Newport

ISBN #: 074327282X

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: A love story between two different minds.

YA (Young Adult) Grades 9 –12

Title: *Now Playing Stoner and Spaz*

Author: Richard Koertge

ISBN #: 9780763650810

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: High schooler Ben Bancroft, a budding filmmaker with Cerebral Palsy, struggles to understand his relationship with drug-addict Colleen while he explores a new friendship with A.J., who shares his obsession with movies and makes a good impression on Ben's grandmother.

Title: *Nowhere Near You*

Author: Leah Thomas

ISBN #: 9781408885376

Disability: Multiple

Story Profile: Ollie and Moritz might never meet, but their friendship knows no bounds. Their letters carry on as Ollie embarks on his first road trip away from the woods--no easy feat for a boy allergic to electricity--and Moritz decides which new school would best suit an eyeless boy who prefers to be alone. Suddenly the future feels wide open for two former hermits. But even as Ollie and Moritz dare to enjoy life, they can't escape their past, which threatens to destroy any progress they've made. Can these boys ever find their place in a world that might never understand them?

Title: *Petey*

Author: Ben Mikaelson

ISBN#: 0786823763

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: In 1922, Petey, who has Cerebral Palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and is institutionalized; 60 years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.

Title: *Pretending to be Normal: Living with Asperger's*

Author: Liane Holliday Willey

ISBN #: 1853027499

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: A biography of living with Asperger's.

Title: *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting To Get Back On the Board*

Author: Bethany Hamilton

ISBN #: 9781439165799

Disability: Amputee - Biography

Story Profile: The teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack in 2003 describes how she coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith, the changes in her life, and her return to the sport she loves.

YA (Young Adult) Grades 9 –12

Title: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

Author: Mark Haddon

ISBN #: 1400032717

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Title: *The ODDS of Loving Grover Cleveland*

Author: Revekah Crane

ISBN #: 9781503939820

Disability: Mental Health

Story Profile: According to sixteen-year-old Zander Osborne, *nowhere* is an actual place—and she's just fine there. But her parents insist that she get out of her head—and her home state—and attend Camp Padua, a summer camp for at-risk teens. Zander does not fit in—or so she thinks. She has only one word for her fellow campers: *crazy*. In fact, the whole camp population exists somewhere between disaster and diagnosis.

Title: *Ugly: A Beautiful True Story about One Very Ugly Kid-a memoir*

Author: Robert Hoge

ISBN #: 9780425387750

Disability: Facial Tumor

Story Profile: When Robert Hoge was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes. Amazingly, he survived—with a face that would never be the same.

A (Adult)

Title: *A Dog Called Hope: A Wounded Warrior and the Service Dog Who Saved Him*

Author: Jason Morgan and Damien Lewis

ISBN#: 9781476797007

Disability: Wheelchair – wounded warrior

Story Profile: When Special Forces soldier Jason Morgan was left crippled by a mission that went wrong, battling depression and wheelchair-bound, his wife left him, and overnight he became a paraplegic father with three young boys to raise. He had lost the two very things that defined him: his military service, plus his family and marriage. As the pain spiked to unbearable levels, he agreed to have surgery to block the pain. But the doctors' promises that he would keep his mobility proved misplaced. After the surgery the pain was less, yet he'd lost the ability to move his legs. It was then that Jason reached his lowest ebb. But it was then that he heard about a not-for-profit called Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), one that specializes in providing service dogs to wounded veterans. Jason was convinced that his disability was serious enough to qualify him for a service dog, and that CCI had just the animal for him. Yet when he flew to their Oceanside, California, facility to meet his dog, Jason had no idea how much his life was about to change. This is the story of how Napal enabled Jason to rebuild his life, reconnect with his family, and find true peace against all the odds.

Title: *Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected-A Memoir*

Author: Kelle Hampton

ISBN#: 9780062045034

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Bloom is an inspiring and heartfelt memoir that celebrates the beauty found in the unexpected, the strength of a mother's love, and, ultimately, the amazing power of perspective. Kelle Hampton interweaves lyrical prose and stunning four-color photography as she recounts the unforgettable story of the first year in the life of her daughter Nella, who has Down syndrome. Poignant, eye-opening, and heart-soaring, Hampton's Bloom is ultimately about embracing life and really living it.

