

Disability Awareness for Children Pre-K through Sixth Grade

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Introduction

Disability Awareness for Children Pre-K through Sixth Grade is a descriptive listing of books, games, and activities that educate children with and without disabilities on disability awareness, people first language, sign language, and braille. The juvenile fiction and nonfiction chosen for this guide provides positive representations of adults and children with disabilities. Characters with disabilities are portrayed as part of a diverse group of disabled and non-disabled peers who participate in daily activities and overcome barriers. Nonfiction texts focus on an array of disabilities including learning impairment, autism and Asperger syndrome, cerebral palsy and motor impairment, and sight and hearing impairment.

The first section highlights pre-K through sixth grade literature available in braille, digital audio, and print/braille formats from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The second section targets juvenile literature in audio, braille, print, and electronic formats available through commercial publishers. The third section includes mobile apps created for children with disabilities and activities and games for groups of children. Finally, the fourth section is a bibliography of studies on the effect of disability awareness activities on children from pre-K through sixth grade.

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Part 1: Literature Available through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

This section focuses on braille, digital audio, electronic braille, and print/braille books for children pre-K through sixth grade available to patrons of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Many of the books on this list won the

Schneider Family Book Award, given by the American Library Association's Media Youth Awards, which honors authors and illustrators of children's books that embody "an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences."

Able to Play: Overcoming Physical Challenges

by Glenn Stout

DB74747 2 hours, 7 minutes, read by Bruce Huntley

Profiles four professional baseball players: pitcher Mordecai Brown, who lost a finger in a farming accident; third baseman Ron Santo, who dealt with diabetes throughout his career; pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without his right hand; and outfielder Curtis Pride, who was born deaf. Grades 3-6. 2012.

Adam Zigzag

by Barbara Barrie

DB48215 3 hours, 20 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

A little boy calls himself "Adam Zigzag" because of the way words on paper look to him. Adam has dyslexia and learning disorders that lead to emotional problems. After years of ineffectual schools and tutors, Adam agrees to try a boarding school, where he finally finds the help he needs. Grades 5-8. 2015.

After Hamelin

by Bill Richardson

BR17908 2 volumes

DB67326 6 hours, 42 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Now aged 101, Penelope recalls her eleventh birthday, when she awoke and could no longer hear. That saved her from following the Pied Piper's music with the other children of Hamelin. Thus it befell her to set out to rescue the lost boys and girls. Grades 4-7. 2000.

- Volume 1 After Hamelin
- Volume 2 After Hamelin

Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Gennifer Choldenko

BR1582 2 volumes

DB58456 6 hours, 19 minutes, read by Erik Sandvold

1935. Twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan moves to Alcatraz Island when his father takes a job at the maximum-security prison there. Moose struggles to make friends and cares for his older autistic sister while their mother applies for the girl's acceptance to a special school. Newbery Honor winner. Grades 5-7. 2004.

- Volume 1 Al Capone Does My Shirts
- Volume 2 Al Capone Does My Shirts

Alchemy and Meggy Swann

by Karen Cushman

DB71843 5 hours, 11 minutes, read by Kimberly Schraf

London, 1573. Summoned by her previously unknown father, thirteen-year-old Meggy arrives at his house only to be scorned for being a girl—and a weak-legged one at that. As Meggy tries to prevent a crime involving her alchemist father, she finds new talents, friends, and an apprenticeship. Grades 5-8. 2010.

Alexander Graham Bell

by Andrew Dunn

BR09595 1 volume

DB39192 59 minutes, read by Patricia McDermott

Alexander Graham Bell is best known for his invention of the telephone. Bell, whose speech-scientist father produced an alphabet he called “visible speech,” taught deaf children to talk using his father’s system. The author traces Bell’s life from his birth in Scotland in 1847 through his work with sound and the human voice that led to his development of the telephone. Grades 4-7. 1990.

- Volume 1 Alexander Graham Bell

The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia

by Diane Burton Robb

DB58858 16 minutes, read by Erik Synnestvedt

Adam likes school but cannot learn to read. In third grade he is diagnosed with dyslexia. With hard work and his teacher’s expert help, Adam gains self-confidence and masters the task of deciphering words. Grades 2-4. 2004.

American Sign Language

by Deborah Kent

DB60798 1 hour, 2 minutes, read by Carol Dines

Explores the history of American Sign Language and deaf culture. Discusses ongoing controversies within the modern deaf community, such as the manual communication versus speech debate. Grades 3-6. 2003.

Anything but Typical

by Nora Raleigh Baskin

BR18768 1 volume

DB68936 4 hours, 14 minutes, read by Andy Pyle

Sixth-grader Jason Blake is autistic—a silent boy who has trouble fitting in with neurotypicals. He prefers to communicate on the Storyboard website, where he meets PhoenixBird, a girl who likes his writings. What will happen when they attend the Storyboard convention and meet in person? Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2009.

- Volume 1 Anything but Typical

Back to Front and Upside Down!

by Claire Alexander

BR20026 1 volume

Stan is excited about making a birthday card for his school principal—until he tries to write a message. For Stan, letters come out back to front and upside down. But a friend convinces him to be brave and ask for help. PRINT/BRILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades Pre-K-2. 2012.

Becoming Naomi León

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

BR16277 2 volumes

DB60266 4 hours, 26 minutes, read by MaryBeth Wise

For seven years Naomi and brother Owen lived happily with Gram in her trailer. Gram arranged Owen's surgeries for his physical disabilities and helped Naomi begin to speak again. When their mother reappears, Gram takes the children to Mexico to find their father and their heritage. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2004.

Beethoven Lives Upstairs

by Barbara Nichol

DB39533 29 minutes, read by Robert Blumenfeld

In 1822 ten-year-old Christoph writes his uncle an alarming letter that a madman named Ludwig van Beethoven has become a boarder in his house. His widowed mother has rented the upstairs office that was his father's to the eccentric, deaf composer. Over the next several years the letters between Christoph and his uncle show how the boy's feelings change from anger and embarrassment to compassion and admiration. Grades K-3. 1994.

Ben, King of the River

by David Gifaldi

DB53630 16 minutes, read by Larry Shapiro

Chad describes his family's first camping trip with his five-year-old brother Ben, who has a developmental disability and many allergies. Chad tells about the hard time he has dealing with Ben's needs and how much he cares about his sibling. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2001.

The Berenstain Bears and the Wheelchair Commando

by Stan and Jan Berenstain

DB47125 1 hour, 6 minutes, read by Bruce Huntley

Harry McGill has started spending all of his time on the computer instead of playing wheelchair basketball with his friends. His parents hope that when they move to the country, Harry will make some new nondisabled pals. Brother and Sister try to become

Harry's friends, but it isn't easy. Yet they are in for quite a surprise when Too-Tall starts bullying Harry. Grades 2-4. 2010.

Blindsided

by Priscilla Cummings

BR18999 2 volumes

DB71417 6 hours 2 minutes, read by Annie Wauters

Fourteen-year-old Natalie attends a boarding school for the blind to learn braille, cane use, and self-protection skills. After she and her roommate are attacked by drunks, Natalie must decide whether to retreat to her parents' home or actively claim an independent life. Some violence. Grades 5-6. 2010.

- Volume 1 Blindsided
- Volume 2 Blindsided

A Boy and a Jaguar

by Alan Rabinowitz

BR21015 1 volume

DB82083 12 minutes, read by Nick DePinto

Autobiography of a wildcat conservationist. Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him learn to communicate better, propelling him into a career in wildlife advocacy. Schneider Family Book Award. PRINT/BRILLE. Grades 2-4. 2014.

The Boys of San Joaquin

by D. James Smith

DB63488 5 hours, 2 minutes, read by Geoffrey Centlivre

California, 1951. Twelve-year-old Paolo, his little brother Georgie, and their deaf cousin Billy join the search for money missing from the church collection. The boys are surprised by what they learn about their small town before they finally discover the culprit. Edgar Award. Grades 5-8. 2005.

Brian's Bird

by Patricia Anne Davis

DB53740 12 minutes, read by Saidah Arrika Ekulona

Brian, who is blind, enjoys learning to care for the parakeet he receives on his eighth birthday. He comes to realize that his older brother, Kevin, while sometimes careless, is not so bad after all. For grades K-3. 2000.

The Bus People

by Rachel Anderson

BR10318 1 volume

DB43529 3 hours, 32 minutes, read by M.E. DePalma

Bertram wouldn't swap places with any of the other school bus drivers even though they

call his route the “fruitcake run.” First we meet a girl who has Down syndrome as she learns a heartbreaking lesson at her sister’s wedding. Then there are more portraits of Bertram’s special passengers: a child who uses a wheelchair, another who doesn’t speak, and a boy who falls off his big sister’s bike and injures his brain. Grades 5-8. 1989.

- Volume 1 The Bus People

The Cannibals

by Iain Lawrence

DB66950 7 hours, 9 minutes, read by Erik Sandvold

Continuing the tale begun in *The Convicts (DB66724)*, Tom Tin; his friend Midgely, who is blind; and other juvenile convicts escape the ship that is carrying them to Australia.

Ignoring Tom’s father’s warnings about headhunters and cannibals, they head for a small Pacific island. Grades 5-8. 2005.

Can You Feel the Thunder?

by Lynn E. McElfresh

BR 12527 1 volume

DB49128 3 hours, 29 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

Seventh-grader Mic Parsons has mixed feelings about his fifteen-year-old, deaf-blind sister Stephanie. And if he doesn’t pass mathematics, his parents won’t let him try out for baseball. After Stephanie helps Mic learn fractions, he comes to appreciate her in a new way. Grades 5-6. 1999.

- Volume 1 Can You Feel the Thunder?

Changes for Julie: An American Girl, 1974; Book 6

by Megan McDonald

BR17631 1 volume

DB66614 1 hour, 43 minutes, read by Kerry Dukin

1976. Fifth-grader Julie lands in detention for writing a note to help her friend Joy, who is deaf. Vowing to change the detention system, Julie runs for student-body president.

With Joy as her running mate, Julie faces unexpected opposition. Grades 3-6. 2007.

- Volume 1 Changes for Julie: An American Girl, 1974; Book 6

Child of the Silent Night

by Edith F. Hunter

BR13357 1 volume

DB25699 1 hour, 40 minutes, read by Suzanne Toren

This moving story, set at the Perkins Institute during the nineteenth century, describes Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe’s success in teaching Laura Bridgman, a deaf-blind child.

Grades 4-7. 1963.

- Volume 1 Child of the Silent Night

Chuck Close, Up Close

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

DB46414 48 minutes, read by Rick Rohan

This biography of the portrait artist tells about his undiagnosed childhood problems with dyslexia and learning disabilities, when art was the only subject he enjoyed. He was a famous painter in the 1960s, but was paralyzed from the neck down in 1988. The doctors said his career was over, but Close is painting again. Grades 4-7. 1998.

Close to Famous

by Joan Bauer

BR19473 2 volumes

DB73023 4 hours, 16 minutes, read by Mare Trevathan

After escaping her mother's abusive boyfriend, twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother make a new start in Culpepper, West Virginia. Her mom wants to be a lead singer, while Foster dreams of becoming a famous TV chef—and of mastering reading, despite her learning disability. Grades 5-6. 2011.

- Volume 1 Close to Famous
- Volume 2 Close to Famous

A Corner of the Universe

by Ann M. Martin

BR16894 1 volume

DB55807 4 hours, 15 minutes read by Simone Siekaly

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town. Hattie learns that living life fully means facing both the good times and the bad upon the closing of her Uncle Adam's "school"—an institution for people who are mentally disabled. Newbery Honor. Grades 3-6. 2002.

