

**Disability-Inclusive Children's Books**



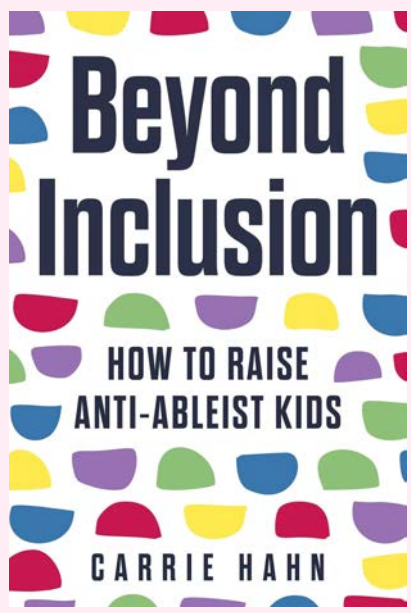
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**Multiple disabilities**

*Books on this list represent multiple disabilities throughout the book in one or more characters.*

*\*Not all books explicitly state which disabilities are represented resulting in blank spaces on the "Disability Represented" column*

*Caregiver/adult*



**Beyond Inclusion: How to Raise Anti-Ableist Kids**

*Carrie Cherney Hahn | Caregiver/adult | \**

If the question is "How do you raise anti-ableist kids?" the answer is "Become anti-ableist and then model it through intention and action for your children."

Parents want to be inclusive of their disabled and neurodivergent neighbors and want to pass these values along to their children. What holds them back is not having the education or experience on how to appropriately do this. Beyond Inclusion breaks down fifteen common forms of ableism, with explanations, examples, and first-person accounts. Doing better starts with knowledge.

Author Carrie Cherney Hahn offers activities and perspectives that help parents understand the ableism that exists within them and supports their ability to process and dismantle it so that they can model anti-ableist practices for their kids. Each chapter offers children's resources that parents can use to nurture informed and anti-ableist ideals in their kids.

Inclusion is actually the bare minimum. Our work is to show our children how to become more understanding, more accepting, and more appreciative of disabled and neurodivergent people.

*Early grades*



### [We Are Little Feminists: How We Eat](#)

*Shuli de la Fuente-Lau | Age 1-3 | Different ways of eating (g-tube, different utensils, hand, etc.)*

Mealtime just got a whole lot more fun! HOW WE EAT helps families and educators discuss ability, culture, and food at home and in the classroom.

Complete with family discussion questions and a guide detailing the foods, tools, and utensils seen on each page. Created with 0-5-year-olds in mind.

See kids using bottles, spoons, chopsticks, GI tubes, forks, cups, and their hands to eat. See families nursing, pumping, spoon-feeding, and checking ingredient lists for allergens. Join in as families celebrate birthdays and holidays with traditional foods. Learn about foods like sushi, arepas, artichokes, dosas, and dumplings. Celebrate all the different ways we eat!

Part of the We Are Little Feminists series - the identity-affirming board book series developed to raise intersectional feminists. Created to help families and educators discuss diversity through everyday topics, We Are Little Feminists helps children stand against racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and ableism.

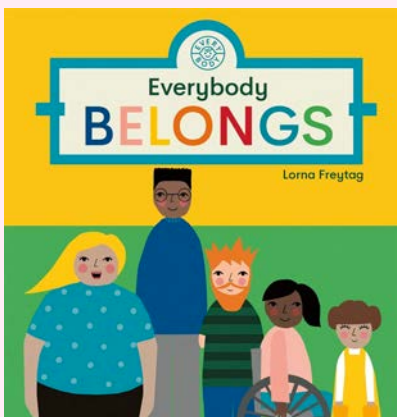


### [I'll Walk with You](#)

*Carol Lynn Pearson, Jane Sanders (I) | Age 1-4 | \**

Help little ones learn to show love for the people around them, no matter how they look, sound, pray, love, or think.

Beloved author of *The Lesson* and *Will You Still Be My Daughter?* Carol Lynn Pearson is known for her heartfelt, sometimes tear-jerking poetry and stories. Her newest title will enchant children with a sweet, tender poem about loving and accepting others, no matter what they look like, where they come from, or what their age and abilities are.

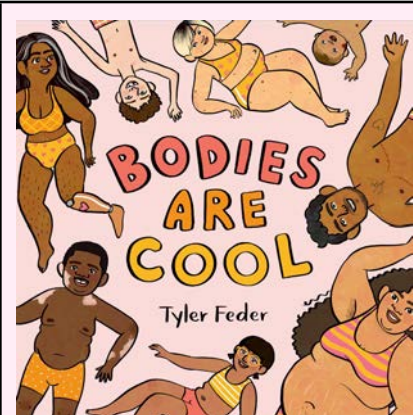


### [Everybody Belongs](#)

*Lorna Freytag | Age 2-5 | \**

Everybody Belongs explores the ways in which our bodies are unique: from the colour of our eyes and skin to the size of our feet and the languages we speak. Sometimes we look different from our families, too. Our bodies are all different, and they help us to experience the world in lots of ways. Let's celebrate the diversity that we see all around us!

This is a simple introduction to an important topic for curious toddlers and pre-schoolers. With easy text and bright, bold illustrations throughout.



### **Bodies are Cool**

*Tyler Feder | Age 2-5 | Celebration of all different bodies*

This cheerful love-your-body picture book for preschoolers is an exuberant read-aloud with bright and friendly illustrations to pore over.

From the acclaimed creator of *Dancing at the Pity Party* and *Roaring Softly*, this picture book is a pure celebration of all the different human bodies that exist in the world. Highlighting the various skin tones, body shapes, and hair types is just the beginning in this truly inclusive book. With its joyful illustrations and encouraging refrain, it will instill body acceptance and confidence in the youngest of readers. "My body, your body, every different kind of body! All of them are good bodies! BODIES ARE COOL!"



### **Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger**

*Elizabeth Cole, Julia Kamenshikova (I) | Age 2-6 | \**

If you want to teach your child to accept himself and others as they are, then this picture book about diversity will be your best assistant. It will help your little ones to respect all the differences that make us unique.

In this kids' book, our little hero named Nick will show your children that we all are different in many ways, and everyone is unique—which is great! Nicky is afraid that his friends will not accept him because of his new reading glasses. By talking to his peers on the way to school, he discovers the beauty of diversity and realizes that our diversity is actually our strength.

This children's book contains lovely hand-drawn illustrations and charming rhymes. This book will help your children:

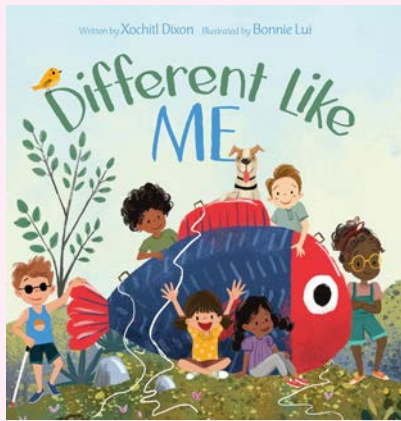
- to accept and celebrate diversity
- to be kind to those who are different
- to love themselves the way they are
- to boost self-confidence

This social emotional book for kids is a continuation of Nick's adventures from the "World of Kids' Emotions" series.

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Even if you have tried everything, this adorable picture book will surely encourage your child to be kinder and more confident. It is perfectly suited for toddlers, preschool kids ages 3-5, as well as older ones ages 6-10.

So, don't wait, add this amazing book to your cart now and ENJOY!



## Different Like Me

*Xochitl Dixon, Bonnie Lui (I) | Age 2-6 | \**

Adventure with a diverse group of children as they discover and celebrate that we all have more in common than we might think.

Sometimes the things that make us different can leave us feeling like a fish out of water. Take your child on this whimsical journey where each unique child works with the others to launch a giant colorful fish balloon. Along the way, the children learn to celebrate differences and uncover what they all have in common, so that even a "fish out of water" finds belonging.

Different Like Me by Xochitl Dixon features a wonderful variety of children with unique qualities. It is based on a story she wrote years ago to explain to her own children the beauty of God's diverse world. You'll also enjoy the engaging questions you can use to start conversations about diversity with the children in your own life.

In Different Like Me, you'll discover:

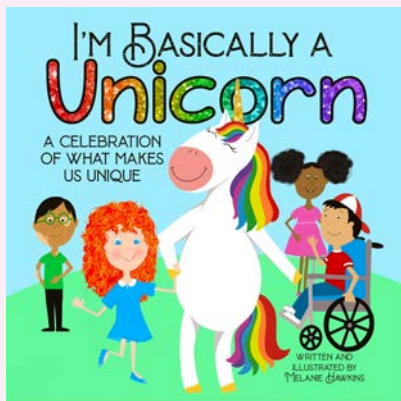
The beauty of diversity—cultural, physical, and more

Rhyming words and a repetitive refrain that capture kids' attention

Conversation-starting questions around the topic of diversity

A valuable addition to school, church, and home libraries

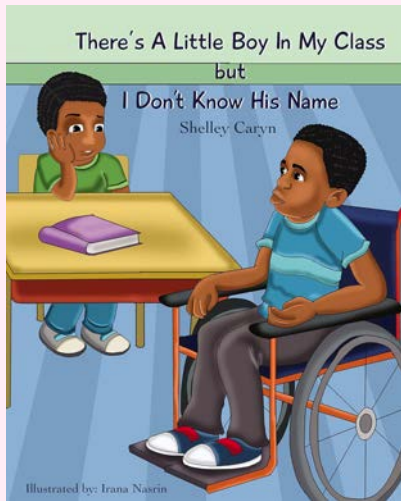
A perfect picture book for children 8 and under



## I'm Basically A Unicorn: A Celebrations of What Makes Us Unique

*Melanie Hawkins | Age 2-7 | Limb differences, Down Syndrome, cancer, visual impairment, diabetes, paraplegia, and autism*

This is a celebration of unique traits and abilities that will help us realize that we are all basically unicorns! From unique traits that make us look or just feel a bit different, to different abilities, this book is for everyone. No matter our abilities, strengths or weaknesses, each of us is precious, rare, and beautiful! This wonderful book can open dialogue about uniqueness, inclusion, and the beauty of diversity. It can help us have compassion and understanding for the challenges that many children face. We can learn to be accepting of others who are a bit different and realize just how similar and wonderful we really are. You're a unicorn, uniquely rare! Your beauty is beyond compare. You're special from the day you're born, You really are a unicorn! There is no one in the world exactly like you! This book has a wonderful resource/glossary in the back that can help children learn about the unique traits, illnesses, and abilities from the book. Genetic traits such as hair and eye color, glasses, height, skin conditions and differences, being a twin, and also things such as limb differences, Down Syndrome, cancer, blindness, diabetes, paralysis, and autism.