Title: *Borderline: The Arcadia Project*

Author: Mishell Baker

ISBN#: 9781510705388

Disability: Double Amputee

Story Profile: A cynical, disabled film director with borderline personality disorder gets recruited to join a secret organization that oversees relations between Hollywood and Fairyland in this Nebula Award-nominated and Tiptree Award Honor Book that's the first novel in a new urban fantasy series from debut author Mishell Baker. A year ago, Millie lost her legs and her filmmaking career in a failed suicide attempt. Just when she's sure the credits have rolled on her life story, she gets a second chance with the Arcadia Project: a secret organization that polices the traffic to and from a parallel reality filled with creatures straight out of myth and fairy tales.

A (Adult)

Title: *Different – Not Less: Inspiring Stories of Achievement & Successful Employment for Adults with Autism, Asperger's and ADHD*

Author: Temple Grandin

ISBN#: 9781935274605

Disability: Asperger's syndrome/Autism/ADHD

Story Profile: Fourteen individuals with autism, Asperger's syndrome, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder share the challenges they experienced growing up, their lives, relationships, and eventual careers.

Title: *Father's Day: A Journey Into the Mind and Heart of My Extraordinary Son*

Author: H.G. Bissinger

ISBN#: 9780547816562

Disability: Savant

Story Profile: Buzz Bissinger's twins were born three minutes—and a world—apart. Gerry is a graduate student at Penn, preparing to become a teacher. His brother Zach has spent his life attending special schools. He'll never drive a car, kiss a girl, or live by himself. He is a savant, challenged by serious intellectual deficits but also blessed with rare talents: an astonishing memory, a dazzling knack for navigation, and a reflexive honesty that can make him both socially awkward and surprisingly wise. Buzz realized that while he had always been an attentive father, he didn't really understand what it was like to be Zach. So one summer night Buzz and Zach hit the road to revisit all the places they have lived together during Zach's twenty-four years. Zach revels in his memories, and Buzz hopes this journey into their shared past will bring them closer and reveal to him the mysterious workings of his son's mind and heart.

Title: *House Rules: A novel*

Author: Jodi Picoult

ISBN#: 9780743296434

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: A teenager with Asperger's syndrome—smart, quirky, with a passion for crime scene analysis—winds up on trial for murder.

Title: *It's Not Dark Yet: A memoir*

Author: Simon Fitzmaurice

ISBN#: 9781328916176

Disability: Motor Neurone Disease

Story Profile: In 2008, Simon Fitzmaurice was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (mnd) and given four years to live. In 2010, in a state of lung-function collapse, he knew with crystal clarity that now was not his time to die. Against all prevailing medical opinion, he chose to ventilate in order to stay alive. Here, the young filmmaker, a husband and father of five small children, draws us deeply into his inner world. Written using an eye-gaze computer, this is a journey into a life which, though brutally compromised, is lived more fully and in the moment than most, revealing at its core the power of love at its most potent.

A (Adult)

Title: *Just a Kiss*

Author: Denise Hunter

ISBN#: 9780718023751

Disability: Physical/Amputee

Story Profile: Watching the love of his life fall for his brother was enough to send Riley straight to boot camp. But over a year later, he's officially a Marine, and Beau and Paige are no longer an item. When Riley's tour in Afghanistan is up, he intends to confess his feelings to Paige and win his best friend's heart once and for all. But all that changes when an IED takes the life of a comrade and leaves Riley an amputee. Now he's heading home, injured and troubled.