- Volume 1 A Corner of the Universe

Dad, Jackie, and Me

by Myron Uhlberg

BR16354 1 volume

Brooklyn, New York; 1947. A boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers' first African American player, Jackie Robinson. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 2-4. 2005.

Dead End Bluff

by Elizabeth Witheridge

DB73569 3 hours, 46 minutes, read by Gregory Gorton

For eighth-grader Quig, who is blind, the steep bluff at Dead End that he is forbidden to

climb symbolizes all the dead ends in his life. Then one night Quig hears his seven-year-old brother Tommy fall into the river at the bottom of the cliff. Grades 4-6. 1966.

The Deaf Musicians

by Pete Seeger and Paul DuBois Jacobs

BR17245, 1 volume

DB64140 10 minutes, read by Michael Russotto

Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades K-3. 2006.

Dear Santa, Please Come to the 19th Floor

by Chris Soentpiet Yin

BR15015 1 volume

Willy wants to make this Christmas special for his best friend now that Carlos is in a wheelchair. So he emails Santa asking him to bring a gift to Carlos in his apartment on the nineteenth floor. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2002.

The Disability Rights Movement

by Deborah Kent

BR12750 1 volume

DB49998 32 minutes, read by Rick Foucheux

A chronicle of milestones in the ongoing fight for disability rights in the United States. Includes the 1940 establishment of the National Federation of the Blind, the passing of both the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Grades 4-7. 1996.

- Volume 1 The Disability Rights Movement

Django

by Bonnie Christensen

BR19012 1 volume

Free-verse portrait of world-acclaimed jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt (1910–1953), from his birth in a poor gypsy camp to his stardom on the stages of Paris. Describes Django learning to play the guitar again after badly burning his left hand. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 2-4. 2009.

Do Bananas Chew Gum?

by Jamie Gilson

BR 09698 1 volume

DB18923 3 hours, 21 minutes, read by Russ Weinstein

As a new kid in a new town, sixth-grader Sam hopes to hide the fact that he can't read. In

no time at all, though, both a new girl in his class and a perceptive teacher realize that this smart aleck is no dummy. Grades 5-8. 2006

- Volume 1 Do Bannanas Chew Gum?

A Dog Called Homeless

by Sarah Lean

BR19594 2 volumes

DB75450 3 hours, 15 minutes, read by Erin Jones

Fifth-grader Cally, who stopped talking for a day as part of a contest at school, continues her silence. But visions of her deceased mother; a new friendship with Sam, a deaf-blind boy; and the appearance of a huge dog keep her communicating. Grades 3-6. 2012.

- Volume 1 A Dog Called Homeless
- Volume 2 A Dog Called Homeless

Dovey Coe

by Frances O’Roark Dowell

BR13204 1 volume

In North Carolina in 1928, twelve-year-old Dovey Coe is on trial for the murder of Parnell Caraway, who wanted to marry Dovey’s older sister. Recounting what led to this crisis, Dovey tells about her family and her special bond with Amos, her thirteen-year-old deaf brother. Grades 5-6. 2000.

- Volume 1 Dovey Coe

Do You Remember the Color Blue?: And Other Questions Kids Ask about Blindness

by Sally Hobart Alexander

DB50319 1 hour, 50 minutes, read by Barbara Pinolini

A writer who went blind at age twenty-six answers questions that children have frequently asked during her visits to schools. She discusses reading, working with her guide dog, meeting her husband, and parenting her two children, as well as her reactions to being blind. Grades 4-6. 2000.

Eddie’s Blue Winged Dragon

by C.S. Adler

BR08463 1 volume

DB32596 3 hours, 7 minutes, read by Ilona Dulaski

Eleven-year-old Eddie, a tough, gutsy kid with cerebral palsy, has a burning desire to get even just once, with Darrin, the bully who makes his life so miserable at school, and with Miss Clark, an unfair teacher who claims she can’t understand his sometimes garbled speech. When Eddie buys a glass dragon as a birthday gift for his sister Mina, reality and fantasy blend as the dragon turns into a living weapon of revenge. Grades 5-8. 1988.

- Volume 1 Eddie’s Blue Winged Dragon

Everything You Need to Know about Cerebral Palsy

by Dion Pincus

DB51258 1 hour, 19 minutes, read by Graci Ragsdale Miller

Presents facts concerning cerebral palsy (CP)—the most common lifelong physical disability in the U.S.—and refutes some myths. Discusses different forms of the disorder, its causes, and treatments. Uses case studies to portray how young people deal with this condition. Grades 4-6. 2000.

Family Reminders

by Julie Danneberg

DB69927 1 hour, 13 minutes, read by Gabriella Cavallero

Cripple Creek, Colorado; 1890s. When Mary's father loses his leg in a mining accident, he stops playing the piano and carving reminders of family happenings in wood. Ten-year-old Mary finds a job for her father that uses his talent and brings back the laughter in their home. Grades 3-6. 2009.

Featherless/Desplumado

by/por Juan Felipe Herrera

BR 16017 1 volume/volumen

Spina bifida keeps Tomasito in a wheelchair, where he often feels like his featherless pet bird, Desplumado, who cannot fly. But with the bird's help, he finds freedom on the soccer field. Bilingual English/Spanish book. Grades K-3. (Tomasito sufre de la espina bífida y anda en una silla de ruedas. Muchas veces se siente igual a Desplumado, su pájaro que no tiene plumas y que no puede volar. Pero con la ayuda de Desplumado, Tomasito va a buscar éxito en el campo de fútbol. Edición bilingüe en inglés y español. Para grados K a 3.) PRINT/BRAILLE. 2004.

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

BR21151 1 volume

DB80497 5 hours, 46 minutes, read by Kathleen McInerney

Bullied and moved from different schools, sixth grader Ally creatively distracts anyone from discovering that she has problems reading. But one teacher, Mr. Daniels, helps her understand that she has dyslexia and encourages Ally to understand her feelings in a new way. Commercial audiobook. Grades 4-6. 2015.

- [Volume 1 Fish in a Tree](#)
- [Volume 2 Fish in a Tree](#)
- [Volume 3 Fish in a Tree](#)

Franklin D. Roosevelt

by Don Nardo

DB46895 2 hours, 53 minutes, read by Randy Davidson

Biography of the only U.S. president who was elected to four terms in office. Describes

how Roosevelt contracted poliomyelitis years before his presidency. Although his rivals in the New York governor's race tried to use his physical disability to discredit him, Roosevelt proved to be an effective campaigner and a respected leader. Grades 5-8 and older readers. 1996.

From Charlie's Point of View

by Richard Scrimger

DB61308 7 hours, 21 minutes, read by Michael Russotto

Fourteen-year-old Charlie was born blind but that does not deter him from proving his father's innocence in the Stocking Bandit bank robber case. Charlie enlists the help of two friends and a guardian angel to find the real criminal, following leads to a family crypt. Grades 6-9. 2005.

Gentle's Holler: A Novel

by Kerry Madden

DB61144 4 hours, 42 minutes, read by Kristin Allison

Great Smoky Mountains, North Carolina; 1960s. Livy Two worries that love and music cannot feed a family of ten, especially since her father has no steady job, her sister Gentle is probably blind, and her mother keeps having babies. Then her bossy grandmother pays a visit. Grades 5-8. 2005.

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

by Sharon Creech

BR15241 1 volume

DB57472 1 hour, 55 minutes, read by Laura Giannarelli

Rosie's grandmother knows that the kitchen is a wonderful place for trading confidences and advice in the form of stories. When Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, who is vision impaired, have a falling out, Granny Torrelli reunites them through cooking. Grades 5-8. 2003.

- Volume 1 Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

Handbook for Dragon Slayers

by Merrie Haskell

BR20379 3 volumes

DB77878 7 hours, 23 minutes, read by Jill Fox

While visiting a neighboring noble to assist him with his tax records, reluctant Princess Matilda is kidnapped by her cousin in a plot to steal her lands. Matilda's crush Parz and handmaiden Judith rescue her, and the trio go on the run—and learn dragon slaying. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 5-8. 2013.

- Volume 1 Handbook for Dragon Slayers
- Volume 2 Handbook for Dragon Slayers
- Volume 3 Handbook for Dragon Slayers

Harry Sue

by Sue Stauffacher

DB62859 5 hours, 14 minutes, read by Kristin Allison

Tough-sounding eleven-year-old Harry Sue thinks she wants to go to jail and be reunited with her mother. But Harry Sue spends her time protecting the children in her neglectful grandmother's home day-care center and motivating her best friend Homer, a quadriplegic, who lives in a tree house. Grades 4-7. 2005.

The Haunting of Cabin 13

by Kristi D. Holl

BR07268 1 volume

When Laurie, her family, and her best friend Jenny arrive for a week of vacationing at Backbone State Park, they are assigned to cabin thirteen. Soon they begin receiving mysterious notes signed by "Eleanor." They learn that Eleanor was a champion swimmer who inexplicably drowned in the park the summer before. Laurie, an amateur detective, teams up with Matt Greene, who travels with a wheelchair to capture the villain. Grades 4-6. 1988.

Helen Keller

by George Sullivan

BR14116 1 volume

DB53971 2 hours, 1 minute

Biography of the gifted woman who successfully dealt with her own disabilities while trying to better the lives of other deaf and blind people. Uses excerpts from Helen Keller's writings. Grades 3-6. 2000.

- Volume 1 Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher

Helen Keller: A Light for the Blind

by Kathleen V. Kudlinski

DB34676 1 hour, 3 minutes, read by Ilona Dulaski

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Alabama. When she was a toddler, a terrible fever left her deaf and blind. At first everyone spoiled Helen and allowed her to misbehave. By the age of six, she was uncontrollable. Her parents asked Anne Sullivan, a teacher from the Perkins School for the Blind, to come and teach Helen. Helen became famous for her work on behalf of persons with disabilities. Grades 3-6. 1989.

Helen Keller: From Tragedy to Triumph

by Katharine E. Wilkie

BR06053 1 volume

DB22657 2 hours, 32 minutes, read by Sylvia Grandmaison

This biography focuses on the childhood years of the deaf and blind woman who learned to read, write, and speak with the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Grades 3-6. 1969.

Helen Keller: Lighting the Way for the Blind and Deaf

by Carin T Ford

DB53574 2 hours, 17 minutes, read by Graci Ragsdale Miller

Discusses the life and accomplishments of Helen Keller (1880–1968). Covers how illness left her blind and deaf at an early age and how her teacher, Annie Sullivan, helped her overcome these handicaps. Describes Keller's determination to have a college education and to improve conditions for others. Grades 6-9. 2001.

Helen Keller: Out of a Dark and Silent World

by Sandra H. Shichtman

DB59217 46 minutes, read by Patricia McDermott

A biography of the deaf and blind woman who became an internationally celebrated speaker, writer, and advocate for people with disabilities. Grades 2-4. 2002.

Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit

by Laurie Lawlor

BR14162 2 volumes

DB54590 4 hours, 49 minutes, read by Catherine Byers

Biography of the blind and deaf girl whose spirit knew no limitations. Discusses Keller's achievements in the context of the social expectations for women and people with disabilities in the early twentieth century. Describes her disappointments and frustrations as well as her accomplishments. Grades 5-8. 2001.