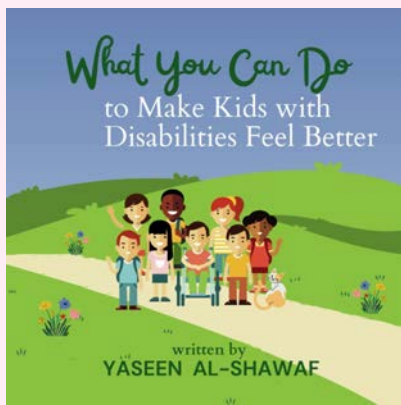
**There's A Little Boy in my Class But I Don't Know His Name**

*Shelley Caryn | Age 2-7 | Communication differences, Wheelchair user*

Do your children love books that rhyme and have rhythm? Are you a parent or teacher? Do you work with preschoolers or in early education? Do you have a job in special education or in the Exceptional Childrens Department? Are you a parent or teacher of a child that has different abilities, or special needs. Are you looking for a book about inclusion, disabilities, and/or acceptance made for young children and early readers? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this is the perfect book to add to your library at home or in the classroom.

Follow along in this cute, rhyming, picture book as a little boy named Brayden goes from being curious about one his classmates, who doesn't talk and is in a wheelchair, to becoming his friend. Brayden becomes an example to others, including his mom. Brayden and his new friend form a special bond that they both truly benefit from.

The book can be used as a tool to help start the conversation with young children about how to interact with children of different abilities. The book is worded simply and perfect for boys and girls, ages 3-7. It encourages children to get past being uncomfortable about differences and disabilities and instead to focus on similarities and abilities. It's a book about friendship, acceptance and kindness. It's the book you've been looking for!



**What You Can Do to Make Kids with Disabilities Feel Better**

*Yaseen Al-Shawaf | Age 2-8 | \**

Written by a 9-year-old child with a disability who has faced his own set of unique challenges, "What You Can Do To Make Kids with Disabilities Feel Better" gently teaches young readers about empathy, compassion, and the power of inclusion. Yaseen explores the feelings and experiences of remarkable kids, from those with physical disabilities to those with sensory sensitivities. It is a heartfelt invitation to all children to embrace kindness, celebrate differences, and create a world where every child can feel a sense of belonging. It's a must-read for kids and adults alike to foster understanding of disabilities.



**Image Bearer**

*Ellie Sanazaro, Madison Kay (I) | Age 3-10 | The illustrations are inspired by real kids with diagnoses including:*

*autism, Williams syndrome, spina bifida, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, post-pump chorea, congenital heart defect, osteogenesis imperfecta, vision loss (septo-optic dysplasia), dwarfism (Kniest syndrome), lymphatic malformation, port-wine stain, hearing loss, epilepsy*

*It depicts children using equipment including: wheelchairs, crutches, a white cane, a Braille, a hearing aid, a feeding tube, a nasal cannula, a trach, a stander*

"Image Bearer" is a children's book designed to teach a biblical view of disability to kids. Inspired by Genesis 1:27, Image Bearer shows how ALL children are wonderfully made in the image of God, no matter their differences.

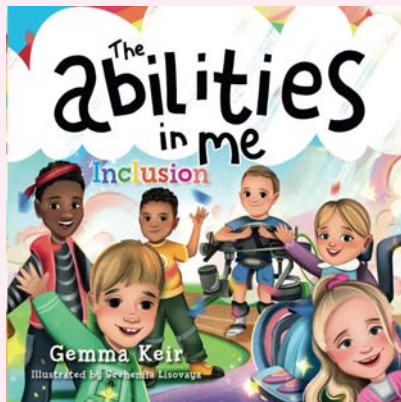
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- +hearing loss
- +epilepsy

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- +a hearing aid
- +a feeding tube
- +a nasal cannula
- +a trach
- +a stander

Many pages include footnotes to help parents talk to their children about the topics presented in the book.



### [The Abilities in Me: Inclusion](#)

*Gemma Keir, Yevheniia Lisovaya (I) | Age 3-12 | \**

The abilities in me is not just a book series; it's a movement towards an inclusive world. It empowers children to see beyond the surface, to ask questions, to extend a hand in friendship, and to celebrate the variety that each person brings to the society, school, home and beyond.

Perfect for families, schools, and community groups, this book is a tool for sparking conversations about empathy, diversity, and the power of understanding. Inspired by the wonderful children of our abilities choir.

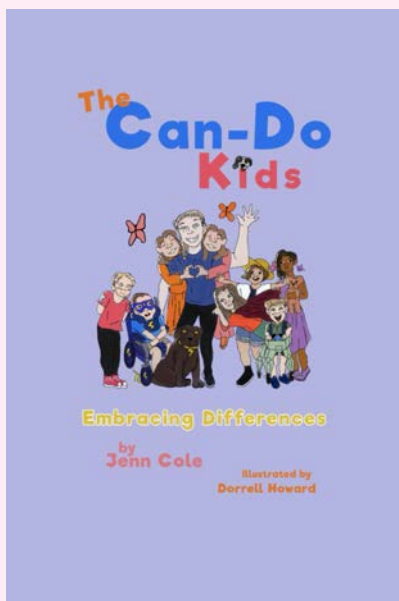


**The Abilities in Me: Superstar Siblings**

*Gemma Keir, Yevheniia Lisovaya (I) | Age 3-12 | \**

"There are so many children in this world, who help care for their siblings at home. Just know how amazing and loved you are and that you are never alone!" - The abilities in me Superstar Siblings. Through beautiful illustrations and text. This book brings recognition to all those siblings, who care for their brothers and sisters at home. Our book series creates acceptance and awareness to those around them."There are so many children in this world, who help care for their siblings at home. Just know how amazing and loved you are and that you are never alone!" - The abilities in me Superstar Siblings. Through beautiful illustrations and text. This book brings recognition to all those siblings, who care for their brothers and sisters at home. Our book series creates acceptance and awareness to those around them.

This picture book is aimed for children between 3-12 years old.



**The Can-Do Kids: Embracing Differences**

*Jennifer Cole, Dorrell Howard (I) | Age 3-15 | \**

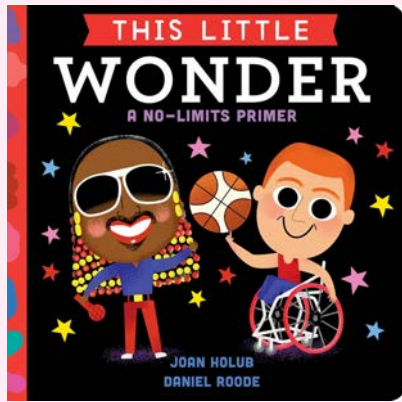
Step into the enchanting world of Harmonyville with 'The Can-Do Kids: Embracing Differences.' This heartwarming children's book introduces a group of extraordinary youngsters with unique abilities, celebrating diversity and friendship. From Jordyn's expressive sign language to Jaxson's superhero wheelchair, each Can-Do Kid showcases their special powers with joy.

Written by Jenn Cole ,illustrated by Dorrell Howard, this captivating story unfolds through Miss Jenn, their inspiring teacher, who embodies the Can-Do spirit. With delightful illustrations and empowering narratives, young readers embark on a journey where differences are superpowers, and each page radiates with positivity.

Explore the delightful adventures of Julia, Jaxson, Kalee, Miyah, Sadie, Sloane, and Trevor – each character imparting valuable lessons about resilience, courage, and acceptance. 'The Can-Do Kids' is more than a story; it's a celebration of uniqueness, emphasizing that embracing differences creates a stronger, kinder community.

Perfect for children aged 3 and up, this book encourages inclusivity, understanding, and the power of friendship. Share the magic of Harmonyville with your little ones and join the Can-Do movement today!

Get your copy of 'The Can-Do Kids: Embracing Differences' now, available on Amazon. Let the adventures begin



**This Little Wonder: A No-Limits Primer**

*Joan Holub | Age 3-5 | Important leaders with disabilities*

Learn all about important leaders with disabilities in this engaging board book in the bestselling This Little series!

Now even the youngest readers can learn all about important people whose wonderful talents shine bright from the disability community. Highlighting ten memorable people who paved the way, parents and little ones alike will love this discovery primer full of fun, age-appropriate facts and bold illustrations.



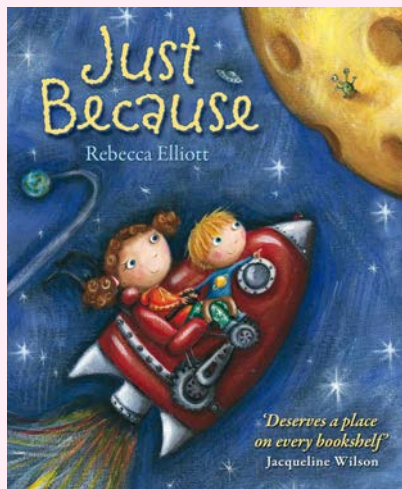
**There's Only One You**

*Kathryn Heling, Deborah Hembrook, Rosie Butcher (I) | Age 3-5 | \**

Celebrate your individuality with this picture book that honors all the wonderful things that make you . . . you.

“In all the world over, this much is true:  
You’re somebody special. There’s only one YOU.”

This feel-good book reassures kids that, whoever and whatever they are, it’s awesome being YOU! Expertly written to include all kinds of children and families, this story embraces the beauty in a range of physical types, personalities, and abilities. Kids will love discovering and recognizing themselves in these pages—and they’ll feel proud to see their special qualities acknowledged. Adorable illustrations by Rosie Butcher show a diverse community that many will find similar to their own.



**Just Because**

*Rebecca Elliott | Age 3-5 | Wheelchair user, communication differences*

Just Because is a heart-warming picture book by Rebecca Elliott, telling the delightful story of a brother's love for his sister.

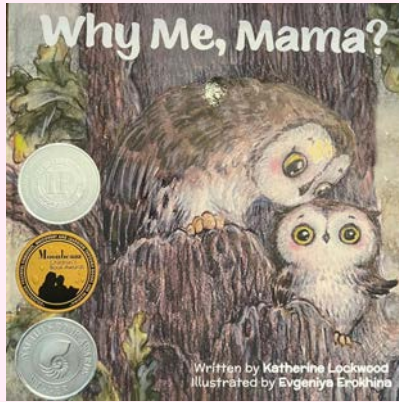
'My big sister Clemmie is my best friend. She can't walk, talk, move around much, cook macaroni, pilot a plane, juggle or do algebra. I don't know why she doesn't do these things. Just because.'

This charming picture book covers the issue of disability in a unique and beautiful celebration of sibling friendship to which all children can relate.

The brother delights in telling us about just how special his sister is and about all the fun things they do together.

This amusing and often touching story encompasses the issue of disability in a charming celebration of sibling friendship to which all children can relate.