Title: *Laughing at My Nightmare*

Author: Shane Burcaw

ISBN-10: 162672007X; **ISBN-13:** 978-1626720077

Disability: Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Story Profile: Burcaw is like any other 21-year-old guy: He loves sports, video games, and bathroom humor; enjoys hanging out with his friends; and has had several girlfriends. The only thing that makes him different is that he has done all of this while in a wheelchair. Burcaw was born with a rare neuromuscular disease known as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), which hinders his muscles' ability to grow and repair themselves. Instead of growing bigger and stronger with age, he becomes weaker and smaller. As a result of the disease, Burcaw depends on his friends and family when it comes to completing everyday tasks. He shares many humorous and touching stories about growing up and living with his disease, and his tales leave nothing to the imagination, including descriptions of how he uses the bathroom or has sexual interactions, and the author occasionally employs some graphic language. Burcaw's narrative will resonate with readers, who will laugh at the funny stories, cringe at the awkward moments, and tear up at the emotionally-charged parts. (School Library Journal review, by Annalise Ammer)

Title: *Living Well on the Spectrum: How to use your strengths to meet the challenges of Asperger Syndrome/high-functioning autism*

Author: Valerie Gaus

ISBN#: 9781606236345

Disability: Asperger's Syndrome/Autism

Story Profile: Being "different" is old news for adults with Asperger syndrome and high-functioning autism (AS/HFA), whether they were diagnosed as children or only recently. Meeting a huge demand and providing indispensable practical guidance, prominent therapist Valerie Gaus shows how difference can be a strength. By mastering specific coping and problem-solving skills that "neurotypical" folks take for granted, people with AS/HFA can achieve greater success in everything from dealing with daily routines and social interactions to building a career and negotiating intimate relationships. The book is packed with questionnaires and worksheets that help readers pinpoint their areas of greatest concern and develop personalized action plans.

A (Adult)

Title: *Multiple Sclerosis: Tips and Strategies for Making Life Easier*

Author: Shelley Peterman Schwarz

ISBN#: 9780826156341

Disability: Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Story Profile: An MS diagnosis presents many unanswered questions: How is this diagnosis going to change my life? Where do I begin? How will I manage to take care of my family, work, and travel? No one knows the answers to these questions better than Shelley Peterman Schwarz, who has lived nearly forty years with multiple sclerosis. Schwarz imbues her updated collection of practical tips and short cuts with personal stories that highlight her trials and triumphs. Shelley shares her real-life experiences as a wife, mother, friend, and employee/employer, coping, managing and growing with MS with a humorous warmth and unflinching honesty.

Title: *Navigating Life with Epilepsy*

Author: David C. Spencer

ISBN#: 97801993589053

Disability: Epilepsy

Story Profile: *Navigating Life with Epilepsy* aims to provide clear and reliable information about epilepsy, including "what" (definition), "how" (pathophysiology), "who" (epidemiology), and "why" (etiology). The volume guides the reader through current approaches to diagnosis (including a review of diagnostic tests) and treatment, and shares patient experiences and advice on navigating the myriad psychosocial challenges associated with epilepsy.

Title: *Raising Cubby: A Father and Son's Adventures with Asperger's, Trains, Tractors and High Explosives*

Author: John Elder Robinson

ISBN#: 9780307884848

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: John Robison was never a model child, and he wasn't a model dad either. Diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome at the age of forty, he approached fatherhood as a series of logic puzzles and practical jokes. He read electrical engineering manuals to Cubby at bedtime. Still, John got the basics right. He gave Cubby a life of adventure. The one thing John couldn't figure out was what to do when school authorities decided that Cubby was dumb and stubborn -- the very same thing he had been told as a child. Did Cubby have Asperger's too?

Title: *Revolutionary Grandparents: Generations healing Autism with Love and Hope*

Author: Helen Conroy and Lisa Joyce Goes

ISBN#: 9781510705388

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: What is it like to be part of a very special family, one that revolves around a child's struggle with autism or a related developmental disorder? In *Revolutionary Grandparents*, twenty-two grandmothers and grandfathers from the Thinking Moms' Revolution community share their experience and offer advice to others facing this monumental struggle.

A (Adult)

Title: *Send in the Idiots*

Author: Kamran Nazeer

ISBN#: 1582346194

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: In 1982, at age four, Kamran Nazeer was enrolled in a small school in New York City alongside a dozen other children diagnosed with autism. Calling themselves “the Idiots,” these kids received care that was at the cutting edge of developmental psychology. Kamran visits four of his old classmates to find out the kind of lives that they are living now, how much they've been able to overcome, and what remains missing. They reveal a thought-provoking spectrum of behavior: a speechwriter unable to make eye contact; a messenger who gets upset if anyone touches his bicycle; a depressive suicide victim; and a computer engineer who communicates emotions through hand puppets. Using his own experiences to examine such topics as the difficulties of language, conversation as performance, and the politics of civility, this is also a rare and provocative exploration of the way that people learn to think and feel.