- Volume 1 Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit
- Volume 2 Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit

Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher

by Marfé Ferguson Delano

BR18195 1 volume

DB67852 1 hour, 41 minutes, read by Mitzi Friedlander

Covers the life of Annie Sullivan (1866–1936), which changed dramatically in 1887 when she met blind and deaf pupil seven-year-old Helen Keller. Examines their breakthrough in communication, rise to fame, financial difficulties, and constant mutual respect and devotion. Grades 4-6. 2008.

- Volume 1 Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher

Heroes for My Son

by Brad Meltzer

BR19080 1 volume

The author profiles some fifty men and women as examples to live by for his eight-year-old son. Includes the Wright Brothers; Frank Shankwitz, creator of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and a boy with cerebral palsy whose father pushes his wheelchair in races. Uncontracted braille. Grades 3-6. 2010.

- [Volume 1 Heroes for My Son](#)

The Hickory Chair

by Lisa Rowe Fraustino

BR13096 1 volume

A blind boy tells of his warm relationship with his grandmother. After she dies, every family member—except him—finds notes on special things she has left for them. He chooses her favorite chair as a remembrance, and years later, his grandchild finds a note inside—for him. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2001.

[Hoggee](#)

by Anna Myers

DB61365 5 hours, 26 minutes, read by Bill Wallace

New York State, 1800s. Teenager Howard Gardner is a hoggee, or mule-driver, on the Erie Canal, but he wants to be more. When he helps a deaf girl learn sign language and teaches her sister to read, he renews his own determination to obtain more schooling. Grades 5-8. 2004.

[Hoop Girlz](#)

by Lucy Jane Bledsoe

DB58225 2 hours, 37 minutes, read by Mimi Bederman

Eleven-year-old River, who loves basketball, is not chosen to play in the town's tournament. She decides to create her own new team. With fourteen-year-old brother Zack as coach, River and her friends—including Jennifer in her wheelchair—play their hearts out. Grades 5-8. 2002.

[Hurt Go Happy](#)

by Ginny Rorby

BR17668 2 volumes

DB64465 6 hours, 53 minutes, read by Nicola Daval

Thirteen-year-old Joey Willis, deaf since age seven, has an overprotective mother who refuses to let her daughter learn sign language. When Joey meets neighbor Dr. Mansell and his sign-using chimpanzee Sukari, her world blooms with possibilities. But a crisis involving Sukari brings Joey some heavy responsibilities. Schneider Family Book Award. Grade 6-9. 2006.

- [Volume 1 Hurt Go Happy](#)
- [Volume 2 Hurt Go Happy](#)

[I Funny: A Middle School Story](#)

by James Patterson

DB79367 3 hours, 11 minutes, read by Frankie Seratch

Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-user and middle-school student Jamie Grimm endures

bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be fairly judged when he enters a local comedy contest. Commercial audiobook. Grades 4-7. 2012.

I Got a “D” in Salami

by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

DB56647 3 hours, 28 minutes, read by Ray Childs

When Hank Zipzer sees that he has Ds in all his major subjects, he wishes his report card would disappear. So it does—into the meat grinder at his mother’s deli, ruining a batch of salami for a new customer. But Hank thinks he has a solution. Grades 3-6. 2003.

I Have a Sister—My Sister Is Deaf

by Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson

DB62871 8 minutes, read by Victoria Gordon

An older sister affectionately explains how she and her younger, deaf sister communicate in a variety of everyday situations at home, outdoors, and on the playground. Grades K-3. 1977

It’s Your Turn at Bat: Featuring Mark Riley

by Barbara Aiello and Jeffrey Shulman

BR07831 1 volume

DB29918 46 minutes, read by John Stratton

While reluctantly doing research on sewing machines for a school report, Mark, a fifth-grader with cerebral palsy, discovers that the money for his team’s baseball jerseys is missing! Mark now finds himself feeling a lot more friendly toward sewing machines. Includes a question and answer section about cerebral palsy. Grades 3-6. 1988.

Jeremy’s Dreidel

by Ellie Gellman

BR12254 1 volume

At the dreidel-making workshop, Jeremy's friends think he's molding a secret code on his clay dreidel. But he's really making a special gift for his father, who is blind. How will he get his friends to appreciate his special dreidel? Grades K-6. 1992.

- Volume 1 Jeremy's Dreidel

Josh: A Boy with Dyslexia

by Caroline Janover

DB53876 2 hours, 1 minute, read by Christopher Walker

Josh has just moved to New Jersey and is worried about starting fifth grade because he has a learning disability and will be in a special class. Josh’s dyslexia causes teasing and bullying, but he gains respect and friendship for characteristics that really count. Grades 4-6. 1988.

The Junkyard Wonders

by Patricia Polacco

DB72165 33 minutes, read by Margaret Storm

The special-needs students taught by Mrs. Peterson—who believes each of them is a genius—build something that just might convince the whole school why the classmates are justifiably proud to be “junkyard wonders.” Grades 2-4. 2010.

Kami and the Yaks

by Andrea Stenn Stryer

BR17041 1 volume

With a storm approaching, Kami—a deaf Sherpa boy—finds the littlest of his family’s four yaks stuck in a crevice. Kami bravely rushes home and acts out the yak’s plight then leads his father and brother to the rescue. Schneider Family Book Award.

PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2007.

Keep Your Ear on the Ball

by Genevieve Petrillo

BR17046 1 volume

Davey, a new student who is blind, refuses all help from his sighted classmates, even while playing kickball at recess. The students figure out a way to help Davey help himself by using his hearing to full advantage—and keeping his independence. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2007.

Kids with Special Needs: IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

by Sheila Stewart, Camden Flath, and Zachary Chastain

DB73888 8 hours, 2 minutes, read by Kerry Dukin

Eleven books that feature fictional narratives along with facts about common chronic conditions. Covers speech, hearing, or vision impairments; autism; physical challenges; intellectual disabilities; ongoing illnesses, such as epilepsy; emotional disturbances; attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; brain injuries; and learning disabilities. Grades 2-4. 2011.

King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige

by Wes Tooke

BR195890 2 volumes

DB75321 3 hours, 57 minutes, read by Todd Fox

Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball and pitching. After spending a year in the hospital with a brace on his leg, fighting polio, Nick takes a job with the Bismarck Churchills—where his dad is the catcher—and gets to see the great Satchel Paige pitch the 1935 season. For grades 4- 7 and older readers. 2012.

- Volume 1 King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige
- Volume 2 King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige

Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates

by Lynne Barasch

BR16031 1 volume

Biography of world famous African American tap dancer who had only one leg. Tells about Clayton Bates's unstoppable love of dancing, his accident in 1919 at age twelve, and the wooden leg his uncle whittled for him—the peg leg that became his nickname. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2004.

Knots on a Counting Rope

by Bill Martin Jr., John Archambault, and Ted Rand

BRA19125 1 volume

DB27709 in process, read by John Stratton

Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses is a young Indian boy who is blind. He loves to hear his grandfather tell the story of his birth, the training of his horse Rainbow, and the exciting horse race in which he participated. For grades K-3. 1987.

The Last Best Days of Summer

by Valerie Hobbs

DB71393 4 hours, 16 minutes, read by Gabriella Cavallero

Lucy's week with her grandmother goes awry when her friend Eddie, who has Down syndrome, shows up looking for her. She worries that his attachment will isolate her in middle school. But her grandmother, despite a failing memory, has wise advice about leading with her heart. Grades 4-6. 2010.

Living with Cerebral Palsy

by Paul Pimm

DB51437 28 minutes, read by Kerry Dukin

Presents four young people between the ages of nine and eighteen who have varying degrees of cerebral palsy. Discusses possible causes, effects, and treatment of the condition. Explains how these four individuals deal with school, work, and daily activities. Grades 3-6. 2000.

Looking after Louis

by Lesley Ely

DB58701 7 minutes, read by Erin Jones

When Louis, a boy with autism, joins a new classroom, the children try to understand his world and to include him in theirs. Grades K-3. 2004.

Looking Out for Sarah

by Glenna Lang

BR14009 1 volume

Describes a day in the life of Perry, a seeing-eye dog. He guides his owner, Sarah, to the grocery store and the post office and on a school visit. He dreams about the month that

he and Sarah walked from Boston to New York. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades K-3. 2001.

Making of My Special Hand: Madison's Story

by Jamee Riggio Heelan

BR14001 1 volume

Madison, a little girl born with one hand, tells about having a helper hand made specially for her. She explains all the stages involved in fitting her for a battery-operated prosthesis that allows her to open and close her new hand. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 1998.

Mandy Sue Day

by Roberta Karim

BR13003 1 volume

DB40732 9 minutes, read by Pam Ward

Mandy Sue's farmer father promises each of the children one day without chores, and today is Mandy Sue day. She spends it riding and talking to her horse, Ben, and although Mandy Sue is blind, she knows her best friend's ears flick back to hear her. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 1994.

A Mango-Shaped Space

by Wendy Mass

DB56666 6 hours, 27 minutes, read by Constance Crawford

Eighth-grader Mia has been keeping a secret—even from her best friend, Jenna—ever since third grade, when she realized that not everyone sees a color for each name, number, and sound. Problems at school and her cat's death lead Mia to discoveries about herself and synesthesia. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 5-8. 2003.

Margaret's Moves

by Berniece Rabe

DB27084 2 hours, 6 minutes, read by Mary O'Neal

Nine-year-old Margaret is a bright, spunky child with spina bifida. When her younger brother, Rusty, the fastest kid on the block, catches a prize balloon from the Spring Hill Mall that she barely misses, she is determined to earn enough money for a new, super fast, sports-model wheelchair. Sequel to *The Balancing Girl*. Grades 3-6. 1987.

Memorial Day Surprise

by Theresa Martin Golding

DB58420 6 minutes, read by Erin Jones

Marco's mother promises him a surprise at the Memorial Day parade. He thinks all the participants are the special treat until he spots his abuelo, or grandfather, in a wheelchair and uniform leading the rest of the veterans. Grades Pre-K-3. 2004.

The Million-Dollar Putt

by Dan Gutman

DB64673 3 hours and 32 minutes, read by Erik Sandvold

Thirteen-year-old Ed “Bogie” Bogard, blind since age four, enjoys the guitar and sports. Because Bogie can't play golf alone, he teams up with Birdie, his shy neighbor. Then someone enters Bogie in a million-dollar putting contest. Grades 5-8. 2006.

Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller

by Sara Elizabeth Miller

BR17490 2 volumes

DB65467 4 hours, 59 minutes, read by Michele Schaeffer

Alabama, 1887. Twenty-year-old Annie Sullivan, newly hired to teach a six-year-old deaf, blind, and thoroughly spoiled girl, Helen Keller, finds she must contend with Helen's indulgent parents as well. Sign language finally becomes communication when Helen makes her first breakthrough. Grades 5-8. 2007.

- Volume 1 Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller
- Volume 2 Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller

Mockingbird

by Kathryn Erskine

DB72623 4 hours, 7 minutes, read by Kate Kiley

Caitlin, a ten-year-old with Asperger syndrome, has difficulty grieving over the recent death of her brother Devon, who often explained things to her. After looking up “closure” in the dictionary, Caitlin tries to convince her father that finishing Devon's Eagle Scout project will help them cope. Winner of the National Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2010.

Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure

by Georgia Byng

DB61664 8 hours, 12 minutes, read by Annie Wauters

After eleven-year-old Molly Moon and her parents are reunited, a mysterious turbaned gardener hypnotizes her. Eventually transported to nineteenth-century India, Molly meets not only a maharajah with a speech disability but also former versions of herself. Sequel to Molly Moon Stops the World (DB61292). Grades 4-7. 2005

Moses Goes to a Concert

by Isaac Millman

BR12011 1 volume

Moses and his classmates, who are deaf, go to a concert with their teacher. Performing with the orchestra is a percussionist who is also deaf. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 1998.

