

DISABILITIES

Alexander, S. Do You Remember the Color Blue? Children ask questions of an author who lost her vision at the age of twenty-seven, including "How did you become blind?" "How can you read?" and "Was it hard to be a parent when you couldn't see your kids?" j 305.9 Alexander

Bunnett, R. Friends at School. A portrait of children with different abilities busily working together at school. Text and photos illustrate the true meaning of the word inclusion, showing that given the opportunity, children readily accept one another's differences. j 371.9 B

Carrick, C. Stay Away From Simon! Lucy and her younger brother examine their feelings about a mentally handicapped boy they both fear when he follows them home one snowy day.
j Carrick

Carter, A. Big Brother Dustin. A boy with Down syndrome helps his parents and grandparents get ready for the birth of his baby sister and chooses the perfect name for her.
j PAR PIC Carter

Carter, A. Dustin's Big School Day. Second-grader Dustin, who has Down syndrome, anticipates the arrival of two very special guests at his school one day. j PAR PIC Carter

Cole, B. Anna & Natalie. Anna and her seeing-eye dog Natalie are chosen by Anna's teacher to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. j PAR PIC Cole

Davis, P. Brian's Bird. Eight-year-old Brian, who is blind, learns how to take care of his new parakeet and comes to realize that his older brother, while sometimes careless, is not so bad after all. j PAR PIC Davis

Dwight, L. We Can Do It! Depicts children living with spina bifida, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or blindness with the help of family and friends. j 305 Dwight

Fleming, V. Be Good to Eddie Lee. Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's Syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her. j PAR PIC Flemming

Foreman, M. Seal Surfer. Although he is on crutches, a boy goes to the beach with his grandfather, where they watch a seal being born, and over the following seasons, the boy and the seal develop a special bond. j PAR PIC Foreman

Gehret, J. The Don't-Give-Up Kid. As Alex becomes aware of his different learning style, he realizes his hero Thomas Edison had similar problems. j PAR PIC Gehret

Gregory, N. How Smudge Came. In the home where Cindy lives, no dogs are allowed, so she must bundle puppy up when she goes to work as a cleaning woman in the Hospice. One patient

is so blind with illness that he can barely see the dog; it looks like a smudge. But, oh, how nice to hold the puppy. What is Cindy to do? How will she care for Smudge? j PAR PIC Gregory

Hegi, U. Trudi and Pia. A dwarf girl goes to the circus where she meets another dwarf and realizes that she is not alone. j PAR PIC Hegi

Hill, E.S. Bird Boy. Chang, a mute Chinese boy whose father uses cormorants to fish, is pleased when he is finally old enough to help with the Big Catch and the raising of a new bird. jP Hill

Klein, A. Max Learns Sign Language. Max takes a class in sign language so that he can talk with his friend, Susan, who cannot hear. jE Klein

Kuklin, S. Thinking Big: The Story of a Young Dwarf. Text and photographs depict the life of an eight-year-old dwarf who lives in an average-sized family and attends a regular school.
j 362.191 K96

Lakin, P. Dad and Me in the Morning. A deaf boy and his father share a special time as they watch the sun rise at the beach. j PAR PIC Lakin

Lambke, B. I Just Am. In a book that is both charming and disarming, Bryan Lambke—a young man with Down syndrome—invites us into his world where he lets us know he shares the same dreams and emotions as everyone else. "I have a disability," says Bryan. "It is not my fault. I just am." Bryan, with the help of his father Tom, helps us all examine what is normal about each of us. j PAR 362.196 Lambke

Landau, E. Short Stature. Explores the portrayal of dwarfs in folklore, the causes and treatment of dwarfism, and the challenges of living in a society where bigger is thought to be better. j 573.8 Landau

Lee, J. Silent Lotus. Although she cannot speak or hear, Lotus trains as a Khmer court dancer and becomes eloquent in dancing out the legends of the gods. j PAR PIC Lee

Martin, B. Knots on a Counting Rope. A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race.
j PAR PIC Martin

Patterson, N.R. The Shiniest Rock of All. Fourth grader Robert Morris Reynolds, who cannot say his n me properly because he has trouble pronouncing his Rs, works hard with a speech therapist to overcome his problem. j Patterson

Petrillo, G. Keep Your Ear on the Ball. Everybody wants to help Davey. "Let me open that." "Do you want to hold my hand?" Davey has one answer for all, "Thanks, but no thanks." Davey is blind--and he is perfectly capable of doing everything on his own. His well-meaning classmates stop offering help when they see how able Davey is. They respect his self-reliance--until he tries to play kickball. After several missed kicks and a trampled base keeper, no one wants Davey on

his team. Working together, the children figure out a way to offer help that respects Davey's unique abilities and his desire for freedom. j PAR PIC Petrillo

Pulver, R. Way to Go, Alex! Carly learns a lot about Alex, her mentally disabled older brother, as he trains for and competes in the Special Olympics. j PAR PIC Pulver

Robb, D. The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia. Learning to read is a great struggle for Adam, but with expert help, hard work, and belief in himself, he wins "The Alphabet War." Includes information about dyslexia. j PAR PIC Pulver

Rogers, F. Extraordinary Friends. Focuses on people who are different, who might use equipment such as wheelchairs or special computers, who are more like you than you might think, and suggests ways to interact with them. j 362.4083 R

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Are Blind. Simple text and photographs describe children who are blind, their challenges and adaptations, and their similarities with others. jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Are Deaf. Simple text and photographs describe the condition of deafness and some of the everyday activities of children who are deaf. jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Use Wheelchairs. Simple text and illustrations discuss the challenges of being in a wheelchair, why some children cannot walk, and how those who use a wheelchair function at school and at play. jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Wear Leg Braces. Describes some of the reasons children might be required to wear leg braces and how they are helpful. jE Schaefer

Seeger, P. The Deaf Musicians. Lee, a jazz pianist, has to leave his band when he begins losing his hearing, but he meets a deaf saxophone player in a sign language class and together they form a snazzy new band. j PAR PIC Seeger

Stuve-Bodeen, S. We'll Paint the Octopus Red. Emma and her father discuss what they will do when the new baby arrives, but they adjust their expectations when he is born with Down syndrome. j PAR PIC Stuve-Bodeen

Testa, M. Thumbs Up, Rico! In three separate stories, a boy with Down syndrome makes a new friend, helps his sister with a difficult decision, and finally draws a picture he likes. j Testa

Thompson, M. My Brother, Matthew. Though David knows frustration and resentment at times, he feels he understands his disabled little brother even better than his parents; and together the two boys experience a great deal of joy. j 362.3 Thompson

Tupper Ling, N. My Sister, Alicia May. Older sister Rachel tells the story of her relationship with Alicia, her younger sister who is very different and very special because she has Down syndrome. j PAR PIC Tupper

White, P. Being Blind. Describes what it is like to be blind, some of the challenges faced by blind people, and the ways they cope with everyday life. j 362.4 White

Wooley, M. Being Deaf. Examines the nature, causes, history, treatment, means of communication, challenges, and social aspects of deafness. j 617.8 Wooley

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