### [Why Me, Mama?: A Children's Book About the Disability Experience](#)

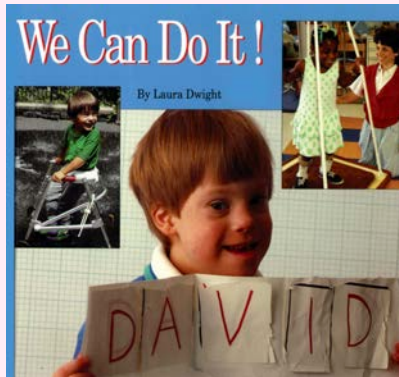
*Katherine Lockwood, Evgeniya Erokhina (I) | Age 3-6 | Facial paralysis/weakness, inability to abduct the eyes (Duane syndrome), club feet, cleft palate, mild, moderate & severe hypotonia, limb differences, strabismus, autism, Pierre Robin sequence, Poland syndrome, developmental delay, speech, hearing, vision, feeding and respiratory difficulty*

Everyone has something, sometimes you see it & sometimes you don't "Why me, Mama?" A children's book about the disability experience

This children's book about differences is set in the Public Garden in Boston, MA. Each animal in the park has a difference and as the mama and baby owl visit their friends in the park, they will learn about these differences - helping the baby owl to understand the different disabilities represented by the other animals, normalizing disability as a part of everyday life, and provide a foundation for acceptance and empathy for others and within themselves.

Various disabilities are individually highlighted in this book including facial paralysis/weakness, inability to abduct the eyes (Duane syndrome), club feet, cleft palate, mild, moderate & severe hypotonia, limb differences, strabismus, autism, Pierre Robin sequence, Poland syndrome, developmental delay, speech, hearing, vision, feeding and respiratory difficulty.

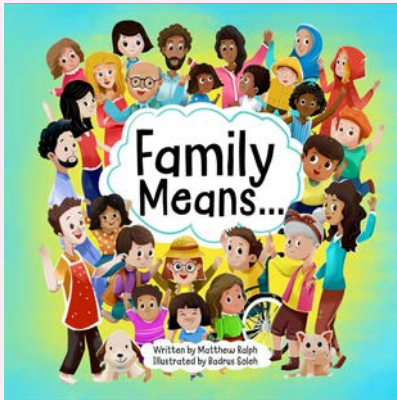
These individual differences can all be found in Moebius syndrome.



### [We Can Do It!](#)

*Laura Dwight | Age 3-6 | 5 preschool children with a disability*

Photographs show five preschool children, each with a disability, leading full, productive and happy lives because they believe, "We Can Do It!" Glossary and resource list included.



## **Family Means...**

*Matthew Ralph | Age 3-6 | \**

Every family is different. But in the end, all families have the same core values of love, kindness and acceptance. The real question is... what does family mean to you?

Small, big, colorful and fun - a family can be so many things. Every family is special, and this book celebrates all forms of living together: no one is left out. The types of families represented include nuclear/traditional families, adoption families, blended families, multiracial families, stepfamilies, single-parent families as well as LGBT families.

“Family Means...” is a charming and heart-warming children’s picture book about family, diversity, inclusion and the joy of everyday life. The simple and easy-to-understand sentences are perfect for little readers and make this book ideal for story time or nighttime reading.

Each page starts with the words “Family means...” and shows different types of families in various everyday situations. Every type of family is represented, which makes this book perfect for everyone, including nuclear/traditional families, blended families, adopted families, foster families, multiracial families, stepfamilies, single-parent families as well as LGBT families.

The beautifully hand-drawn color illustrations depict family life and teach children that while all families may look and sound different, we are all united in love.

There is even a bonus activity section where you can draw your family and write your own answer to the question: What does family mean to you?

So, are you ready to find out the true meaning of family? Open the book and let’s get started!



## **Every Body: A Celebration of Diverse Abilities**

*Shelley Rotner | Age 3-6 | Various neurological, physical, and health differences*

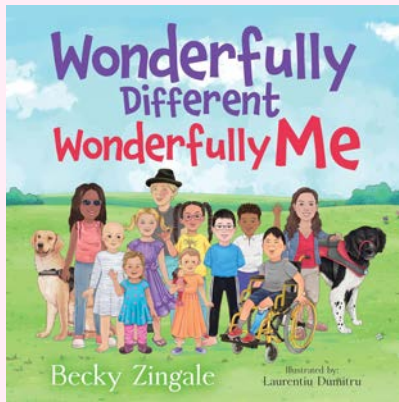
Join this photographic celebration of differing physical and neurological abilities from a National Geographic photographer.

We have different ways to move around.

Celebrating children of different abilities, this photographic book presents large, clear images of children moving around their community, using scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, and more. The text presents their experiences navigating the world, from the park to the beach, in simple relatable language. Every Body celebrates children with varying abilities, covering neurological differences, physical differences, and health challenges.

The book includes contributions from internationally-known disabilities activist Judith Heumann whose work is profiled in the oscar-nominated Netflix documentary Crip Camp.

Shelley Rotner, a National Geographic photographer and prolific children’s author, applies her trained eye for crisp details in this latest book for young readers.



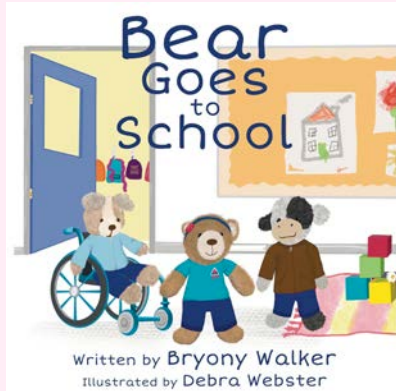
### [Wonderfully Different, Wonderfully Me](#)

*Becky Zingale, Laurentiu Dumitru (I) | Age 3-7 | \**

Wonderfully Different, Wonderfully Me features a diverse group of children, celebrates each child's unique strengths, and promotes inclusion, acceptance and friendship.

Wonderfully Different, Wonderfully Me is the first book written by Becky Zingale. Becky's husband, Duane, and their younger daughter have the same syndrome as the main character in the book and movie Wonder. Becky wanted to a similar book for a younger audience. She looked for children's books with pictures of children who have facial differences and wear Bone Anchored Hearing Aids. Unable to find any such books, Becky's husband Duane, encouraged her to create the solution, by writing children's books to share the stories of their family and friends. Becky wanted not only her own daughter, but all children, to see themselves in Wonderfully Different, Wonderfully Me whether they connect with a character's personal challenges, physical appearance, or personality.

If you are a parent, teacher, or medical professional assisting a child who has special needs, or feels a bit different, Wonderfully Different, Wonderfully Me will inspire your child on their journey.



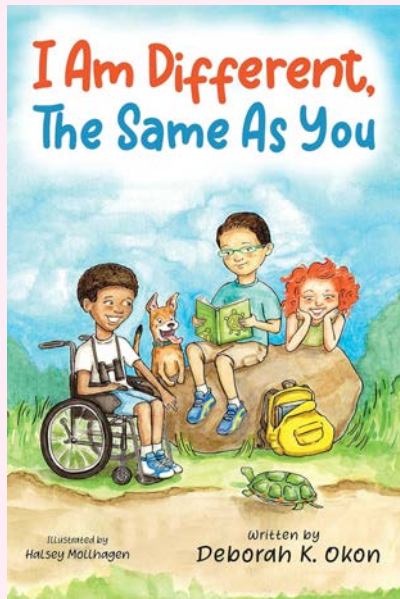
### [Bear Goes to School](#)

*Bryony Walker, Debra Webster (I) | Age 3-7 | Hearing impairment, microtia, wheelchair dependence*

Bear is nervous about starting school. He feels different due to being deaf and having microtia (a little ear).

This inspiring story tackles Bear's thoughts and feelings about this momentous occasion, tackling the stigma and challenges faced by young deaf people in a fun and relatable way.

Each page has a hidden flower. Can you find it?



## [I am Different, The Same as You: A Children's Book About Differences that Promotes Diversity and Inclusion](#)

*Deborah Okon, Halsey Mollhagen (I) | Age 3-7 | \**

A Children's Book Celebrating Diversity, Inclusion, and Empathy

Step into a world of wonder and discovery with *I Am Different, The Same As You*, a captivating children's book that ignites young hearts with the power of acceptance, compassion, and the celebration of differences. This extraordinary tale weaves together enchanting storytelling and vibrant illustrations to create an immersive experience that will inspire children to embrace diversity, foster empathy, and cultivate a genuine understanding of others.

In a society that needs more stories that promote acceptance and inclusion, *I Am Different, The Same As You* stands as a beacon of hope. With its relatable characters and engaging narrative, this remarkable book transcends boundaries and connects with children from all walks of life. It's a transformative journey that sparks conversations about the value of empathy, the beauty of diversity, and the joy that blossoms when we embrace each other's unique qualities.

From the very first page, children will be captivated by the adventures of Harlow, Allen, and Olive—three extraordinary friends with differing abilities—who embark on an unforgettable expedition to the river. As they encounter a diverse cast of animal friends, each showcasing their own special talents, the children learn the profound truth that being different is not only okay but a cause for celebration.

*I Am Different, The Same As You* is a testament to the power of storytelling and its ability to shape young minds. It fosters a sense of belonging, teaches the importance of compassion, and sparks a curiosity that inspires children to look beyond appearances and see the richness of the human experience. With its valuable themes of acceptance, inclusion, and the appreciation of differences, this book becomes an invaluable tool for parents, educators, and caregivers in instilling core values of empathy and respect.

Let *I Am Different, The Same As You* be the catalyst that sparks meaningful conversations and creates a lasting impact on young readers. In a world that craves diversity and understanding, this poignant tale offers a doorway to a brighter future—a future where children embrace each other's differences, stand up against prejudice, and build a world of compassion and acceptance.

As you embark on this extraordinary journey with Harlow, Allen, and Olive, be prepared to witness the transformative power of a book that fosters empathy, celebrates diversity, and instills in children the understanding that we are all connected, despite our differences. *I Am Different, The Same As You* is not just a children's book; it's a catalyst for change, an instrument of love, and an invitation to embrace the beauty of our shared humanity.



**Everyone Belongs**

*Heather Avis, Sarah Mensinga (I) | Age 3-7 | \**

A joyful rhyming book that encourages children to not only value all people but to also make room for their differences in order to make a better, brighter, and more beautiful world, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Different—A Great Thing to Be!*

“We know everyone’s different; no two are the same. You belong in our show!” the sisters exclaimed.

Macy and Tru are putting on a spectacular talent show to highlight the ways they love to perform. Other kids arrive, eager to participate but unsure if they’ll be welcomed. Since the two sisters know that everything is a lot more fun when everybody’s included, they’re determined to find a role in the show for each person.

Inspiring, encouraging, and packed with joy, *Everyone Belongs* reminds us that it’s possible to make room for all people and all abilities—and that life is brighter when we give every person a chance to shine.



**The Abilities in Me Save Christmas**

*Gemma Keir, Adam Walker-Parker (I) | Age 3-8 | \**

On the night of Christmas eve, venture along with our characters with super abilities as they work together to 'Save Christmas'. This book is one of a kind! We introduce Father Christmas himself, in this heart-warming story which teaches inclusion, teamwork and promotes acceptance of everyone's abilities within their disabilities.



**Let Your Light So Shine**

*Toluwalola Kasali | Age 3-8 | \**

Inspire your children to put empathy into action and shine their light in the world around them - at school, summer camp, football practice, the playground... everywhere!