Move Over, Wheelchairs Coming Through!: Seven Young People in Wheelchairs Talk about Their Lives

by Ron Roy

BR06427 1 volume

DB 23606, in process, read by Jeff Wright

Profiles of young people from eight to nineteen who are wheelchair users. Describes their daily activities at school, their lives with their families, as well as their hobbies. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades 3-6. 1986.

My Pal, Victor/Mi Amigo, Victor

by/por Diane Gonzales Bertrand

BR16002 1 volume/volumen

Dominic talks about the activities he enjoys with his best friend Victor: jokes and stories, sleepovers, rides at the amusement park, swimming. Only the ending reveals that Victor uses a wheelchair. Bilingual book in English and Spanish. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades K-3. (A Dominic le gusta hacer muchas cosas con su mejor amigo, Víctor. Se cuentan chistes y cuentos, van a nadar, visitan el parque de atracciones, y muchas veces pasan la noche juntos. Y sólo al fin nos da cuenta que Víctor anda en una silla de ruedas. Libro bilingüe en inglés y español. Premio Familia Schneider. Para grados K a 3.) PRINT/BRAILLE. 2004.

My Sister Annie

by Bill Dodds

DB52247 1 hour, 43 minutes, read by Brian Conn

Charlie, eleven, faces some challenges—pitching for the baseball team, asking a girl to the school dance, and wanting to be accepted by the guys in a local gang. All these things are complicated by his feelings about his older sister with Down syndrome. Grades 4-7. 1993.

The Next-Door Dogs

by Colby Rodowsky

DB61993 57 minutes, read by Mimi Bederman

Even though nine-year-old Sara is afraid of dogs, she becomes friends with a new neighbor who has two pets. When Ms. Harrington falls down in her back yard, Sara is alerted by the dogs' barking and finds the courage to overcome her fear. Grades 2-4. 2005.

Nick's Secret

by Claire H. Blatchford

DB51993 3 hours, 22 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

In this sequel to *Nick's Mission (DB43812)*, deaf seventh-grader Nick and his dog, Wags, are in danger from a bully and his gang at a deserted motel. But he is rescued by a mysterious girl who trains sheepdogs. Grades 4-7. 2000.

Nothing Wrong with a Three-Legged Dog

by Graham McNamee

BR15200 1 volume

DB57582 2 hours, 46 minutes, read by Don Hagen

Shy and the only white kid in his fourth-grade class, Keath is an easy target for bullies. His friendship with classmate Lynda and her three-legged dog, Leftovers, helps Keath cope with visiting his beloved grandmother, who is dealing with the effects of a stroke, and stand up to his major tormentor in school. Grades 3-6. 2000.

- Volume 1 Nothing Wrong with a Three-Legged Dog

One-Handed Catch

by Mary Jane Auch

DB64853, 6 hours, 20 minutes, read by John Polk

1940s. Sixth-grader Norman Schmidt's desire to be a baseball player or an artist suffers a setback when he loses his left hand in a meat grinder. But a mother who makes him do everything for himself and his own determination put Norm on the baseball team. Grades 4-7. 2006.

Out of My Mind

by Sharon M. Draper

DB71173 6 hours, 27 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Cerebral palsy limits fifth grader Melody's physical movements and ability to speak but not her capacity to think. In an inclusion class, with the help of her university student aide, Melody figures out what she needs to truly communicate and in doing so surprises many people. Grades 4-6. 2010.

Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum

by Robert Andrew Parker

BR18019 1 volume

Bad eyesight doesn't stop Art Tatum from learning to play his family piano. Art's musical career grows from playing professional shows in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio, to appearing with jazz bands across the country. Includes biographical information. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2008.

The Pirate of Kindergarten

by George Ella Lyon

BR20015 1 volume

DB72631 6 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Ginny's eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double. After vision-screening day at school, she goes to a doctor who recommends eye exercises and a patch that turns her into a kindergarten pirate. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades Pre-K-2. 2010.

Prairie School: A Story

by Avi

DB52740 17 minutes, read by Norma Lana

When Aunt Dora, a schoolteacher, comes to visit Noah's family in 1880, nine-year-old Noah feels no need to read or write. But Aunt Dora changes his mind by expanding his world while he pushes her wheelchair across the prairie. Grades 2-4. 2001.

Probably the World's Best Story about a Dog and the Girl Who Loved Me

by D. James Smith

DB64096 4 hours, 53 minutes

California, 1951. Twelve-year-old Paolo, his six-year-old brother Georgie, and their nine-year-old deaf cousin Billy try to find their missing dog, cope with a new paper route, and discover romance in their small hometown. Sequel to *The Boys of San Joaquin (DB63488)*. Grades 5-8. 2006

Rainbow Joe and Me

by Maria Diaz Strom

BR13091 1 volume

Eloise loves to paint pictures in bright colors that she describes for her elderly blind neighbor Rainbow Joe. Joe tells her he too can make colors sing and promises one day to show her his own special way with them. And one Sunday, for a surprise, he does just that. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades Pre-K-3. 1999.

Reaching for Sun

by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

BR17651 1 volume

DB66052 1 hour 27 minutes, read by Celeste Lawson

Josie, born with cerebral palsy, lives with her mother and grandmother, who both love gardening. When a lonely boy, Jordan, moves in nearby, he and Josie relate through their interest in nature, and Josie makes her first friend. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2007.

- Volume 1 Reaching for Sun

Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything

by Lenore Look

DB62801 1 hour, 41 minutes, read by Kristin Allison

Ruby is happy that her aunt, uncle, and deaf cousin Flying Duck came from China to live with her family because now Ruby can be Flying Duck's Smile Buddy at school. But Ruby's friend Emma isn't so happy. More adventures of Ruby Lu are in *Ruby Lu Brave and True (DB62415)* and *Ruby Lu, Star of the Show (DB62801)*. Grades 2-4. 2006.

Rules

by Cynthia Lord

BR17108 1 volume

DB62696 3 hours, 30 minutes, read by Victoria Gordon

Sometimes twelve-year-old Catherine resents her autistic brother, David, who breaks rules and gets all her parents' attention. She meets Jason, a teenage nonverbal paraplegic, at David's therapy center. As the two become friends, Catherine realizes that accepting differences matters more than any rules. Schneider Family Book Award. Newbery Honor Book. Grades 5-8. 2006.

- Volume 1 Rules

A Screaming Kind of Day

by Rachna Gilmore

BR13083 1 volume

Scully only listens to her teasing brother and scolding mother when she wants to; then Scully turns on her hearing aids. One rainy day she longs to play outside. When her mother sends her to her room, Scully sneaks out the back door. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 1999.

Seal Surfer

by Michael Foreman

BR11037 1 volume

Even though Ben sometimes uses a wheelchair, he and his grandfather often hunt for mussels along a rocky beach. One spring they spot a seal and her new pup. Over the next few years, Ben and the young seal develop a special bond as they both ride the ocean waves. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 1996.

Secrets Aren't (Always) for Keeps

by Barbara Aiello

BR07961 1 volume

DB30468 55 minutes, read by Barbara Rosenblat

Jennifer has been hiding her learning disability from her Australian pen pal, Kay. Now Kay is coming to visit for a week and wants to spend a day at school with Jennifer. Includes question-and-answer section on disability. Grades 3-6. 2013.

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer

by Sally Hobart Alexander and Robert Alexander

BR18068 1 volume

DB66527 2 hours, 26 minutes, read by Laura Giannarelli

Biography of Laura Bridgman (1829–1889), the first deaf-blind child to receive a formal education—decades before Helen Keller. Discusses the causes of Laura's deaf-blindness at age two; her sponsorship to the Perkins Institution; and her success at learning manual sign language. Grades 4-7. 2008.

- Volume 1 She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer

Singing Hands

by Delia Ray

DB63464 5 hours, 25 minutes, read by Megan Burnett

Alabama, 1948. Twelve-year-old Gussie, a minister's daughter, learns the definition of integrity while helping with a celebration at the school for the deaf—her punishment for impulsive misdeeds against her deaf parents and their boarders. Grades 5-8. 2006.

Six Innings: A Game in the Life

by James Preller

BR18140 1 volume

Twelve-year-old Sam Reiser loved being on a baseball team. Even though cancer has forced him to use a wheelchair now, Sam still participates in the Little League championship as the game's announcer. With his best friend Mike Tyree playing, Sam becomes caught up in the action. Grades 5-8. 2008.

- Volume 1 Six Innings: A Game in the Life

Small Steps

by Louis Sachar

BR16501 2 volumes

DB61629 4 hours, 36 minutes, read by Peter Lavezzoli

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit, from *Holes* (BR12174, DB47444), is turning his life around in Austin, Texas, with the encouragement of his ten-year-old neighbor, Ginny, who has cerebral palsy. Then he meets a celebrity teen singer. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 5-8. 2006.

- Volume 1 Small Steps
- Volume 2 Small Steps

Sosu's Call

by Meshack Asare

DB55390 16 minutes, read by Robin Miles

Sosu and his dog, Fusa, warn the inhabitants of an African village of a threatening violent storm even though Sosu cannot use his legs to walk. The villagers show their appreciation with a special gift. Grades Pre-K-3. 2001.

Sparks

by Graham McNamee

DB57608 2 hours, 15 minutes read by Gary Tipton

Todd is both happy and anxious about trying to fit in with the regular fifth-grade class, but is confused about how to relate to his former friends in the special needs class. A school assignment on Ota Benga, the exploited Pygmy, helps give him confidence and clarity. Grades 2-5. 2003.

Special Edward

by Eric Walters

DB70360 1 hour 52 minutes, read by Andy Pyle

Slacker Edward fakes a learning disability to gain a special-education designation in school. But instead of lowering his parents' expectations, Edward ends up working harder than ever. A high-interest, low-vocabulary book. Grade 6-9. 2009.

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin

by Jennifer Bryant

BR20564 1 volume

DB78033 28 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Biography of self-taught African American folk artist Horace Pippin (1888–1946). Describes Pippin's childhood in Pennsylvania and New York, the combat injury that threatened to end his career, his struggle to learn to paint again, and the widespread fame he achieved. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades K-3 and older readers. 2013.

- Volume 1 A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin

The Storm

by Marc Harshman

DB42144 17 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

When Jonathan's teacher talks about what to do in a tornado, a classmate remarks that a big storm would be really scary for Jonathan because he is in a wheelchair. But Jonathan isn't afraid of storms—he loves them. Alone on the farm that afternoon, Jonathan gets a chance to show he knows how to handle a tornado. Grades K-3. 1995.

The Storyteller's Beads

by Jane Kurtz

BR11985 1 volume

DB48498 3 hours, 59 minutes, read by Lisette Lecat

When Ethiopian villagers are forced to flee toward Sudan, two young girls from different backgrounds learn to rely on each other. Sahay is from a Christian family, while Rahel is Jewish and blind. Sahay's offer to lead Rahel through the desert is the beginning of their friendship. Grades 5-8. 1998.

- The Storyteller's Beads

The Summer I Got a Life

by Mark Fink

DB71197 5 hours, 26 minutes, read by Andy Pyle

When his family's Hawaiian vacation is canceled, Andy Crenshaw and his older brother Brad wind up at their aunt and uncle's farm in Wisconsin. Things look better for Andy after he meets local piano prodigy Laura, who uses a wheelchair but can beat Andy at bowling. Grades 6-9. 2009.