Title: *Tastes Like Music: 17 Quirks of the Brain and Body*

Author: Maria Birmingham

ISBN#: 9781771470100

Disability:

Story Profile: Humans may all look pretty much the same on the outside, but some people have unique conditions and amazing abilities! Whether it's having no fingerprints at all (adermatoglyphia), hearing music every time you taste chocolate (synesthesia), or being able to see one hundred million colors (tetrachromacy), some conditions bring our understanding of the human body to another level entirely. An unparalleled tour of the hows and whys of these extraordinary human conditions, *Tastes Like Music* is accessible and playful. Each section presents an awe-inspiring snapshot of the biology behind one of 17 quirks, while short interviews with people affected by these conditions (including the author!) provide windows into real-life experiences. The book takes a balanced approach, highlighting the pros and cons of each condition and providing plenty of general facts about the human body. Readers will delight in the illustrations throughout and come away with a new appreciation for all the weird and wonderful things the human brain and body can do.

Title: *Tell Me Everything You Don't Remember: The Stroke That Changed My Life*

Author: Christine Hyung-Oak Lee

ISBN#: 9780062422156

Disability: Stroke

Story Profile: A memoir of reinvention after a stroke at age thirty-three. Christine Hyung-Oak Lee woke up with a headache on the morning of December 31, 2006. By that afternoon, she saw the world—quite literally—upside down. By New Year's Day, she was unable to form a coherent sentence. And after hours in the ER, days in the hospital, and multiple questions and tests, her doctors informed her that she had had a stroke.

A (Adult)

Title: *The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum*

Author: Temple Grandin and Richard Panek

ISBN#: 9780547636450

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: When Temple Grandin was born in 1947; autism had only just been named. Today it is more prevalent than ever, with one in 88 children diagnosed on the spectrum. And our thinking about it has undergone a transformation in Grandin's lifetime. Autism studies have moved from the realm of psychology to neurology and genetics, and there is far more hope today than ever before thanks to groundbreaking new research into causes and treatments. Now Temple Grandin reports from the forefront of autism science, bringing her singular perspective to a thrilling journey into the heart of the autism revolution.

Title: *The Best Kind of Different: Our Family's Journey with Asperger's Syndrome*

Author: Shonda Schilling, Curt Schilling

ISBN#: 9780553535242

Disability: Asperger's Syndrome

Story Profile: In *The Best Kind of Different*, Shonda Schilling, the wife of Major League Baseball All Star, former Boston Red Sox, and World Series championship pitcher Curt Schilling, shares the story of their son's Asperger's Syndrome, how it changed their lives, and what other parents can learn about this increasingly common diagnosis. Candid and compelling, *The Best Kind of Different* traces their family's struggle with Asperger's, following Curt and Shonda as they come to understand their son's differences and in the process relearn everything they thought they knew about parenting.

Title: *The Gray House*

Author: Mariam Petrosyan

ISBN#: 9781503942813

Disability: Physical

Story Profile: The physically disabled students living in the House are overlooked by the Outsides. Not that it matters to anyone living in the House—a hulking old structure that its residents know is alive. From the corridors and crawl spaces to the classrooms and dorms, the House is full of tribes, tinctures, scared teachers, and laws—all seen and understood through a prismatic array of teenagers' eyes. But student deaths and mounting pressure from the Outsides put the time-defying order of the House in danger. As the tribe leaders struggle to maintain power, they defer to the awesome power of the House, attempting to make it through days and nights that pass in ways that clocks and watches cannot record.

A (Adult)

Title: *The Light Keeper's Daughter*

Author: Jean E. Pendziwol

ISBN#: 9781474605021

Disability: Blind

Story Profile: Elizabeth's eyes have failed. She can no longer read the books she loves or see the paintings that move her, but her mind remains sharp and music fills the vacancy left by her blindness. When her father's journals are discovered on a shipwrecked boat, she enlists the help of a delinquent teen, Morgan, to read to her. As an unlikely friendship grows between them, Elizabeth is carried back to her childhood home—the lighthouse on Porphyry Island, Lake Superior—and to the memory of her enigmatic twin sister, Emily. But for Elizabeth, the faded pages of her father's journals reveal more secrets than she anticipates.