Every little act of kindness helps children to feel seen, heard, accepted, remembered and loved. Children learn by example, and by showing them how to lead with compassion, gratitude, kindness, courage, acceptance, and love, they can know how to do the same. This book shows children how to put empathy into action daily by being kind with their words and actions, sharing with others in need, standing up for a friend who is being bullied, holding out a helping hand, accepting our diversity, and making everyone feel welcome, volunteering to help a friend at school, giving out extra warm clothes to a friend, and being courageous. Through a collection of short stories and beautiful illustrations, this book demonstrates the power of humanity and helps children build social and emotional life skills and values that can make the world a better place. Children can learn to impact their communities in little positive ways and achieve great impact.

This book uses simple examples and illustrations for kids to learn that:

Having empathy for others is essential  
Being kind to others is cool  
Bullying is unkind behaviour  
Using kind words when interacting with their peers helps to build better relationships  
Treating everyone the same way they would like to be treated is fair  
Sharing with others is a gift  
They should be brave and courageous  
Having an attitude of gratitude is important  
They should love themselves and love others  
Every child is special  
This book is a great choice for boys and girls - so add it to your library today and enjoy reading it with your kids or giving it out as the perfect gift to others.



### **Come Over to My House: CBCA Notable Book**

*Eliza Hull, Sally Rippin | Age 3-9 | Deafness and physical disabilities of children and caregivers*

Come Over To My House is a delightful picture book that explores the home lives of children and parents who are Deaf or disabled.

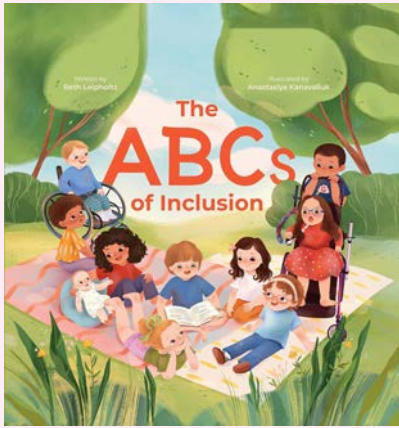
Co-written by disability advocate Eliza Hull and bestselling author Sally Rippin, the inclusive rhyming text authentically explores the characters' various disabilities.

A cast of friendly characters invite friends over for a play – there's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet!

Come over to my house. Come over and play!  
I'll show you around, you can stay the whole day.  
We'll swing on the swing-set and splash in the pool.  
Then I'll race you inside where my bedroom is cool.

Featuring a gorgeous die-cut cover, bright illustrations and a diverse cast, this is a must-read for all families.

- The perfect book to start a conversation about disability and inclusion with parents, care-givers and children.
- Inclusive text normalizes rather than emphasizes the characters' various disabilities. Disabilities are often only shown in the illustrations, not spelt out in the text. This allows the characters' personality to shine brighter than their difference.
- The bouncy rhyming text is a joy to read out loud.
- Sally Rippin's books have sold over 10m copies globally (across Australia, New Zealand and the US).
- The story falls under three Bright Light pillars: bodies, diversity and character.



### **The ABCs of Inclusion: A Disability Inclusion Book for Kids**

*Beth Leipholtz, Anastasiya Kanavaliuk (I) | Age 3+ | 26 real kids with different diagnoses*

In this picture book about disabilities, meet 26 real kiddos with diagnoses like autism, hearing loss, epilepsy, and Down syndrome. It teaches young readers that it's okay to be different—in fact, it's what makes us special!

Sometimes when you meet a new friend, you might notice they are different from you.

Differences can be confusing at first. But when we take the time to learn about our differences, we might find some special ways we are also the same.

Based on real children with real disabilities, this inclusion book for kids teaches children that our differences aren't a scary thing!

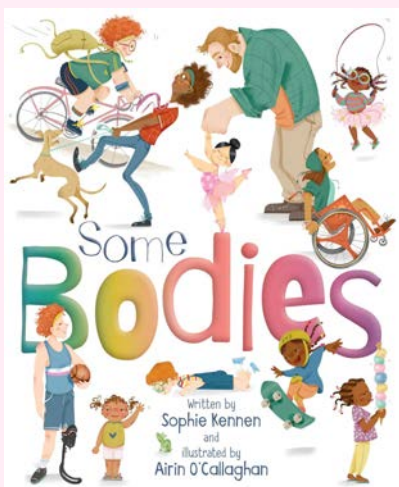
Beth Leipholtz is the hearing mother of a deaf child, raising her son, Cooper, bilingually in both hearing and Deaf cultures. On Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and YouTube, she has built an online community of almost 1 million people to uplift parents on similar journeys and advocate for inclusion and accessibility.

This disability inclusion book for kids introduces children with:

hearing loss  
anxiety  
autism  
cerebral palsy  
Down syndrome  
epilepsy  
and more!

Elementary school teachers and childcare workers will love using this book to teach children about kids with disabilities with empathy.

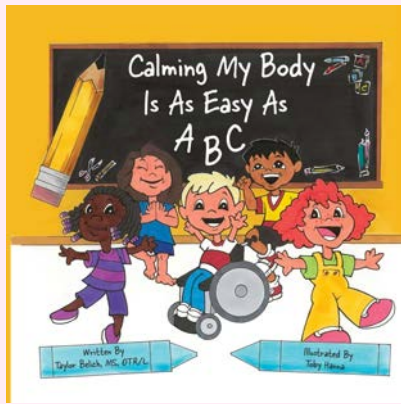
We live in a big world—let's make it an accepting and accessible one for our children.



### **Some Bodies**

*Sophie Kennen, Airin O'Callaghan (I) | Age 3+ | \**

Our bodies! Our amazing, astounding, and all-around awesome bodies! Bodies come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, and can do extraordinary things. Our bodies are uniquely our own yet they connect us to the world around us in so many ways. Through playful rhymes and colorful engaging artwork, all the things that make our bodies special—from the texture of our hair to the color of our eyes—are celebrated. This sweet and inclusive book encourages young readers to acknowledge and accept differences, and offers the perfect opportunity to open up conversations about body acceptance. Every body is different and all bodies are good. Back matter includes tips and conversation starters for parents and educators to use with children.



## [Calming My Body is as Easy as ABC](#)

*Taylor Wood Belich | Age 3+ | \**

This children's book will take you on a journey through the alphabet with a fun activity for each letter that targets the senses to calm the body. The goal is to regulate the sensory system with sensory exploration of visual, auditory, tactile, proprioceptive, and vestibular input disguised through play. Reading this book aloud during circle time at school, or before a child does homework, or when a child feels overwhelmed it will aid them in the sensory regulation they need to focus and to perform the task at hand with more consistency and improved success. Regardless of what exceptionalities a child may have, this book is for all children to enjoy as we are all in need of calming our body from time to time.



## [Celebrate our Differences](#)

*Steve Herman | Age 4-10 | \**

A Story About Different Abilities, Special Needs, and Inclusion (My Dragon Books – Volume 50)

Having a pet dragon is very fun! He can sit, roll over, and play...

He can candle a birthday cake, lit a campfire, or so many other cool things...

But what if your dragon is diagnosed with ADHD?

What if he's worried, scared? What if he wonders what is wrong with him?

What should you do?

You teach him that being different is A-OK!

You tell him that he's not the only one who is different.

You talk to him about all his friends with different abilities such as physical disability, hearing and vision impart, autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, nut allergies, asthma, diabetes, and more...

You teach him the awareness of having all different challenges and different abilities and powers kids have!

You help him understand that each person is a work of art, beautiful and rare, and he can learn to appreciate and celebrate our differences.

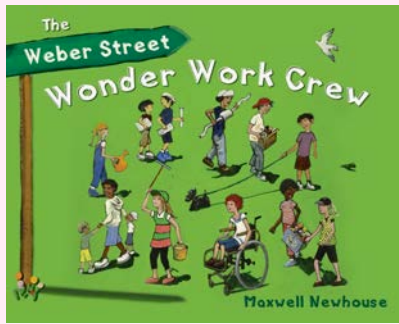
How do you do that?

Get this book now and learn how!

Fun, cute, and entertaining with beautiful illustrations, this book is a wonderful tool for parents and educators to teach kids to foster the different abilities awareness and celebrate differences.

**GET THIS BOOK NOW!**



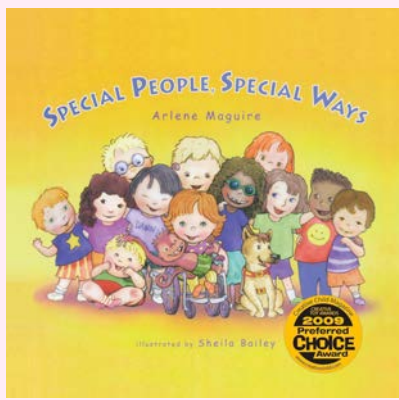


### **The Weber Street Wonder Work Crew**

*Maxwell Newhouse | Age 4-6 | \**

For some families, part-time jobs for children are a way to impart all kinds of skills and experience. For others, it's a matter of necessity if kids want spending money. Maxwell Newhouse, who is a plumber as well as an author and artist, understands this. The Weber Street Wonder Work Crew is a group of kids who have lots to offer their neighbors: from babysitting cranky toddlers to lending a hand in a garden, washing windows, and even helping an elderly lady who needs support to keep up with her friends online.

Lively folk-style paintings work with a simple text to inspire kids to take part in their own communities.

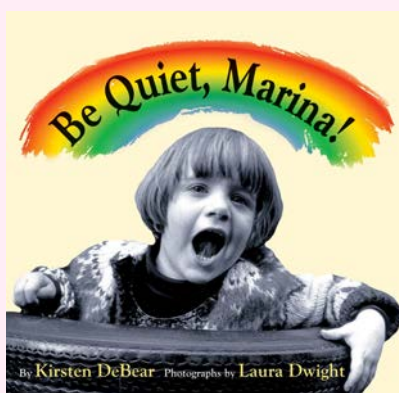


### **Special People, Special Ways**

*Arlene Maguire, Sheila Bailey (I) | Age 4-7 | \**

“Share a joke or a dream. Make someone feel good. We need laughter, hugs, and to be understood . . . Though we seem different, inside we're the same. Our hearts are for caring, no matter our name.”

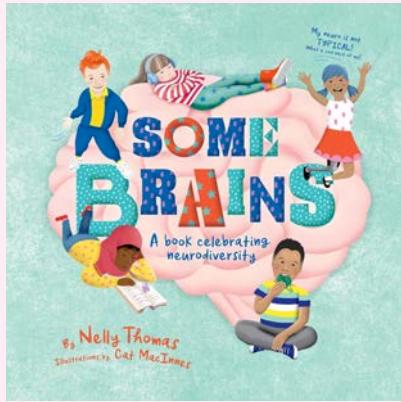
Arlene Maguire's delightful rhymes combine with Sheila Bailey's rich watercolor illustrations to take the reader on a journey of discovery. Each page portrays positive images of children with various disabilities. Winner of an iParenting Media Award and 2009 Preferred Choice Award by Creative Child Magazine, this book illustrates that beyond our physical limitations is a world of unique gifts for each of us to share. Teachers and parents love to read this book aloud to promote understanding and tolerance at school and at home. The detailed artwork attracts children of all ages.