Teens with Physical Disabilities: Real Life Stories of Meeting Challenges

by Glenn Alan Cheney

DB42509 2 hours, 14 minutes, read by Lynn Schrichte

Eight teenagers describe the impact their physical disabilities have made on their lives. Three of the youths use wheelchairs because of injuries. Others deal with blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and rheumatoid arthritis. Grades 6-9. 1995.

Tending to Grace

by Kimberly Newton Fusco

BR15890 1 volume

DB61921 3 hours, 32 minutes, read by Kimberly Schraf

Cornelia is shy and withdrawn because of her stutter. She feels even lonelier when her mother drops her off to live with an eccentric great-aunt in a rundown farmhouse. But slowly and warily Cornelia and her aunt learn to share their strengths with each other. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 6-9. 2004.

The Thing about Georgie: A Novel

by Lisa Graff

BR18051 1 volume

Georgie deals with being a dwarf in a mainstream fourth-grade classroom. First, the size of school furniture makes things awkward. Then he's assigned to an Abraham Lincoln project with Jeanie the Meanie. And a misunderstanding with his best friend Andy needs to be made right. Grades 3-6. 2008.

- Volume 1 The Thing about Georgie: A Novel

Things Hoped For

by Andrew Clements

BR17136 1 volume

DB63723 4 hours 7 minutes, read by Megan Burnett

Seventeen-year-old violin prodigy Gwen lives with her ailing grandfather in Manhattan while attending a music academy on a scholarship. As Gwen prepares to audition for a prestigious college, her grandfather disappears. Fellow musician Robert—Bobby, from *Things Not Seen* (BR17135, DB54713)—provides help and friendship. Grades 6-9. 2006.

- Volume 1 Things Hoped For

Things Not Seen

by Andrew Clements

BR17135 2 volumes

DB54713 6 hours, 9 minutes, read by Barry Bernson

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and can't see his body, his relationship with the physical world and with his parents' changes. He confides his invisibility situation to a

new friend, Alicia, blinded two years before, and they try to figure out what happened to him. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 6-9. 2002.

- [Volume 1 Things Not Seen](#)
- [Volume 2 Things Not Seen](#)

Things That Are

by Andrew Clements

BR18173 1 volume

DB67671 3 hours, 52 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Still adjusting to being blind, Alicia, first met in *Things Not Seen* (BR17135, [DB54713](#)), must outwit an invisible man following Bobby, once invisible himself. This man's demands threaten Bobby, Alicia's family, and perhaps global security. Sequel to *Things Hoped For* (BR17136, [DB63723](#)). Grades 6-9. 2008.

- [Volume 1 Things That Are](#)

Tiger's Fall

by Molly Bang

DB54780 2 hours, 7 minutes, read by MaryBeth Wise

When Lupe falls out of a tree in her Mexican village, she is paralyzed from the waist down. Angry and feeling sorry for herself, Lupe goes to a center for disabled people, who help her realize that her life can still have a purpose. Grades 3-6. 2001.

Timothy of Cay

by Theodore Taylor

BR09509 1 volume

In this companion to *The Cay* (BR08750, [DB 34450](#)), we learn what has happened to Phillip since his rescue from a Caribbean island—where as a twelve-year-old white boy blinded by a blow on the head—he had been stranded with Timothy, an elderly, black deckhand. We also learn of Timothy's life and of his adventures at sea since his days as a young cabin boy. Grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

- [Volume 1 Timothy of Cay](#)

Waiting for Normal

by Leslie Connor

BR18148 2 volumes

DB68286 5 hours, 33 minutes, read by Colleen Delany

Upstate New York. Addie's plucky spirit makes the best of awkward situations such as moving into a tiny trailer with her difficult mother, separating from her stepdad and two half-sisters, and coping with her learning difficulties in her new school's band. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 5-8. 2008.

- [Volume 1 Waiting for Normal](#)

- [Volume 2 Waiting for Normal](#)

Well Wished

by Franny Billingsley

BR11579 1 volume

Eleven-year-old Nuria is happy to go to live with her grandfather even though no other children live in his village. There is a wishing well nearby, but it causes problems for people who use its magic. Grandfather Avy's wish for a friend for Nuria succeeds in bringing Catty to town, but Catty, who uses a wheelchair, is not always nice to Nuria. Grades 4--7. 1997.

- [Volume 1 Well Wished](#)

What Would Joey Do?

by Jack Gantos

BR19408 2 volumes

DB56069 5 hours, 4 minutes, read by Jack Wallen

Hyperactive Joey tries to hold things together as his father shows up on a motorcycle to taunt his mother, he is home-schooled with a hostile blind girl, and his feisty grandmother copes with emphysema. Sequel to *Joey Pigza Loses Control (DB51237)*. Grades 5-8. 2002.

- [Volume 1 What Would Joey Do?](#)
- [Volume 2 What Would Joey Do?](#)

The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop

by Kate Saunders

DB76242 7 hours, 14 minutes, read by James Konicek

London. A mysterious parcel arrives announcing the Spoffard family's inheritance of a house from a long-deceased relative. Shortly after they move in, eleven-year-old twins Oz and Lily, who has dyslexia, and are recruited to work for the government by the residence's invisible cat and talking rat. Grades 4-7. 2013.

Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

BR20338 3 volumes

DB74228 8 hours, 8 minutes, read by Diana Steele, Kate Rudd, and Nick Podehl

Just before starting fifth grade, home-schooled ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme abnormalities, is told he will be attending a prep school. Nervous, he tries to convince his classmates that he is an ordinary kid just like them. Commercial audiobook. Grades 5-8 and older readers. 2011.

- [Volume 1 Wonder](#)
- [Volume 2 Wonder](#)

- Volume 3 Wonder

Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures

by Brian Selznick

BR13552 2 volumes

DB74157 4 hours, 50 minutes, read by Laura Giannarelli

After the death of his mother, Ben, who is deaf, travels to New York City's American Museum of Natural History, where he hopes to find his father. While searching he makes an incredible discovery. Schneider Award. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2011.

- Volume 1 Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures
- Volume 2 Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures

The World at Her Fingertips: The Story of Helen Keller

by Joan Dash

BR13552 2 volumes

DB52383 4 hours, 24 minutes, read by Martha Harmon Pardee

A biography of the woman who overcame her disabilities to be an inspirational public figure. Discusses the cause of Helen Keller's blindness and deafness, her determination to lead a useful life, and the importance of her teacher—Annie Sullivan—throughout Helen's life. Grades 5-8. 2001.

- Volume 1 The World at Her Fingertips: The Story of Helen Keller
- Volume 2 The World at Her Fingertips: The Story of Helen Keller

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear

by Lensey Namioka

BRC00759 1 volume

DB36736 2 hours, 9 minutes, read by Jamie Horton

Youngest of four in a musically gifted family, Yingtao is tone-deaf, but his father persists in teaching him the violin. The family recently immigrated to Seattle, and Father hopes that the children's performance at a recital will bring him more students. Yingtao makes friends with Matthew, who plays the violin well, but whose father would rather he play baseball, at which Yingtao now excels. Grades 3-6. 1992.

The Year of Miss Agnes

by Kirkpatrick Hill

DB51865 2 hours, 8 minutes, read by Marilyn Gleason

Ten-year-old Athapascan Indian Frederika relates the story of a special teacher who comes to her Alaskan village in 1948. Miss Agnes makes education interesting for everyone in the one-room schoolhouse, including Fred's twelve-year-old deaf sister, Bokko, who learns sign language for the first time. Grades 3-6. 2000.

Your Treasure Hunt: Disabilities and Finding Your Gold

by Katherine Schneider

BR19031 1 volume

The author, who is blind, addresses issues and challenges faced by children with disabilities. She encourages children to be kind, honest, and polite; to find a hero with a disability; and to become someone who appreciates the treasures in daily life.

PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2010.

Yours Turly, Shirley

by Ann M. Martin

DB32564 2 hours, 54 minutes, read by Carole Coons

Fourth-grader Shirley Basini has a poor self-image due largely to her dyslexia. She copes with her reading difficulties by being the class clown, but her teacher is not impressed and makes it clear that she must either improve or be held back. When her parents adopt an eight-year-old Vietnamese girl, Shirley's role as a big sister helps her gain confidence, until she becomes resentful of Jackie's reading skills. Grades 3-6. 1988.

Zipper, the Kid with ADHD

by Caroline Janover

DB46331 3 hours, 30 minutes, read by Marilyn Gleason

Eleven-year-old "Zipper" drives his little sister crazy because he can't sit still, even while he is eating. He is intelligent but seems to have too many thoughts running through his mind; he even forgets to do his homework and has to join an after-school homework club. His parents and his teacher help Zipper cope with his attention-deficit disorder, known as ADHD. Grades 4-7. 1997.

Zoom!

by Robert Munsch

BR15022 1 volume

When Laretta's mother takes her shopping for a new wheelchair, Laretta wants one that goes really fast. The store lets her have a 92-speed dirt-bike model for home testing, and then Laretta's adventures begin. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades K-3. 2003.

Part 2: Children's Educational Fiction and Nonfiction Available through Commercial Publishers

This section focuses on books produced by commercial publishers that the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped does not have in its collection. Books may be available in alternative formats such as braille or audio. The section includes books that use braille in the text of the book or provide the braille alphabet on the back for both visually impaired and sighted children to explore. Other books highlight American Sign Language in a similar way. While some books reinforce positive images of disabled people by representing disabled characters as "one of the gang," no

different than their diverse array of peers, others focus on the disability experience of parents, sports and entertainment figures, and children with disabilities.

Also Known as Harper

by Ann Haywood Leal

published by Henry Holt

ebook, print book Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care for her brother while their mother works. Things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly, disabled woman. Grades 5-7. 2009.

Ann Drew Jackson

by Joan Clark and Nathan Clark

published by Autism Asperger Publishing Company

print book

Jackson Thomas, a fifth-grade boy with Asperger syndrome, is assigned to complete a science project with spunky Hillary Branson, a fiercely independent student with a tendency to tell lies. It therefore comes as no surprise that when assigned to work with Jackson, Hillary rebels in any way she can. As the story unfolds, Hillary and Jackson discover they have a lot more in common than they ever realized. Grades 4-6. 2007.

Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller

by Joseph Lambert

published by Disney Hyperion Books

print book

This graphic novel history lesson follows the friendship between Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Annie's own visual impairment and teaching lets her help Helen become more social. This closes with a lesser-known experience: when Helen was accused of plagiarism for her story "The Frost King." Grades 4-6. 2012.

Armond Goes to a Party: A Book about Asperger's and Friendship

by Nancy L. Carlson and Armond Isaak

published by Free Spirit Publishing

print book

Armond doesn't want to go to Felicia's birthday party. Parties are noisy, disorganized, and smelly—all things that are hard for a kid with Asperger's. Worst of all is socializing with other kids. But with the support of Felicia and her mom, good friends who know how to help him, he not only gets through the party, but also has fun. When his mom picks him up, Armond admits the party was not easy, but he feels good. Grades Pre-K-3. 2014.

Beauregard the Bear

by Kathryn Phyllarry and Robert Rath

published by Homestead Publishers

print book

Beauregard (Beau) the bear is born with a disabled paw, but his mother protects him and teaches him to be strong. He learns how to catch fish, run, make a warm den, and eventually live on his own. Grades 3-5. 2009.

Be Good to Eddie Lee

by Virginia Fleming and Floyd Cooper

published by Philomel Books

print book

Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her. Grades Pre-K to 3. 1993.