Title: *The Underdogs: Children, Dogs, and the Power of Unconditional Love*

Author: Melissa Fay Greene

ISBN#: 9780062218513

Disability:

Story Profile: *The Underdogs* tells the story of Karen Shirk, felled at age 24 by a neuromuscular disease and facing life as a ventilator-dependent, immobile patient who was turned down by every service dog agency in the country because she was “too disabled.” Her nurse encouraged her to tone down the suicidal thoughts, find a puppy, and raise her own service dog. Karen did this, and Ben, a German shepherd, dragged her back into life. A thousand state-of-the-art dogs later, Karen Shirk's service dog academy, 4 Paws for Ability, is restoring broken children and their families to life. Long shunned by scientists as a manmade, synthetic species, and oft-referred to as “Man's Best Friend” almost patronizingly, dogs are finally paid respectful attention by a new generation of neuroscientists and animal behaviorists. Melissa Fay Greene weaves the latest scientific discoveries about our co-evolution with dogs with Karen's story and a few exquisitely rendered stories of suffering children and their heartbroken families.

Title: *To Be Gifted and Learning Disabled: Strength-Based Strategies for Helping Twice-Exceptional Students with LD, ADHD, ASD and more*

Author: Susan M. Baum, Ph.D., Robin M Schafer, Ph.D., Steven V Owens, Ph.D.

ISBN#: 9781618216441

Disability:

Story Profile: *To Be Gifted and Learning Disabled* is one of the most popular resources available on identifying and meeting the needs of gifted and learning disabled (GTLD) youngsters. Part I discusses the patterns of accomplishments and failures that many GTLD students present and provides important information about the development of two traditionally separate fields--giftedness and learning disabilities--as well as identification and diagnosis issues. Part II explores the contemporary psychological theory and research that guides educational applications for GTLD students. Part III offers practical strategies for teaching GTLD students and helping them plan and explore options for their future. This revised and expanded edition includes three new chapters on self-regulation, developing comprehensive IEPs for GTLD students, and the roles parents and counselors can play in meeting the social and emotional needs of GTLD students.

A (Adult)

Title: *Under the Eye of the Clock: The Life Story of Christopher Nolan*

Author: Christopher Nolan

ISBN #: ISBN-0-312-01266-7

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: The author, a 21-year-old Irishman severely disabled by Cerebral Palsy, tells the story of his childhood and how he must cope with his disability, revealing the thoughts and realities of his world.

Title: *Unscripted: The Unpredictable Moments that make Life Extraordinary*

Author: Ernie Johnson, Jr.

ISBN#: 9780801074103

Disability: Special Needs

Story Profile: With one of the most recognized voices in sports broadcasting, Ernie Johnson, Jr. is a tireless perfectionist when it comes to preparing and delivering his commentary. Yet he knows that some of sports' greatest triumphs--and life's greatest rewards--come from unscripted moments you never anticipated. In this heartfelt, gripping autobiography, the three-time Sports Emmy Award-winner and popular host of TNT's *Inside the NBA* provides a remarkably candid look at his life both on and off the screen. From his relationship with his sportscaster father to his own rise to the top of sports broadcasting, from battling cancer to raising six children with his wife, Cheryl, including a special needs child adopted from Romania, Ernie has taken the important lessons he learned from his father and passed them on to his own children. This is the untold story, the one Ernie has lived after the lights are turned off and the cameras stop rolling. Sports fans, cancer survivors, fathers and sons, adoptive parents, those whose lives have been touched by a person with special needs, anyone who loves stories about handling life's surprises with grace--*Unscripted* is for all of these.

Title: *Unstrange Minds*

Author: Roy Richard Grinker

ISBN#: 0465027636

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Introduction: bringing autism into focus.