### **Be Quiet, Marina!**

*Kirsten DeBear | Age 4-7 | Cerebral palsy and Down syndrome*

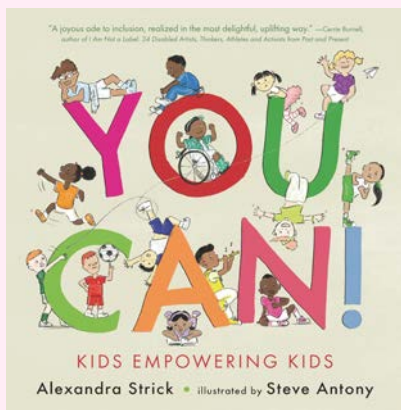
Marina and Moira like playing together, but Marina is noisy and Moira likes quiet. How two preschoolers, one with Cerebral Palsy and one with Down syndrome, become best friends is beautifully told in words and photographs.



### [Some Brains: A Book Celebrating Neurodiversity](#)

*Nelly Thomas | Age 4-7 | \**

Some Brains is the latest heartwarming and funny picture book by Melbourne comedian and author, Nelly Thomas. It starts from the premise that neurodiversity (conditions like Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and the like) is a normal, essential part of human biodiversity - without it we don't get Picasso, Einstein or Greta Thunberg! Yes, neurodiverse kids sometimes require a bit of extra help and patience, but they should never be viewed as disordered. Some Brains encourages us all look for our strengths and to understand that brains are like fingerprints - uniquely, wonderfully ours. All brains are special, All brains are smart, All kids have big thoughts, And all kids have big hearts. ALL KIDS ARE SPECIAL - JUST FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS

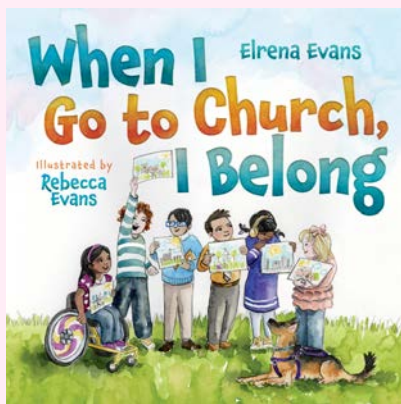


### [You Can!: Kids Empowering Kids](#)

*Alexandra Strick, Steve Antony (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

Young people share valuable advice—words they wish they had heard growing up—to inspire, reassure, encourage, and say You're enough, just as you are.

You can . . . be brave, challenge yourself, overcome your fears, be kind, be YOU! Come on an amazing journey with fourteen young people as they grow from birth to eighteen, learning new skills, exploring new worlds, standing up for their own and others' rights, and following their dreams. Created in consultation with real young adults, Alexandra Strick's groundbreaking narrative will inspire and empower young people of all ages and abilities to believe in themselves and follow their own path, especially during tough times. Complemented by Steve Antony's exuberant and inclusive artwork, which introduces fourteen comparable fictional characters and tracks their growth page by page, You Can! is a timely and meaningful gift for graduates or any reader marking significant milestones.



### [When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs](#)

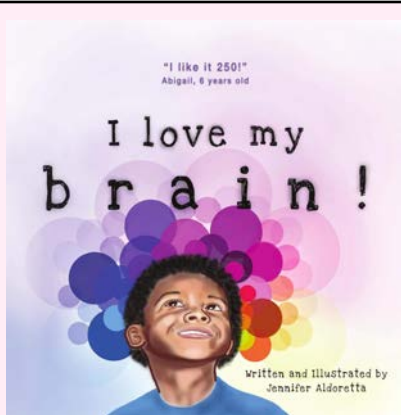
*Eirena Evans, Rebecca Evans (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

Illumination Award Gold Medal

Children with disabilities often struggle to fit in, but church can be a place where everyone is welcome and included! When I Go to Church, I Belong follows the story of six children, helping us better understand the experiences and feelings of those with special needs. And it reminds us that even though we have our differences, we also have so much in common.

Written by Eirena Evans and illustrated by Rebecca Evans, this message of inclusion and belonging can be enjoyed by children and the adults who read with them. Also included is a note from the author to encourage further conversation about the content.

Discover IVP Kids and share with children the things that matter to God!



**I Love My Brain!**

*Jennifer Aldoretta | Age 4-8 | Down syndrome, physical differences*

We could all use a little more self-love and empathy — and let’s make it FUN! “I love my brain!” is the first in a series of chuckle-causing, giggle-getting, tongue-twisting nursery rhymers teaching children about compassion, diversity, and self-love. “There’s so much inside it, and I can’t deny it. My brain is so helpful and wise, I can’t hide it!”

Not only is “I love my brain!” a blast to read (parents are sure to love it as much as your kids), but it also lovingly features children with down syndrome, children with physical impairments, children of varying races, and children who are gender-nonconforming. Many of the children in the book are children that the author/illustrator knows and loves (other books in the series will also feature real children) — showing ALL children that they are worthy of being in their very own book! “I love my brain!” will leave every child grinning from ear to ear and feeling love for exactly how they were made!

“I love my brain!” was inspired by the author’s love of Dr. Seuss, and her writing style reflects this. Your kids will want to read the book over and over!



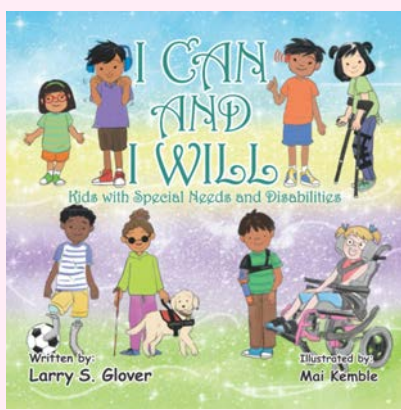
**This is Me: Kids with Special Needs and Disabilities**

*Larry S. Glover, Mai Kemble (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

THIS IS ME helps young kids to understand the various challenges that special needs children suffer with on a daily basis. The physical, mental, and emotional needs are addressed in this book to show that some kids might need some extra help in the classroom, at home, or when they are out and about.

We hope that this book will touch the hearts, and minds of all those who read it, and see that children who have special needs, and disabilities can live productive, and active life in the world that they live in.

This is a 4 book series: THIS IS ME, I CAN and I WILL, IN MY DREAMS, and MAKE A WISH by former Special Ed teacher, Larry S. Glover.



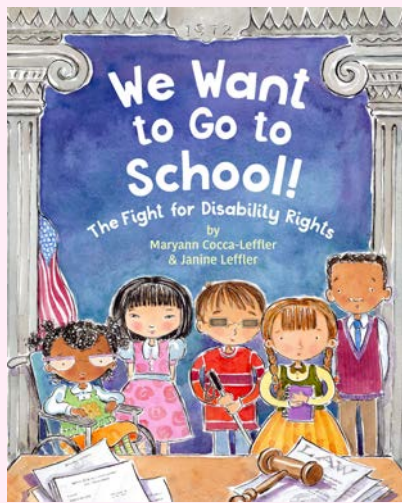
**I Can and I Will: Kids with Special Needs and Disabilities**

*Larry S. Glover, Mai Kemble (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

I CAN and I WILL was written to inspire children with disabilities and give them the praise, inspiration, and motivation for the extraordinary things that they can do against all odds.

As a former Special Education Teacher, in a self-contained classroom setting, I have literally seen, and heard children with disabilities say... “I CAN and I WILL” while making the efforts that were needed to complete a task.

Be inspired by the activities, support of friends and embrace the uniqueness in every child. I CAN and I WILL is not just about disabilities and physical challenges, it’s about kindness, acceptance and friendships.

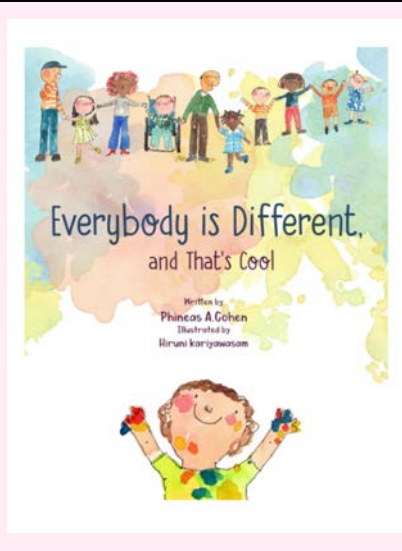


### **We Want to Go to School!: The Fight for Disability Rights**

*Maryann Cocca-Leffler, Janine Leffler (I) | Age 4-8 | Case of Mills v. Board of Education of the District of Columbia*

The true story of the people who helped make every public school a more inclusive place.

There was a time in the United States when millions of children with disabilities weren't allowed to go to public school. But in 1971, seven kids and their families wanted to do something about it. They knew that every child had a right to an equal education, so they went to court to fight for that right. The case Mills v. Board of Education of the District of Columbia led to laws ensuring children with disabilities would receive a free, appropriate public education. Told in the voice of Janine Leffler, one of the millions of kids who went to school because of these laws, this book shares the true story of this landmark case.



### **Everybody is Different and That's Cool**

*Phineas A Cohen, Hiruni Kariyawasam (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

Introducing "Everybody is Different and That's Cool" – a heartwarming children's book by the young and imaginative author, Phineas A. Cohen. With delightful watercolor illustrations, this enchanting tale celebrates the remarkable diversity of people around the world. Through poetic verses, Phineas explores the beauty of individuality, teaching children the invaluable lesson of embracing differences with open arms. This captivating story encourages inclusivity, kindness, and acceptance, making it a must-have addition to any child's bookshelf. Join Phineas on a journey of discovery and friendship, where being unique is celebrated and cherished. Ideal for ages 4-8, this book nurtures young minds with a profound message while capturing their imagination with its artistic charm. Share the magic of "Everybody is Different and That's Cool" today, and inspire your child to see the amazing within everyone.



**Our Class is a Family**

*Shannon Olsen, Sandie Sonke (I) | Age 4-8 | \**

“Family isn’t always your relatives. It’s the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.”

Teachers do so much more than just teach academics. They build a sense of community within their classrooms, creating a home away from home where they make their students feel safe, included, and loved.

With its heartfelt message and colorfully whimsical illustrations, “Our Class is a Family” is a book that will help build and strengthen that class community. Kids learn that their classroom is a place where it’s safe to be themselves, it’s okay to make mistakes, and it’s important to be a friend to others. When hearing this story being read aloud by their teacher, students are sure to feel like they are part of a special family.

“Family isn’t always your relatives. It’s the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.”



**Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You**

*Sonia Sotomayor, Rafael Lopez (I) | Age 4-8 | Diabetes, asthma, wheelchair user, Visual Impairment, deafness, dyslexia, autism, stutter, tourettes, ADHD, nut allergies, Down syndrome*

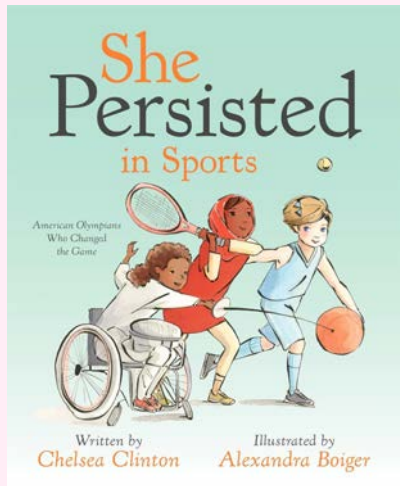
Justice Sonia Sotomayor and award-winning artist Rafael Lopez create a kind and caring book about the differences that make each of us unique.

A #1 New York Times bestseller!

Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award!

Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be tough. But in the same way that different types of plants and flowers make a garden more beautiful and enjoyable, different types of people make our world more vibrant and wonderful.

In Just Ask, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. As the kids work together to build a community garden, asking questions of each other along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same: When we come across someone who is different from us but we're not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask.



### [She Persisted in Sports](#)

*Chelsea Clinton, Alexandra Boiger (I) | Age 4-8 | Stories of american olympians who persevered in their sports; wheelchair user*

From Chelsea Clinton and Alexandra Boiger, the #1 New York Times bestselling team behind *She Persisted*, comes a new book featuring women athletes who overcame and inspired--perfect for fans of the Olympics!

Throughout history, women have been told that they couldn't achieve their dreams, no matter how hard they tried. Women athletes have faced their own unique set of challenges, across countless sports and levels of play. In this third *She Persisted* book, Chelsea Clinton introduces readers to women who have excelled in their sports because of their persistence.

*She Persisted in Sports* is a book for everyone who has ever aimed for a goal and been told it wasn't theirs to hit, for everyone who has ever raced for a finish line that seemed all too far away, and for everyone who has ever felt small or unimportant while out on the field.

Alexandra Boiger's vibrant artwork accompanies this inspiring text that shows readers of all ages that, no matter what obstacles come their way, they have the power to persist and succeed.

This book features: Margaret Ives Abbott, Gertrude Ederle, Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, Wilma Rudolph, Jean Driscoll, Mia Hamm (and the 1996 Olympic soccer team), Kristi Yamaguchi, Venus and Serena Williams, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings, Diana Taurasi, Simone Biles, Ibtihaj Muhammad and Jocelyne and Monique Lamoureux.



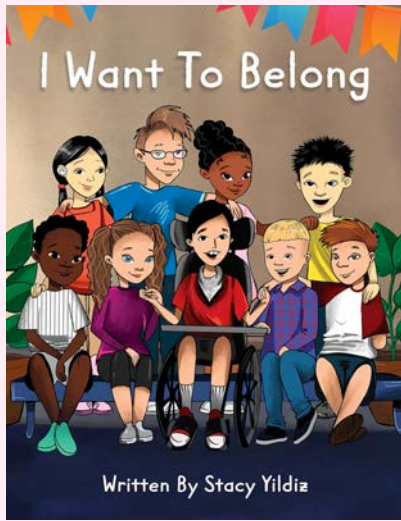
### [In the Land of Giants: Special Needs Heroes](#)

*Christine E. Schulze, Karla Ortega (I) | Age 4-9 | \**

A young boy discovers that people who are different from him can make awesome friends in this magical adventure celebrating diversity and special needs!

When Matt visits the Land of Giants for the first time, he doesn't know what to expect. At first, he feels frightened because everything is so new, and the giants seem very different from him. Some of them can't see and chase him with sticks. Some talk using a strange hand language, and others race in chairs with huge wheels. Matt tries to run away—until one of the giants wants to be his friend and shows him that there's nothing to be scared of after all.

*In the Land of Giants* was inspired by the author's work with adults who have autism and other special needs. This book celebrates people of all abilities, including those who are blind, deaf, nonverbal, speak with sign language, or use a wheelchair. Twenty-five percent of all profits from this book goes to ALFA, a charity helping adults with autism in Southern Illinois live fuller and more abundant lives.



**I Want To Belong**

*Stacy Yildiz | Age 4-9 | \**

Everyone knows someone. Someone a little different from them. This book is for everyone to look at others as a whole person and from a place of acceptance. We might talk differently; we might dance differently, too. But one thing is true...we all want to belong. Children often don't see differences until they are faced with things drastically different from themselves. This book is for them. This book is meant to help us all see that it is okay to be different.

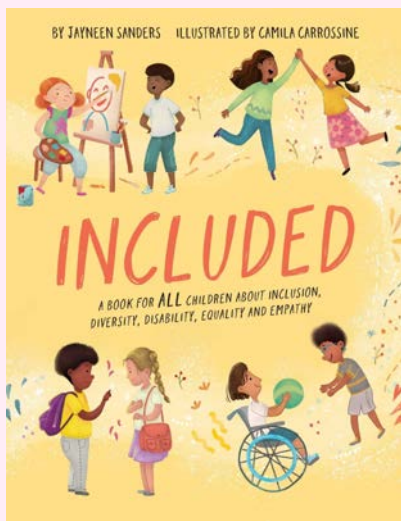
It is made for parents, teachers, and caregivers to share with all children, and hopefully pass onto others who have, or know, a child with any type of special needs. How much better would the world be if we all understood kindness and inclusion a little bit more?



**Victory Sees Abilities**

*Nicole Phillips, Nafisa Arshad (I) | Age 5-11 | \**

Today is Victory's first day of school! Join him as he includes individuals with disabilities in everyday activities while encouraging them to be the amazing individuals that he sees. As a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst and a Special Education Teacher of 18 years, Nicole Phillips-Butcher learned the importance of learning about diversity at a young age. Promoting inclusion in early childhood teaches kids to be more accepting of others which is a valuable lifelong lesson.



**Included: A Book for All Children about Inclusion, Diversity, Disability, Equality, and Empathy**

*Jayneen Sanders, Camila Carrossine (I) | Age 5-12 | 6 different children with differing abilities*

This book introduces the reader to six wonderful kids: Sam, Rishi, Jay, Audrey, Ty and Zara.

The aim of this story is to ensure all kids understand that kids with disability are just like kids everywhere. They love playing games, books, making stuff and being silly. They have things they are good at and things they need to work on. And just like kids everywhere they want to feel safe, loved and included. This book provides the reader with ways they can be more inclusive in their play and encourages the celebration of diversity in all its unique and wonderful forms. Children will come away with a growing understanding that people everywhere have differing abilities, and this only makes the world a more colourful, exciting, diverse and amazing place.



## [You'll Always Have a Friend: What to Do When the Lonelies Come](#)

*Emily Ley, Romina Galotta (I) | Age 5-8 | \**

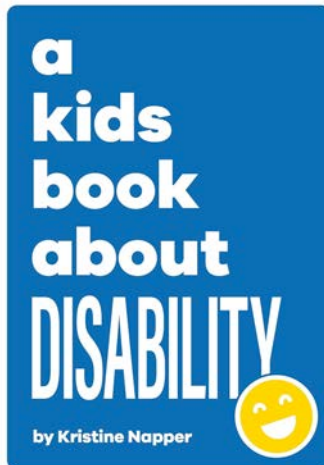
Imagine a world where you always have a place at the table, where you always have a friend. This reassuring and empowering book from Emily Ley helps kids realize that they can always have a place, and offers them practical tools to give them confidence and help them overcome lonely times.

We all know what it's like to feel left out, overlooked, and unseen. And this problem can be so much harder to face when you're a child on the playground, a kid sitting alone in the school cafeteria, and the new kid on the team.

Reassure your children that they are seen. And they are awesome! Help them know that they are not the only ones--everyone has felt lonely or left out at some time or another--and there are lots of ways to always have a friend. *You'll Always Have a Friend* features vibrant illustrations of a diverse cast of characters and will encourage children to have confidence to make friends and to be a friend to others.

This picture book

is great for children ages 0 through 8;  
 will help your children know they are not alone in feeling left out and will equip them with practical things they can do when confronted with these situations;  
 will encourage children to intentionally and proactively reach out to other children, to be kind and inclusive, and to help build a world where everyone has a friend;  
 would make a great gift for baby showers, birthdays, graduations, or holiday gift-giving; and  
 is a perfect back-to-school read to help combat anxiety, have conversations about making friends, and deal with these issues together in a healthy, positive way.



## [A Kids Book about Disability](#)

*Kristine Napper | Age 5-9 | Intro to many different disabilities*

A clear explanation of what disabilities are and how to navigate conversations about them.

Sometimes people act like having a disability means you're from another planet, even though over a billion people in the world have disabilities. So how do you talk about disability? How do you talk to people with disabilities?

This book helps kids and grownups approach disability as a normal part of the human experience. This is one conversation that's never too early to start, and this book was written to be an introduction on the topic for kids.

A Kids Book About Disability features:

- A large and bold, yet minimalist type-driven design that allows kids freedom to imagine themselves in the words on the pages.
- A friendly, approachable, empowering, kid-appropriate tone throughout.
- An incredible and diverse group of authors in this series who are experts or have first-hand experience of the topic.

Tackling important discourse together!

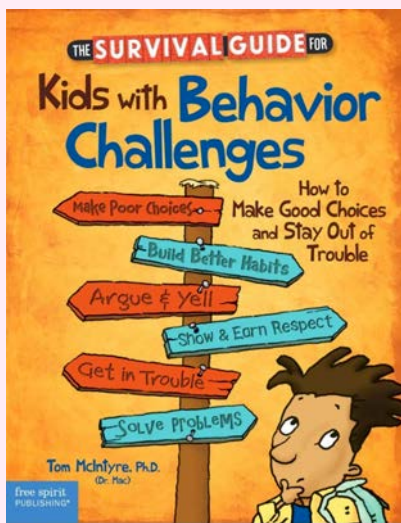




**We Are Little Feminists: On-The-Go**

*Brook Sitgraves Turner, Archa Shrivastav | Age 5+ | \**

Beautiful photos of kids with disabilities celebrate all types of movement and mobility aids (like wheelchairs, service dogs, and crutches), while poetic text builds both vocabulary and empathy. ON-THE-GO helps families and educators discuss ability and mobility at home and in the classroom. Created with 0-5-year-olds in mind. Part of the We Are Little Feminists series - the identity-affirming board book series developed to raise intersectional feminists. Created to help families and educators discuss diversity through everyday topics, We Are Little Feminists helps children stand against racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and ableism.



**The Survival Guide for Kids with Behavior Challenges**

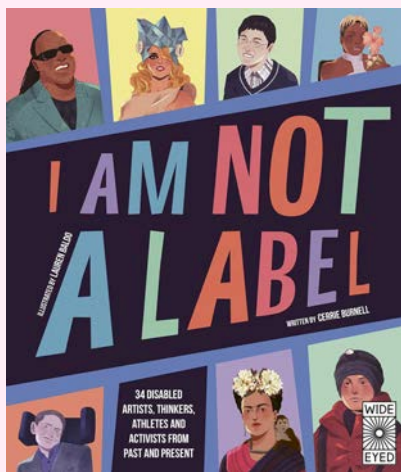
*Thomas McIntyre | Age 6-11 | Various behavioral differences*

Many kids and teens have challenges when it comes to behavior. In this revised edition of his time-tested book, Thomas McIntyre provides up-to-date information, practical strategies, and sound advice to help kids learn to make smarter choices, make and keep friends, get along with teachers, take responsibility for their actions, work toward positive change, and enjoy the results of their better behavior. New to this edition are an “Are you ready to change?” quiz, updated glossary and resources, and a fresh organization and design. This is a book for any young person who needs help with behavior. A special section at the back addresses diagnosed behavior disorders.