The Blind Hunter

by Kristina Rodanas

published by M. Cavendish

print book

A blind African hunter teaches a young man how to see by using his other senses. Grades Pre-K-4. 2003.

The Boy Who Learned Upside Down: Based on a True Story

by Christy Scattarella and Winky Wheller

published by Hungry Dictator print book

Alex is embarrassed when he is placed in a special education class because of his learning disability, but with the help of his new teacher he begins to change his mind about school and himself. Grades 2-4. 2013.

Brothers and Sisters

by Laura Dwight

published by Star Bright Books

electronic text, print book

A photo essay about school-age siblings, one of whom has a disability—hearing or visual impairment, Down syndrome, or wearing a prosthesis. Emphasizes playing together and everyday family life. Grades K-3. 2005.

Bullies, Playground Push-Around (Book 3 of the Neon Tiki Tribe)

by April Sopczak, Greg Clark, J. Greg Devlin, and Joe Lorenzano

published by neontikitribe.com

ebook, print book

When Maya's classmates bully her for wearing her new glasses, she turns to the tikis for help. Book contains characters with dyslexia and uses a special font that is easier for children with dyslexia to read. Grades K-3. 2012.

Can I Tell You about Asperger Syndrome? A Guide for Friends and Family

by Jude Welton and Jane Telford

published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers

ebook, print book

Meet Adam—a young boy with Asperger Syndrome (AS). Adam invites young readers to learn about AS from his perspective. In this book, Adam helps children understand the difficulties faced by a child with AS; he tells them what AS is, what it feels like to have AS, and how they can help children with AS by understanding their differences and appreciating their many talents. Grades 2-8. 2004.

Crowbaby and Dawfie

by Brenda O'Bannion and Casey Scarborough

published by Smooth Sailing Press

ebook, print book

Describes an autistic child's faithful watch for her brother's return from war. The story covers thirteen months in the life of Ma and Dawfie as they watch the river road near their home, eager for Crowbaby's return. The ending offers insight into not only the lives of disabled children, but also the conflicts that war imposes. Grades 4-6. 2008.

Dachy's Deaf

by Jack Huges

published by Wayland

ebook, print book

Dachy the pterodactyl wears a hearing aid. But sometimes, when his friends get too noisy, he likes to turn it off to get some peace and quiet. One day, when his hearing aid is off, Dachy falls asleep and ends up floating down the river towards a waterfall and a hungry crocodile. Can his friends rescue him in time? Grades K-3. 2012.

Dad and Me in the Morning

by Patricia Lakin and Robert Gantt Steele

published by A. Whitman

ebook, print book

Early one morning, when it is still dark, a young boy wakes to his special alarm clock. He puts on his hearing aids and clothes, then goes to wake his father. Together they brave the cold as they walk down the dirt road that leads to the beach. They are excited about their adventure—soon they will see the sunrise. Grades K-4. 1994.

Dad Has a Wheelchair

by Ken Jasch, Anita DuFalla, Christine Jasch, Ron Zywicki, and Marlo Garnsworthy

published by CreateSpace Publishing

ebook, print book

Julia and her dad, who uses a wheelchair, have a day of fun. They play together at the playground, go fishing, visit the zoo, and camp and look up at the stars. Along the way

Julia explains why a person might have a disability and what it's like having a dad with a disability. Grades Pre-K-3. 2014.

Dancing with Katya

by Dori Chaconas and Constance Rummel Bergum

published by Peachtree

print book

Wisconsin farm, 1920s. Sisters Anna and Katya love pretending to be ballerinas dancing in the meadows until Katya falls ill with polio. She returns from a long hospital stay in bulky leg braces, but Anna finds a new way for Katya to dance. Grades K-3. 2006.

Daredevil Club

by Pam Withers

published by Orca Book Publishers

print book Kip struggles to maintain his status as a daredevil in spite of his disability. Grades 5-9. 2006.

Deaf Child Crossing

by Marlee Matlin

published by Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

ebook, large-print book, print book

Despite the fact that Megan is deaf and Cindy can hear, the two girls become friends when Cindy moves into Megan's neighborhood. But when they go away to camp, their friendship is put to the test. Grades 3-8. 2002.

Different like Me: My Book of Autism Heroes

by Jennifer Elder and Marc Thomas

published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers

ebook, print book

Introduces children aged 8 to 12 years old to famous, inspirational figures from the world of science, art, math, literature, philosophy and comedy. Eight-year-old Quinn, a young boy with Asperger's syndrome, tells young readers about the achievements and characteristics of his autism heroes, from Albert Einstein, Dian Fossey, and Wassily Kandinsky to Lewis Carroll. Grades 3-7. 2005.

Disability

by Jillian Powell

published by Hodder Wayland

print book

Discusses disabilities, who has them, the physical and social challenges faced by disabled people, how they can work and play, and what kinds of help are available, with an emphasis on physical disabilities. Grades Pre-K-6. 1999.

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

by Pat Thomas and Lesley Harker

published by Barron's Educational Series

ebook, print book

This picture book explores questions and concerns about disability in a simple and reassuring way. Younger children can find out what a disability is and learn how people deal with their disabilities to live happy and full lives. Written by a psychotherapist and counselor, this book aims to foster acceptance and tolerance of people who are in some way "different." Grades K-3. 2000.

The Don't-Give-Up Kid and Learning Differences

by Jeanne Gehret

published by Verbal Images Press

print book

Alex, a child with dyslexia, learns about dyslexia and other learning problems and what is done to solve them. Includes a parent resource guide. Grades 1-3. 1991.

Finest Kind

by Lea Wait

published by Margaret K. McElderry Books

print book

When his father's Boston bank fails in 1838, causing his family to relocate to a small Maine town, twelve-year-old Jake Webber works to prepare the family for the harsh winter while also keeping the existence of his disabled younger brother a secret. Grades 3-7. 2006.

The Flying Fingers Club

by Jean F. Andrews

published by Kendall Green Publications

print book

Entering a new school, Donald struggles with his learning disability and makes friends with a deaf boy who teaches him sign language and joins Donald in a search for a newspaper thief. Grades 3-6. 1988.

A Friend like Simon

by Kate Gaynor and Caitríona Sweeney

published by Special Stories Publishing

print book

This picture book for special education children introduces autism. When an autistic child joins a mainstream school, many children can 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 appreciate the positive contribution that an autistic child can make to the group. Grades Pre-K-3. 2009.

I Am Utterly Unique: Celebrating the Strengths of Children with Asperger Syndrome and High-Functioning Autism

by Elaine Marie Larson and Vivian Strand

published by Autism Asperger Publishing

print book

An alphabetical enumeration of individual traits that make children—and others—unique; features talents and abilities from the autism spectrum. Grades Pre-K-3. 2006.

Ian's Walk: A Story about Autism

by Laurie Lears and Karen Ritz

published by Albert Whitman & Company

print book

Julie can't wait to go to the park and feed the ducks with her big sister, Tara. There's only one problem. Her little brother, Ian, who has autism, wants to go, too. Ian doesn't have the same reactions to all the sights and sounds that his sisters have, and Julie thinks he looks silly. But when he wanders off on his own, she must try to see the world through his eyes in order to find him. Grades 1-3. 1998.

Ginger Leads the Way

by Liam O'Donnell, Cathy Diefendorf, American Veterinary Medical Association

published by Soundprints

audiobook, print book kit (with audio CD), print book

Ginger, a golden retriever who works as a guide dog, spends the day with her blind owner, Peter, and his family. Includes brief notes on guide dogs. Grades Pre- K-3. 2004.

The Girl with Chipmunk Hands

by Binks and Ruby Begonia

published by Lost Coast Press

print book

Lee-Lee was born with small, pointed fingers that had a dusting of soft fur. Because Lee-Lee's hands are different from other children's, her parents do all they can to make sure their daughter knows that she is loved unconditionally. That love is reflected in Lee-Lee's kindness to all the animals in the forest, who love her in return for her compassion. Includes a list of organizations that provide information and resources for families with children who have special needs. Grades Pre- K-3. 2013.

The Hangashore

by Geoff Butler

published by Tundra Books

ebook, print book

In Newfoundland shortly after World War II, John Payne, a minister's son who has Down syndrome and is not afraid to say what he thinks, clashes with the self-important new magistrate. Trouble begins in a small Newfoundland fishing outport It takes a near

tragedy at sea to show the magistrate who holds the better set of values. Grades 3-7. 1998.

Hank Zipzer, The World's Greatest Underachiever: Holy Enchilada!

by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

published by Penguin Publishing Group

ebook, print book

Efforts to impress a visiting student from Japan cause Hank to hide his dyslexia while the gang makes enchiladas for a Multi-Cultural Day lunch. Hank is afraid he was very wrong about the amount of chili powder called for in the recipe. Grades 3-7. 2004.

Hannah

by Gloria Whelan and Leslie Bowman

published by Random House Children's Books

ebook, print book

Nine-year-old Hannah would do almost anything to go to school with all the other children in town. But Hannah is blind, and her parents keep her at home, where she is safe. Then Lydia Robbin, a strong-willed teacher, persuades Hannah's parents to send her to school. At first Hannah is overjoyed. But she soon learns that many obstacles—and people—stand in her way. Grades 3-5. 1991.

Hanni and Beth: Safe and Sound

by Beth Kinke and Anthony Alex LeTourneau

published by Blue Marlin Publications

braille, print book

Seeing Eye dog Hanni describes her routine duties to guide and protect her partner Beth, who is blind. Both Hanni and Beth provide personal notes about their background. ASPCA Award. Grades K-3. 2007.

Hansel and Gretel: A Fairy Tale with a Down Syndrome Twist

by Jewel Kats and Claudia Marie Lenart

published by Loving Healing Press, Inc.

ebook, print book

In this retelling of the classic Brothers Grimm tale, five-year-old Hansel, who has Down syndrome, is in search of food for his family. His compassion upon completing the quest frees the witch from a curse and teaches the value of forgiveness. Grades PreK-1. 2014.

Hello Roar, Little Dinosaur by Hazel Reeves and Jay Morris

published by Learning Development Aids

print book

Meet Roar, the little dinosaur who doesn't get things wrong, but just does things differently. Roar, who has autism, exhibits qualities such as honesty, determination, attention to detail, an exceptional memory, and a very special sense of humor. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

In Jesse's Shoes

by Beverly Lewis and Laura Nikiel

published by Bethany House Publishers

ebook, print book

In this story about learning to understand and befriend a child with special needs, Jesse's sister struggles to get to know her brother, who is disabled—and to deal with the kids who make fun of him. Grades Pre-K-3. 2007.

Janine

by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

published by Albert Whitman and Company

ebook, print book

Janine is one of a kind. She focuses on the positive while navigating life with disabilities. She makes a difference just by being herself. Grades Pre-K-3. 2015.

Jason's First Day!

by Valerie Busic and Jeff Meyers

published by Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

print book

The story of Jason, who has osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), and his first day of school highlights similarities as well as differences between him and the rest of the class. Includes a guide for educators and parents of a child with OI or any mobility impairing disorder. Grades Pre-K-3. 2004.

Keeping Up with Roo

by Sharlee Glenn and Dan Andreasen

published by G.P. Putnam's Sons

ebook, print book

Five-year-old Gracie has always had a special bond with her Aunt Roo, who is mentally disabled. But their relationship changes when Gracie begins school. Grades K-3. 2004.