Visual Media

Title: *"A Beautiful Mind"*

ISBN#: 0783271751

Disability: Schizophrenia

Story Profile: Dramatic biography of John Nash, a mathematical genius, who made an astonishing discovery early in his career and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But the handsome and arrogant Nash soon found himself on a painful and harrowing journey of self-discovery. After many years of struggle, he eventually triumphed over his schizophrenia, and finally, late in life, received the Nobel Prize.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"A Mile in His Shoes"*

ISBN#: B005SQRYEG

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: An autistic pitcher joins a minor-league baseball team and has a profound effect on the team and manager over the course of a season.

Rating: PG

Title: *"A Mother's Courage: Talking Back to Autism"*

ISBN#: B003WOW5N6

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Follow one woman's journey as she tries to help her severely autistic son break out of his own mind. Traveling to the United States from her home in Iceland to try to learn more about this complex condition, she meets along the way other families who have similar situations and all are looking for some answers.

Rating: NR

Title: *"Adam"*

ISBN#: B0030Y12FU

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: Adam is a handsome but intriguing young man who has Asperger's syndrome and has led a sheltered existence. Then he meets his new neighbor, Beth. She is a beautiful, cosmopolitan young woman who pulls him into the outside world, with funny, touching and entirely unexpected results. Their implausible and enigmatic relationship reveals just how far two people from different realities can stretch in search of an extraordinary connection.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"As Good As It Gets"*

ISBN#: 0767811100

Disability: OCD

Story Profile: Melvin Udall is an obsessive-compulsive novelist with Manhattan's meanest mouth. But when his gay neighbor Simon is hospitalized, Melvin is forced to babysit Simon's dog. And that unexpected act of kindness -- along with waitress Carol Connelly -- helps put Melvin back in the human race.

Rating: PG-13

Visual Media

Title: *"Autism: The Musical"*

ISBN#: B0012XIGZ0

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Directed for HBO by Tricia Regan, but truly the brainchild of the vision--and sheer will--of Elaine Hall, the film is both unflinching in its portrayal of autism, and triumphant in the ways it shows connections among the film's subjects. The film chronicles the first theater arts endeavor of the L.A.-based Miracle Project, the creation of Hall, a playwright and the single mother of Neal, a nearly speechless autistic boy. Through networking, Hall has met a group of parents of children with an enormous range of autistic symptoms and decides to try a workshop in which the children will, in a matter of months, be cohesive enough to perform in a stage production.

Rating: NR

Title: *"Benny & Joon"*

ISBN#: 0792848179

Disability: Developmental disability/personality disorder

Story Profile: Benny cares for his sister, Joon, who has a mental illness. He also inherits the care of Sam, who has a personality disorder. Sam and Joon fall in love while Benny struggles to decide if he should send Joon to a group home.

Rating: PG

Title: *"Charly"*

ISBN#: 0792862104

Disability: Developmental disability

Story Profile: A mentally retarded man becomes intelligent after brain surgery, and romances a caseworker before slipping back into retardation. Based on Daniel Keyes' novel *Flowers for Algernon*.

Rating: PG

Title: *"Forrest Gump"*

ISBN#: 0792134001

Disability: Developmental disability

Story Profile: Through three turbulent decades, Forrest rides a tide of events that whisks him from physical disability to football stardom, from Vietnam hero to shrimp tycoon, from White House honors to the arms of his one true love.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"Frida"*

ISBN#: 0792862104

Disability: Polio, mobility

Story Profile: The life of artist Frida Kahlo, from her humble upbringing to her worldwide fame and controversy that surrounded both her and her husband, Diego Rivera.

Rating: R

Visual Media

Title: *"I Am Sam"*

ISBN#: 0780638158

Disability: Developmental Disability

Story Profile: Sam, who has a cognitive disability, must fight for the right to maintain custody of his seven-year-old daughter.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"Kids with Down Syndrome: Staying Healthy and Making Friends"*

ISBN#: 9780974807133

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: "Kids with Down syndrome" brings together parents and professionals from the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand to give an up-to-date and comprehensive guide to the health and social challenges in the years from walking to adolescence.

Rating: NR

Title: *"Mary & Max"*

ISBN#: B00366E1E6

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: Mary is a lonely eight-year-old in the suburbs of Melbourne. Struggling with questions that no one can answer, she writes to Max, an obese 44-year-old Jewish man with Asperger's syndrome living in New York City, which starts a friendship that spans 20 years and two continents.