**Survival Guides for Kids**

Helping Kids Help Themselves®

Straightforward, friendly, and loaded with practical advice, the Free Spirit Survival Guides for Kids give kids the tools they need to not only survive, but thrive. With plenty of realistic examples and bright illustrations, they are accessible, encouraging, kid-friendly, and even life-changing.



**I am Not a Label: 34 disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists from past and present**

*Cerrie Burnell, Lauren Mark Baldo (I) | Age 6-12 | 34 different people with different abilities*

“An inclusive and upbeat collection ideal for classrooms and libraries.” – School Library Journal

In this stylishly illustrated biography anthology, meet 34 artists, thinkers, athletes, and activists with disabilities, from past and present. From Frida Kahlo to Stephen Hawking, find out how these iconic figures have overcome obstacles, owned their differences, and paved the way for others by making their bodies and minds work for them.

These short biographies tell the stories of people who have faced unique challenges that have not stopped them from becoming trailblazers, innovators, advocates, and

makers. Each person is a leading figure in their field, be it sports, science, math, art, breakdancing, or the world of pop.

Challenge your preconceptions of disability and mental health with the eye-opening stories of these remarkable people:

Ludwig van Beethoven, Gustav Kirchhoff, Henri Matisse, Eliza Suggs, Helen Keller, Frida Kahlo, John Nash, Stephen Hawking, Temple Grandin, Stevie Wonder, Nabil Shaban, Terry Fox, Peter Dinklage, Catalina Devandas, Wanda Diaz-Merced, Victor Pineda, Arunima Sinha, Abraham Lincoln, Demi Lovato, Matt Haig, Redouan Ait Chitt, Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, Farida Bedwei, Jonas Jacobsson, Trischa Zorn, Ade Adepitan, Stella Young, Lady Gaga, Naoki Higashida, Isabella Springmuhl Tejada, Aaron Philip, Michelle Akers, Lil Wayne, Dynamo



### [IntersestionAllies: We Make Room For All](#)

*Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, Carolyn Choi, Ashley Seil Smith (I) | Age 6-12 | \**

ONE OF HUFFPOST'S RECOMMENDED "ANTI-RACIST BOOKS FOR KIDS AND TEENS"

FEATURED ON KEYS SOULCARE AS "5 STUNNING VISUAL BOOKS FOR ALL AGES"

[A] celebration of solidarity, allyship, and community...A welcoming resource for conversations about equality and social justice that shows readers how identities are made up of myriad influences.

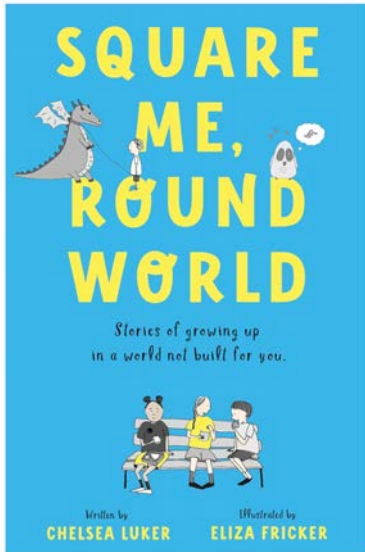
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

The brainchild of three women-of-color sociologists, *IntersectionAllies* is a smooth, gleeful entry into intersectional feminism. The nine interconnected characters proudly describe themselves and their backgrounds, involving topics that range from a physical disability to language brokering, offering an opportunity to take pride in a personal story and connect to collective struggle for justice.

The group bond grounds the message of allyship and equality. When things get hard, the kids support each other for who they are: Parker defends Kate, a genderfluid character who eschews skirts for a superhero cape; Heejung welcomes Yuri, a refugee escaping war, into their community; and Alejandra's family cares for Parker after school while her mother works. Advocating respect and inclusion, *IntersectionAllies* is a necessary tool for learning to embrace, rather than shy away from, difference.

Featuring gorgeous illustrations on every page by Ashley Seil Smith, as well as powerful introductions by activist and law professor Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw, who coined the term "intersectionality," and Dr. Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro, author of *Intersectionality: An Intellectual History*.

También disponible en español. (Also available in Spanish.)



## **Square Me, Round World: Stories of growing up in a world not built for you**

*Chelsea Luker, Jo Hunt, Eliza Fricker (I) | Age 6-18 | \**

'Square Me, Round World' is an illuminating collection of short stories that delve into the distinctive experiences of those who navigate life feeling like square pegs in a world of round holes. From social challenges to sensory differences, this book aims to foster greater empathy, understanding, and a drive for a more inclusive world. Ever felt like a square peg in a round hole? Dive into tales of growing up in a world where you just don't seem to fit in. From the challenges of making friends and masking your authentic self, to the overwhelm of sensory overload and restless nights, these stories will resonate with those who know what it's like to feel different.

Written by Chelsea Luker, an Autistic/ADHDer psychologist from NSW, Australia (and founder of Connect Us Psychology) with over 50 illustrations by Eliza Fricker [(c) Eliza Fricker, 2024], renowned author/illustrator of "Thumbsucker" and "Can't Not Won't", this book is more than just a collection of experiences. It's a beacon of understanding, shining light on common experiences of Autistic and ADHDer individuals. Plus, with a discussion guide, it's the perfect option for parents, teachers, and therapists seeking to support and connect.

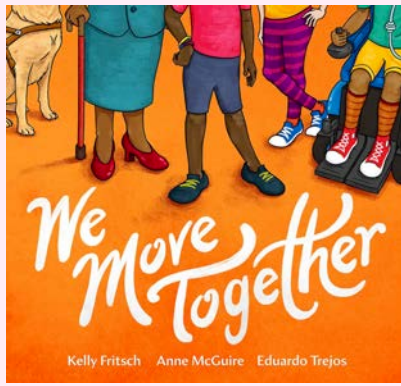
Discover, understand, and embrace the square pegs in our round world. Suitable for children and adults alike, this book is a reminder that different isn't less. It's just different—and that's perfectly okay. In fact, sometimes, it's brilliant.



## **Frida Kahlo: Little People, Big Dreams**

*Isabel Sanchez Vegara, Fan Eng Gee (I) | Age 6-8 | Spina bifida, Polio*

An introduction to the life and achievements of the famed Mexican artist describes the childhood accident that ended her ambitions to study medicine and prompted her to become an artist while regularly confined by disabilities.



### [We Move Together](#)

*Kelly Fritsch, Anne McGuire | Age 6-9 | Encompasses many different abilities interacting together*

A bold and colorful exploration of all the ways that people navigate through the spaces around them and a celebration of the relationships we build along the way. *We Move Together* follows a mixed-ability group of kids as they creatively negotiate everyday barriers and find joy and connection in disability culture and community. A perfect tool for families, schools, and libraries to facilitate conversations about disability, accessibility, social justice and community building. Includes a kid-friendly glossary (for ages 3–10)



### [Someone Special Just Like You](#)

*Tricia Brown, Fran Ortiz (Photographer) | Age 7-11 | Features preschool age children with visual impairments, hearing impairments, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities*

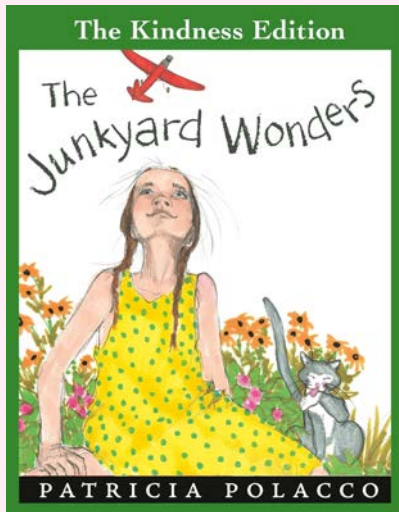
Here are children singing, dancing, going down slides, and blowing bubbles. A girl with a sly smile carefully crosses a balance beam. Out on a science trip, two boys step close enough to touch the glass wall between themselves and a huge porpoise. One young child smells a lovely flower, another splashes in a pool, and a third bangs on a tambourine. Here are children discovering the world around them, at home and with their friends.

All of these children are doing the things that children like to do the children in these photographs have handicaps. Although they may not walk, talk, hear, or see the way that others do, that doesn't make them different in their need to experience life completely. Each child in *Someone Special, Just Like You* is a full participant in the joys and pains of childhood.

The wonderful pictures and words presented here are an important first step in helping children, parents, and teachers to understand that the differences that seem to separate these children from others are not important. What is important is the common delight in life: a desire to love, learn, and play, and to be accepted for themselves, as other children are.

The photographs in *Someone Special, Just Like You* were taken at four different preschools in the San Francisco Bay Area. These preschool are for children with visual impairments, hearing impairments, physical handicaps, and mental handicaps.

*Middle grades*



**The Junkyard Wonders**

*Patricia Polacco | Age 8-10 | Set in a special education classroom*

A heartwarming story of friendship and celebrating our differences--and the teachers who help us shine--from master storyteller Patricia Polacco, author of Thank You, Mr. Falker.

In this story based on the author-illustrator's own childhood, Patricia Polacco once again celebrates the power teachers have to help us discover the potential we each hold.

Young Trisha is devastated when she finds out that her class at her new school is known as the junkyard. It is a special class, and she had moved from where she used to live so she wouldn't be in a special class anymore! But then she meets her teacher, the amazing Mrs. Peterson, and her classmates, an oddly brilliant group of misfit kids, whom the other kids in school call the junkyard kids. Much to her own surprise, it is here in the junkyard that Trisha discovers the true meaning of genius, and that this group of misfits are, in fact, Junkyard Wonders, each and every one of them.

Now with questions at the back of the book to help guide readers through discussions about the ideas featured in the story, this kindness edition of The Junkyard Wonders brings celebrated author-illustrator Patricia Polacco's work to a new audience of young readers who can be inspired by its message.



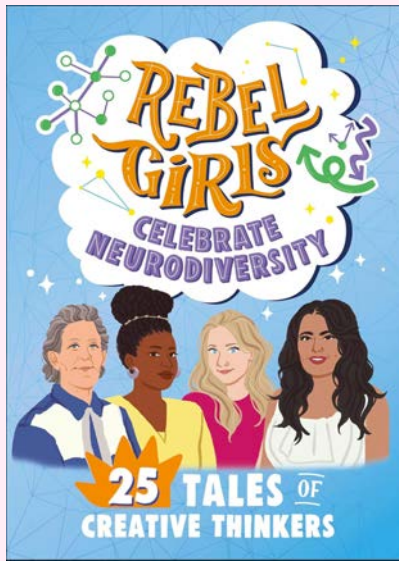
**Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes**

*Patty Cisneros Prevo | Age 8-12 | 15 different athletes with varying abilities*

Meet fifteen remarkable athletes who use adaptive equipment in this beautiful and truth-telling picture book.