Kiefer and Friends

by Trisha Malfitano and Julie Malfitano

published by CreateSpace

print book

Kiefer, a border collie born deaf, shows that all dogs can have a happy life even with a disability. Includes some introductory sign language. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

Leading Ladies

by Marlee Matlin and Doug Cooney

published by Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

ebook, print book

A deaf fourth-grader finds her true calling when she is cast as Dorothy in a school production of The Wizard of Oz. Grades 3-7. 2007.

Leah's Voice

by Lori DeMonia and Monique Turchan

published by Halo Publishing International

ebook, print book

Two sisters meet a child with special needs. Through her kindness and devotion, one sister teaches by example the importance of including everyone and showing acceptance. 2014 Dr. Temple Grandin Outstanding Literary Work of the Year Award presented by the Autism Society. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

Let's Hear It for Almigal

by Wendy Kupfer and Tammie Lyon

published by Handfinger Press

print book

Almigal is a spunky little girl with a big personality and cotton-candy pink cochlear implants who is determined to hear "every single sound in the whole entire universe!" But most of all, she wants to hear her Mommy and Daddy whisper, "We love you, Almigal!" when they tuck her into bed at night. Grades K-2. 2012.

Little Stevie Wonder

by Quincy Troupe and Lisa Cohen

published by HMH Books for Young Readers

print book, comes with a CD of Wonder's music

The true story of a boy who lost his sight shortly after birth, grew up in Detroit, signed a recording contract with Motown when he was eleven, and became one of the twentieth century's most creative and influential musicians—an instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, musical innovator, and cultural activist. Grades Pre-K-3. 2005.

Mama Zooms

by Jane Cowen-Fletcher

published by Scholastic Inc.

print book

A small boy, with the aid of his energetic mother, her wheelchair "zooming machine," and a bit of imagination, pretends he is on a train, a spaceship, and more. Grades Pre-K-2. 1993.

The Man Who Loved Clowns

by June Rae Wood

published by G.P. Putnam's Sons

braille, ebook, large print, print book

Delrita likes being invisible. If no one notices her, she figures, then no one will notice her uncle Punky either. Punky is a grown man with a child's mind. Delrita loves him dearly and can't stand people making fun of his Down syndrome. But when tragedy strikes, Delrita's quiet life—and Punky's—are disrupted forever. Grades 5-8. 1992.

Mary Ingalls on Her Own

by Elizabeth Kimmel Willard

published by HarperCollins

print book

When she was just fourteen years old, Mary Ingalls fell ill with scarlet fever and lost her sight. Two years later Mary is getting the chance to learn braille and continue her education at the Iowa College for the Blind. But with this new opportunity comes new challenges, and as Mary struggles to adjust to life without her family, she is also forced to take a hard look at her future and confront her true feelings about being blind. Grades 3-7. 2007.

The Mitten String

by Jennifer Rosner and Kristina Swarner

published by Random House Children's books

ebook, print book

Ruthie Tober's family is known for the beautiful, warm mittens they knit, so when she and her mother shelter a deaf woman and her baby, Ruthie decides to design very special mittens for them. Grades Pre-K- 2. 2014.

My Brother Charlie

by Holly Robinson Peete, Ryan Elizabeth Peete, and Shane W. Evans

published by Scholastic Press

print book

A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother who has autism and sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words—but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy. Includes authors' note about autism. Grades Pre-K-3. 2010.

My Dog Kiefer

by Trisha Malfitano and Julie Malfitano

published by Trafford Publishing

print book

The story of Kiefer, a border collie born deaf, with American Sign Language signs for some of the text on facing pages. Grades Pre-K-3. 2011.

My Friend Has Autism

by Amanda Doering and Kristin Sorra

published by Picture Window Books

print book

Zack has a disability called autism. But that doesn't matter to his friend. They talk about airplanes, build models, and enjoy hanging out at each other's house. From the Friends with Disabilities Series. Grades Pre-K-3. 2010.

Mysterious Traveler

by Mal Peet, Elspeth Graham, and P.J. Lynch

published by Candlewick Press

Old man Issa discovers a baby girl in the desert after a massive dust storm. Issa, the most skilled guide in the African desert, names the baby Mariama and teaches her so that she can help him as he becomes blind. When Issa and Mariama help a group of young men escape from a storm, they make a surprising discovery that will change their lives forever. Grades 3-5. 2013.

My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay

by Cari Best and Vanessa Brantley-Newton

published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux print book

Zulay and her three best friends are all in the same first-grade class and study the same things, even though she is blind. When their teacher asks her students what they want to do on Field Day, Zulay surprises everyone when she says she wants to run a race. And with the help of a special aide and the support of her friends, she does just that. Grades Pre-K-3. 2015.

Nobody's Perfect

by Marlee Matlin and Doug Cooney

published by Simon and Shuster Books for Young Readers

ebook, print book

Megan, a popular and outgoing fourth-grader, is sure that the "perfect" new girl dislikes her because she is deaf. But persistence and a joint science fair project help Megan see that the two girls have something in common after all. Grades 3-7. 2006.

Oddfellow's Orphanage

by Emily Winfield Martin

published by Random House Children's Books

ebook, print book

When Delia moves to the orphanage run by Oddfellow Bluebeard, the teachers and other orphans there, as well as the unique classes, pleasantly surprise her. Delia, who is mute and communicates only through handwriting, enjoys life in the orphanage with a family of dancing bears, going on adventures to the circus, and searching for a missing baby bear. Grades 2-4. 2012.

On Being Sarah

by Elizabeth Helfman and Lino Saffioti

published by Albert Whitman and Company

ebook, print book

Based on a true story. Twelve-year-old Sarah, who has cerebral palsy, cannot vocalize and uses a wheelchair. She communicates through Blissymbols, a graphic writing system in which symbols represent concepts. Grades 5-8. 1993.

Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes

by Jonathan Auxier

published by Amulet Books
ebook, print book

Thieving is what ten-year-old Peter does best, but his life changes when he steals a box containing three pairs of magic eyes. Having been blind since birth, Peter is excited to try using the eyes but is not ready for the fantasy world they reveal. Grades 4-6. 2011.

A Picture Book of Louis Braille

by David A. Adler, John C. Wallner, and Alexandra Wallner
published by Holiday House
print book

Blinded as a child, Louis Braille invented the raised dot system for reading and writing. Readers can feel the alphabet and numbers from one to ten at the back of the book. Grades 1-6. 1997.

A Rainbow of Friends

by P.K. Hallinan
published by Ideals Children's Books
print book

Friends come in all colors and sizes; they can be funny or serious, musical or athletic, outgoing or quiet. This book reminds children to celebrate their differences because that is what makes each person special. Grades Pre-K-2. 1994.

Samurai Kids: Shaolin Tiger

by Sandy Fussell and Rhian Nest James
published by Candlewick Press
audiobook, print book

Sensei Ki-Yaga leads a disabled samurai-in-training across the Sea of Japan to China, where they study the ways of the Shaolin monks before facing Qing-Shen, a skilled soldier seeking revenge against his former teacher—the Sensei. Grades 4-6. 2009.

The Secret Code

by Dana Meachen Rau and Bari Weissman
published by Children's Press
print book

Oscar, who is blind, explains to his classmates that his books are not written in secret code, but in braille. The braille alphabet is illustrated so that sighted children can learn to recognize the letters and decipher a note that Oscar sends to a friend. Grades Pre-K- 2. 1998.

The Seeing Stick

by Jane Yolen and Daniela Terrazzini
published by Running Press Kids
ebook, braille, print book

The emperor in Peking has a young daughter named Princess Hwei Ming, whom he

showers with riches. But the princess is unhappy because she is blind, so the emperor offers a reward to the person who can make Hwei Ming see. An old man arrives with a piece of wood he calls a seeing stick, with wonderful carved images that allow a blind person to grow “eyes on the tips of her fingers.” Grades K-3. 1977.

See the Ocean

by Estelle Condra and Linda Crockett-Blassingame

published by Eager Minds Press

braille, print book

Ever since Nellie was an infant, her family has vacationed by the ocean. On the way there, her brothers, Gerald and Jamin, always spot the sea first. However, one year a dense fog obscures their view, and Nellie, who is blind, wins the game. The placement of the text in semitransparent panels on the double-page illustrations emphasizes the inseparability of words and pictures in the story. Pre-K-3. 1994.

Sees Behind Trees

by Michael Dorris

published by Hyperion Paperbacks for Children

braille, large print, print book

[In the sixteenth century, Walnut is a Native American boy who discovers that he does not see as well as others. He develops his other senses to earn both the respect of his people and his adult name, Sees Behind Trees. He then accompanies an elder warrior to find the mysterious “land of water.” Grades 3-6. 1996.

Seriously Weird

by Gene Kemp

published by Faber

audiobook, print book

Everyone except his mother thinks Troy is odd. But when his love of numbers helps him estimate the number of chocolate beans in a jar, they realize that while Troy’s view of life may be odd, in its own way it is brilliant. Grades 4-6. 2003.

Skateboard Sonar

by Eric Stevens, Benny Fuentes, and Gerardo Sandoval

published by Stone Arch Books

ebook, print book

Although he is blind, Matty is an excellent skateboarder. But when the former champion mocks him during a skating competition, Matty shows that seeing is not everything. Grades 2-3. 2010.

The Sound of Colors: A Journey of the Imagination

by Jimi Liao

published by Little, Brown

braille, ebook, large print, print book

A year after her sight begins slipping away, a girl with her white cane walks to the subway. She imagines going anywhere she wants, bucking the crowd, and finding a friend, to regain the light that grows in the heart. Originally published in Chinese in 2001. Grades K-6. 2006.

Special People, Special Ways

by Arlene H. Maguire and Sheila Bailey

published by Future Horizons

print book

Presents a positive image of persons with disabilities with the message that even though being different is painful at times, it can also be glorious, and that despite their differences, people share many similarities. Grades K-5. 2000.

Susan Laughs

by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

published by Henry Holt & Company

print book

Rhyming couplets describe the emotions and activities of Susan, a little girl who uses a wheelchair. Susan laughs, she sings, she rides, she swings. She gets angry, she gets sad, she is good, she is bad. In fact, Susan is no different from any other child. Grades Pre-K-2. 1999.

T4: A Novel in Verse

by Ann Clare LeZotte

published by Houghton, Mifflin, and Company

ebook, print book

When the Nazi party takes control of Germany, thirteen-year-old Paula, who is deaf, finds her world turned upside down as she is taken into hiding to protect her from the new law nicknamed T4. Grades 6 and older. 2008.

Tiki Beach Battle (Book 1)

by Joe Lorenzano, Greg Clark, and J. Greg Devlin

published by Neontik tribe.com

ebook, print book

Mowah, Zeke, Tia, and Dar save the turtles and track down the villains who have been polluting the ocean. Part of the Neon Tiki Tribe series, the story features characters with dyslexia and a font that makes reading the book easier for dyslexic children. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

Tru Confessions

by Janet Tashjian

published by Henry Holt

ebook, print book

Twelve-year-old Tru wants two things more than anything else in the world—to help

her twin brother, Eddie, who is developmentally delayed, and to create her own television show. The day Tru learns about a teen video competition on the local cable network, she knows that this is her change to make both of her dreams come true. Grades 3-6. 1997.

Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome

by Clarabelle van Niekerk and Liezl Venter

published by Skeeze Press

ebook, print book

Sam doesn't like his pancakes to touch, his sister is annoyed with his repetitive song, and his new coat hurts his skin. But once he is diagnosed with Asperger syndrome, teamwork-based support helps Sam's life become a little easier. Includes illustrations and tips showing children ways to respect and accept differences as well as to interact with a classmate or friend with Asperger's. National Parenting Center Seal of Approval. Grades Pre-K-4. 2006.