Rating: NR (Comedy)

Title: *"Men of Honor"*

ISBN#: B000K0YLMS

Disability: Amputation

Story Profile: The courageous story of an African-American sailor who dared to dream of becoming a U.S. Navy Master Diver. Despite a ruthless training officer and a tragic shipboard accident, Carl's iron will is never broken. Against all odds, he pushes on to achieve the impossible.

Rating: R

Title: *"Mozart and the Whale"*

ISBN#: B000J10KO6

Disability: Asperger's syndrome

Story Profile: Donald and Isabelle have a form of autism called Asperger's syndrome. Donald, a good-natured but hapless cab driver, has a knack for numbers. He falls head over heels in love with the beautiful but complex Isabelle when she joins the autism support group he leads.

Rating: PG-13

Visual Media

Title: *"Shorty"*

Disability: Down syndrome

Story Profile: Documentary film about Walter "Shorty" Simms, a 55-year-old man with Down syndrome, and the #1 fan of the Hampden-Sydney College Tiger football team. The film follows shorty through the Tigers' 2002 football season culminating in his induction into the Hampden-Sydney College Athletic Hall of Fame and his 56th birthday, which falls on the day of the Tigers' final game of the season against its 108 year rival, the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets. Shorty's birthday wish is to Beat Randolph-Macon.

Rating: NR

Title: *"Temple Grandin"*

ISBN#: B0038M2AZA

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: It doesn't take long to see that Temple Grandin, the main character, is different. But "different" is not "less." Indeed, Grandin, who is now in her 60s, has accomplished a good deal more than a great many "normal" folks, let alone others afflicted with the Autism that she overcame on her way to earning a doctorate and becoming a bestselling author and a pioneer in the humane treatment of livestock. The doctor who diagnosed her at age 4 said she'd never talk and would have to be institutionalized. Only through the dogged efforts of her mother, who was told that "lack of bonding" with her child might have caused the Autism, did Grandin learn to speak; go to high school, college, and grad school; and to become a highly productive scientist, enduring the cruel taunts of her classmates and the resistance of many of the adults in her life.

Rating: PG

Title: *"The Horse Whisperer"*

ISBN#: 1558905227

Disability: Amputation

Story Profile: Fourteen-year-old Grace MacLean and her friend Judith go horseback riding in upstate New York on a winter morning, but their horses lose their footing on ice and slide onto a road. Grace has her right leg amputated, and the frightening incident leaves a lasting trauma not only on Grace but also on her horse, Pilgrim. Grace's mother feels there's a link between her crippled, embittered daughter and Pilgrim's behavior. Learning about a horse trainer with a special gift, she takes Grace and Pilgrim to Montana where horse whisperer Tom Booker lives on a ranch with his family.

Rating: PG

Title: *"The Miracle Worker"*

ISBN#: 0788828886

Disability: Deaf/Blind

Story Profile: The contemporary version of the classic true story of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan.

Rating: TVPG

Visual Media

Title: *"The Other Sister"*

ISBN#: 0788816160

Disability: Developmental Disability

Story Profile: When Carla Tate (Juliette Lewis) finishes her training school, she seeks independence. Her wealthy family overlooks her abilities and underestimates her relationship with Danny (Giovanni Ribisi), who also has a developmental disability.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"The Pride of the Yankees"*

ISBN#: 0792853385

Disability: ALS

Story Profile: Lou Gehrig, the Yankees' great first baseman and the son of poor immigrants, rose to heights of baseball fame, only to be cut down at the peak of his career by an incurable illness known as ALS. **Rating:** NR

Title: *"What's Eating Gilbert Grape?"*

ISBN#: 0792177940

Disability: Developmental Disability

Story Profile: Gilbert Grape is devoted to taking care of his family, which includes an obese mother and a mentally impaired brother. He feels the hopelessness of his life in a rural community when a young woman breezes into town and changes everything.

Rating: PG-13

Title: *"Wonder"*

ISBN#:

Disability: Treacher Collins syndrome and cleft palate.

Story Profile: Based on the *New York Times* bestseller, "Wonder" tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

Rating: PG