A Very Special Critter

by Mercer Mayer and Gina Mayer

published by Golden Books

print book

A special student joins Little Critter's class at school. The new student uses a wheelchair, and Little Critter is worried. Will his classmate be very different? Will the class know how to act around him? Pre-K-2. 1993.

Way to Go, Alex!

by Robin Pulver and Elizabeth Wolf

published by Morton Grove

print book

Carly learns a lot about Alex, her mentally disabled older brother, as he trains for and competes in the Special Olympics. Grades K-2. 1999.

We'll Paint the Octopus Red

by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen and Pam DeVito

published by Woodbine House

ebook, large print, print book

A young girl thinks of all the things that she and her new baby brother can do together. When she is told her brother has Down syndrome, she promises they still will do those things, though now each activity might take a little longer. Grades Pre-K-2. 1998.

What It Is to be Me! An Asperger Kid Book

by Angela Wine and David Crary

published by Fairdale Publishing

print book

Written from the perspective of the author's son, Danny, who has Asperger syndrome.

Danny shares the ups, downs, and pride of being an Asperger kid. Fully illustrated. Grades Pre-K-3. 2005.

The Wild Book

by Margarita Engle

published by Harcourt Children's Books

ebook, print book

Fefa, who has dyslexia, deals with pressure on all sides in this free-verse novel. Her doctors consider her disorder to be untreatable, her mother tries to teach her how to write, and her siblings tease her mercilessly. While Fefa worries about her future if she is unable to read, her disability becomes an advantage when her family is in danger. Grades 4-6. 2012.

Window Boy

by Andrea White

published by Bright Sky Press

ebook, print book

1968. Sam Davis, a young man with cerebral palsy, peers through his bedroom window every day at the school he longs to attend. With the help of both his caretaker and his imaginary friend, Winston Churchill, Sam not only gains admittance to the school and the acceptance of his peers, but also fulfills his dream of becoming the school's basketball coach. Grades 6-8. 2008.

Wosie the Blind Little Bunny

by Rose King and Kevin Jones

published by Xlibris

ebook, print book

Wosie was created by the author to reflect some of the life experiences she has had as a result of her blindness. The friendly animal characters in the book learn what it means to reach out and help others in need. The animals also learn ways to cope with their own disabilities and life challenges. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

A Young Man's Dance

by Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton and Layne Johnson

published by Boyds Mills Press

print book

Grandma Ronnie's grandson misses baking cookies and dancing with her now that she lives in a nursing home, uses a wheelchair, and doesn't recognize people. After several visits, he finds a special way to reconnect with her. Grades K-3. 2005.

Yuko-Chan and the Daruma Doll: The Adventures of a Blind Japanese Girl Who Saves Her Village

by Sunny Seki

published by Tuttle Publishing

ebook, print book Yuko-chan, an adventurous orphan who is blind, is able to do amazing things. She confronts a burglar in the dead of night and crosses treacherous mountain passes to deliver food to hungry people. During her travels, Yuko-chan tumbles down a snowy cliff. As she waits for help, she discovers her tea gourd always lands right-side-up. Inspired, she creates the famous Daruma doll toy, which rights itself when tipped—a true symbol of resilience. Text in English and Japanese. Grades Pre-K-3. 2012.

Part 3: Mobile Apps, Games, and Activities for Children with Disabilities and Their Peers

This section focuses on mobile apps for children with disabilities and their peers, as well as games and activities that can be done individually or in a group.

Apps:

This section includes apps that help children with disabilities and apps on braille and sign language that can be shared with peers. Apps featured were voted on by care.com, Perkins School for the Blind, and WonderBaby.org and are featured in the AFB publication *Reinforcing Braille Literacy Using the iPad*.

From the Apple App Store:

Answers YesNo (Free) A simple yet versatile app that turns an iPad into a communication tool that allows for an array of customizations.

Art of Glow (Free) Simple drawing app with very responsive screen. Helps to build visual attention and understanding of cause and effect (no audio).

Baby Sign (ASL) (Free) American Sign Language instruction and games for children.

Bebot (\$1.99) Simple sound cause-and-effect app that makes funny synth robot sounds.

Bob Books Reading Magic (\$3.99) Teaches your child how to make the connection between letters and sounds, sound out simple words, and spell the words they've read.

Bugs and Buttons (\$2.99) Teaches counting, path finding, patterns, sorting, and tracking, as well as fine motor skills such as pinching.

Cause & Effect Sensory Light Box (\$2.99) Cause-and-effect app that creates sounds and lights when a finger is on the screen, then stops when the finger is removed. For children with low vision or cortical visual impairment (CVI).

ChoiceWorks (\$6.99) Helps children complete daily routines, understand and control their feelings, and cultivate a higher threshold for patience (e.g., taking turns and not

interrupting). Helps foster a child's independence while also promoting positive behavior and emotional regulation.

Crazy Copy (Free) Similar to the popular handheld game Simon Says of the 1980s, this memory game is “easy to learn, hard to master.”

Doodle Kids (Free) This doodle and drawing app teaches cause and effect and visual attention. There is no audio but the colors are high contrast.


Dr Seuss's ABC (\$3.99) The Dr. Seuss story apps from Oceanhouse Media are interactive, include sound effects, and add a new layer to classic Seuss tales.

Exploring Braille with Madilyn and Ruff (\$3.99) The Exploring Braille app was created to introduce young children with visual impairments to the braille alphabet with an interactive, multi-sensory approach utilizing both print and braille.

Faces iMake (\$0.99) Allows kids to create faces from unexpected combinations of objects like light bulbs, spools of thread, and strawberries.

Fluidity HD (Free) Encourages simple motor movements with bold visual displays. Helps teach cause and effect and increases visual attention (no audio).

Fruit Memory Match Game (\$0.99) An interactive cousin to the classic Memory card game, using fruit.

Hidden Curriculum for Kids (\$1.99) Apps for Children with Special Needs (a4cwsn.com ) describes this as, “Real life-based entries spur conversations about the countless 'unwritten social rules' that we encounter every day and that can cause confusion and anxiety.”

Infant Zoo Lite (Free) Simple high-contrast illustrations encourage visual attention and help to develop an understanding of cause and effect.

iLoveFireworks (\$0.99) (Free Lite version) Makes big sounds and big visual displays with a simple tap of the finger. Teaches cause and effect and increases visual attention.

Injini: Child Development Game Suite (\$29.99) Play-based learning exercises and games for children with cognitive, language, and fine motor delays. Originally designed for and tested by children with autism, cerebral palsy, and Down’s syndrome as well as typically developing preschoolers.

Math Evolve (\$1.99) Helps children practice math facts, number sense and mental math skills.

My Smart Hands Baby Sign Language Dictionary (Free Lite version) Comes with more than three hundred signs. Explains how to do them and gives tips on how to remember and understand them.

My Talking Picture Board (\$19.99) Helps children with CVI learn how to locate and recognize two-dimensional images.

My Underwear (\$0.99) Based on a popular board book by Todd Parr. Options include finger painting their own underwear designs and feeding underwear-hungry monsters as briefs and BVDs fall from the sky.

ProloQuo2Go (\$249.99) Full-featured augmentative and alternative communication solution for people who have difficulty speaking. Provides natural sounding text-to-speech voices.

Sign Attack (Free) Allows players to challenge themselves in sign language fluency or play online against others all over the world. Includes teaching tools.

Signed Stories (Free) App for both beginners and advanced signers includes many popular classic children's stories narrated with signs. Includes a vocabulary section.

SignShine (Free) Designed by a leader in the sign language field, this app offers songs to help teach children sign language vocabulary while keeping them entertained. Additional song packs are available.

Social Skill Builder (\$2.99) Interactive videos teach key social skills, language, and behavior that are critical to everyday living. Focuses on problem-solving and friendship/life skills, critical thinking, emotions, and consequences.

Sounding Board (Free) Users create communication boards using simple symbols with voice output.

Speech with Milo: Verbs (\$2.99) Created by a licensed speech-language pathologist for infants, toddlers and children with language delays. Milo is an animated mouse that performs over one hundred actions such as "bounce," "count," and "play."

Splingo's Language Universe (\$2.99) Helps children practice listening and language skills by interacting with the onscreen images and animation to follow Splingo the alien's spoken instructions.

Talking Tom Cat (Free) Animated cat repeats words and sounds in a funny voice. Encourages vocalization and interaction with the iPad.

TalkTablet (\$79.99) For people unable to communicate clearly as a result of autism, aphasia, Down syndrome, stroke or laryngectomy. With six American English voices (including children's voices).

Tap-n-See Now (\$2.99) Though created specifically for children with CVI, the bright colors and fun pictures in this cause-and-effect app will also appeal to babies and young toddlers without CVI.

Tap-n-See Zoo (\$2.99) (Free Lite version) The developer of this app calls it "the first app for iPad and iPhone created specifically for children with cortical visual impairment."

TeachMe (\$0.99, includes spelling as well) Teaches age-appropriate math skills.

Telling Time (\$1.99) Features include a free-play talking clock, a digital clock alongside the analog one, three levels of difficulty for each activity, and the chance to win prizes.

Tickle Finger in the Jungle (Free download; \$1.99 to finish the story) The reader has to help Tiny Tinga the monkey get home by "tickling" various predators along the way.

Toca Hair Salon (\$2.99) Features six characters with lifelike hair that kids can cut, color, comb, and style. The characters make fun faces and sounds while being groomed.

Visual Routine (\$4.99) Build visual schedules with pictures, words, or a combination of the two. Helps children with developmental delays anticipate and better prepare for transitions.

Write My Name (\$3.99) Helps children with fine motor delays and sensory processing issues practice emerging writing skills by writing their name and tracing upper and lowercase letters. Includes more than one hundred familiar sight words.

Zen Brush (\$2.99) Simulates the feeling of an ink brush, enabling the user to make fluid strokes. Offers fifty style templates, three shades of ink, eraser tool, brush size adjustment slider, and one-time undo function.

From GooglePlay:

AAC Speech Buddy (\$27.99) Allows users to create custom PECS Speech Sets at AACSpeech.com and download them to Android devices.

AAC Speech Communicator (Free) App forms and reads grammatically correct sentences from a list of pictograms that are clicked (text-to-speech).

Alexicom AAC for Android (Free) Alexicom AAC lets you use your Android phone or tablet as an augmentative communication device (AAC). They offer more than 1,200 pre-made pages and more than 7,000 images in their public libraries.

AutismXpress (Free) Encourages people with autism to recognize and express emotions through an easy-to-use interface.

First Then Visual Schedule (\$9.99) Designed for caregivers to provide positive behavior support through the use of “visual schedules.”

Gabby Tabs-AAC for Kids (Free) Augmentative alternative communication app that helps non-verbal children to communicate.

iPrompts-ASD Visual Support (\$9.99) Offers visual schedules, countdown timers, choice prompts, and more for parents, special educators, and therapists of those with autism and other developmental delays.

iReward Chart (\$3.99) Helps parents reward children—with or without special needs—for good behavior and keep them motivated.

JABTalk (Free) Speech communication app designed to help non-verbal children and adults communicate.


Quick Talk (\$14.99) Gives individuals who cannot communicate a way to tell others their wants and needs.


TapToTalk (Free) Turns an Android device into an AAC device. Tap a picture and TapToTalk speaks.


Voice4U (\$49.99) Consists of images that can assist and improve language.

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