A downhill skier whose blindness has sharpened her communication skills. An adaptive surfer who shreds waves while sitting down. A young man who excels at wheelchair motocross--but struggles with math. Tenacious tells their stories and more, revealing the daily joys and challenges of life as an athlete with disabilities.

These competitors have won gold medals, set world records, climbed mountain peaks, claimed national championships, and many more extraordinary achievements. Get to know them in Tenacious



## [Rebel Girls Celebrate Neurodiversity](#)

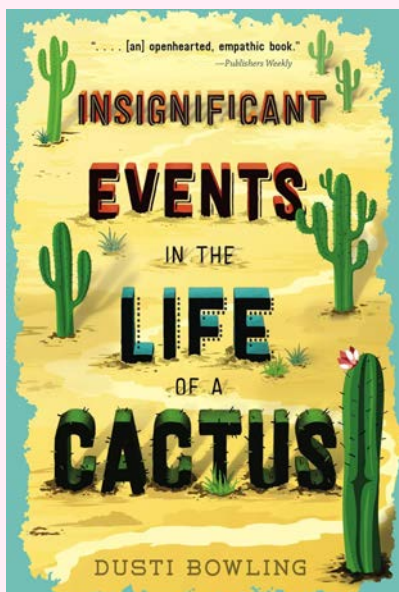
*Rebel Girls | Age 8-12 | \**

### TRUE STORIES OF NEURODIVERGENT ICONS

This collection features 25 inspiring tales of neurodivergent artists, athletes, innovators, and more. Read about how these women and girls thought creatively, achieved their dreams, and advocated for the rights of neurodivergent people everywhere.

Walk the runway with Madeline Stuart, the first professional model with Down syndrome. Steal the scene with Salma Hayek, the award-winning actor with dyslexia. Learn how journalist and TV host Lisa Ling thrives with ADD, and how Temple Grandin's autism has opened up new and compassionate ways of interacting with animals.

This book pairs inspiring, easy-to-read text with colorful full-page portraits created by female and nonbinary artists from all around the world. Plus, scannable codes let you listen to longer stories on the Rebel Girls app!



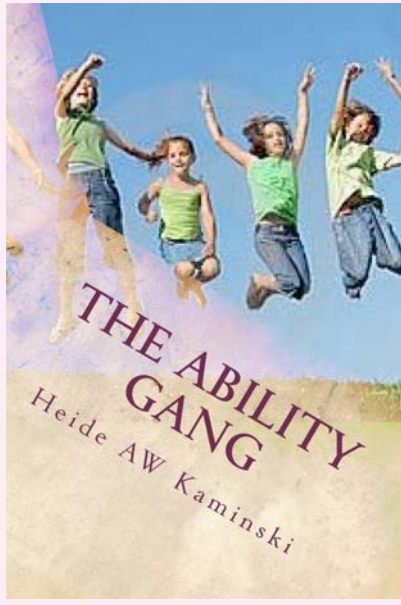
## [Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus](#)

*Dusti Bowling | Age 9-12 | Tourette's syndrome, upper extremity difference*

The paperback edition of the bestselling middle grade novel about a spunky girl born without arms and a boy with Tourette syndrome navigating the challenges of middle school, disability, and friendship—all while solving a mystery in a western theme park.

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.

Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It's hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven's about to discover she can do it all . . . even without arms.



### [The Ability Gang](#)

*Heide Annemarie-WyseKaminski | Age 9-12 | \**

Youth Novel: a group of children with various disabilities are secretly being held captive by an evil scientist, so he can study their development without any assistance from medication and/or other means besides the needed essentials. A young "normal" boy stumbles across their place of captivity and together they find a way out to tell the world that they, too, have dignity, as well as hopes and dreams.



### [The Crazy Man](#)

*Pamela Porter | Age 9-12 | Lower extremity difference following accident; use of mobility aides; mental health*

It is 1965, and twelve-year-old Emaline lives on a wheat farm in southern Saskatchewan. Her family has fallen apart. When her beloved dog, Prince, chased a hare into the path of the tractor, she chased after him, and her dad accidentally ran over her leg with the discer, leaving her with a long convalescence and a permanent disability. But perhaps the worst thing from Emaline's point of view is that in his grief and guilt, her father shot Prince and then left Emaline and her mother on their own.

Despite the neighbors' disapproval, Emaline's mother hires Angus, a patient from the local mental hospital, to work their fields. Angus is a red-haired giant whom the local kids tease and call the gorilla. Though the small town's prejudice creates a cloud of suspicion around Angus that nearly results in tragedy, in the end he becomes a force for healing as Emaline comes to terms with her injury and the loss of her father.

In the tradition of novels such as Kevin Major's *Ann* and Seamus and Karen Hesse's *Out of the Dust*, novelist and poet Pamela Porter uses free verse to tell this moving, gritty story that is accessible to a wide range of ages and reading abilities.



## [A Quiet Kind of Thunder](#)

*Sara Barnard | Age 9+ | Selective mutism, anxiety, deaf*

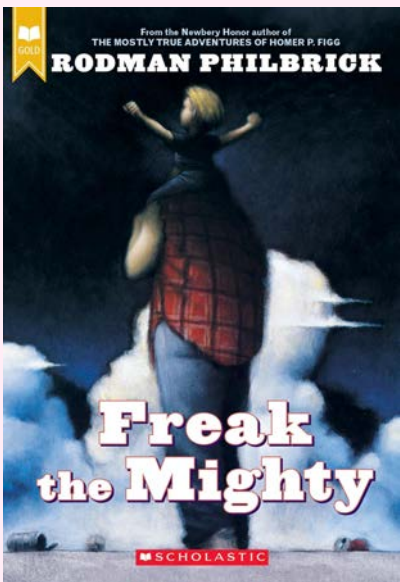
Perfect for fans of Morgan Matson and Jandy Nelson.

A girl who can't speak and a boy who can't hear go on a journey of self-discovery and find support with each other in this gripping, emotionally resonant novel for "readers who enjoyed John Green's *Turtles All the Way Down*" (Booklist) from bestselling author Sara Barnard.

Steffi doesn't talk, but she has so much to say.  
Rhys can't hear, but he can listen.

Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life. The condition's name has always felt ironic to her, because she certainly does not "select" not to speak. In fact, she would give anything to be able to speak as easily and often as everyone around her can. She suffers from crippling anxiety, and uncontrollably, in most situations simply can't open her mouth to get out the words.

Steffi's been silent for so long that she feels completely invisible. But Rhys, the new boy at school, sees her. He's deaf, and her knowledge of basic sign language means that she's assigned to help him acclimate. To Rhys, it doesn't matter that Steffi doesn't talk. As they find ways to communicate, Steffi discovers that she does have a voice, and that she's falling in love with the one person who makes her feel brave enough to use it. But as she starts to overcome a lifelong challenge, she'll soon confront questions about the nature of her own identity and the very essence of what it is to know another person.



## [Freak the Mighty](#)

*Rodman Philbrick | Age 10-12 | Morquio syndrome, learning disability*

An unexpected friendship leads to a life-changing story in this timeless classic by Newbery Honor author Rodman Philbrick.

"I never had a brain until Freak came along . . ."

That's what Max thought. All his life he'd been called stupid. Dumb. Slow. It didn't help that his body seemed to be growing faster than his mind. It didn't help that people were afraid of him. So Max learned how to be alone. At least until Freak came along.

Freak was weird, too. He had a little body--and a really big brain. Together Max and Freak were unstoppable.

Together, they were Freak the Mighty.





### [Farther than the Moon](#)

*Lindsay Lackey | Age 10-14 | Cerebral palsy, epilepsy, wheelchair user*

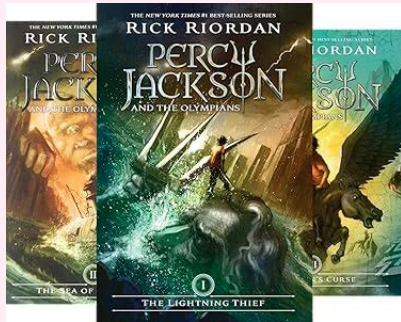
From award-winning author Lindsay Lackey comes *Farther Than the Moon*, a heartfelt story about a boy who wants to become an astronaut, but wonders if his dreams can include his brother with disabilities, perfect for fans of *We Dream of Space* and *Song for a Whale*.

All thirteen-year-old Houston Stewart has ever wanted is to become an astronaut. His dreams feel like they're finally coming true when he's accepted to the highly-competitive Junior Astronaut Recruitment Program – if only he could bring his little brother, Robbie, with him.

Ever since their dad left, Houston and Robbie have been inseparable. It's hard to tell where Houston's love of space ends and where Robbie's begins. But Robbie's cerebral palsy and epilepsy mean he needs medical attention at home, so Houston must take this giant leap for the two of them all on his own.

At camp, Houston is quickly drawn into the orbit of new friends, cosmic adventures, and a long-lost grandfather. But as Houston struggles to meet the program's rigorous demands, he's forced to reckon with the truth that Robbie may never be able to visit space like the brothers have always hoped. But Houston is determined to honor Robbie's dream, even if it seems like an impossible mission. So, like a good astronaut, he dares to make a new plan — one that shoots for the stars.

Called "a remarkable and heartfelt story that is as fun and gripping as it is profoundly moving" by #1 New York Times-bestselling author Dan Gemeinhart, this is a captivating read for aspiring astronauts and scientists, and a perfect holiday gift.

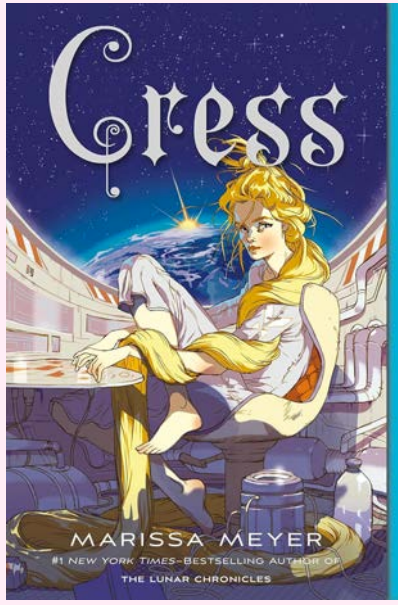


### [Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series](#)

*Rick Riordan | Age 10-14 | ADHD, dyslexia, wheelchair user*

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt.

Books in series: *The Lightning Thief* (1), *The Sea of Monsters* (2), *The Titan's Curse* (3), *The Battle of the Labyrinth* (4), *The Last Olympian* (5), *The Chalice of the Gods* (6), *Wrath of the Triple Goddess* (7)



### [Cress \(The Lunar Chronicles #3\)](#)

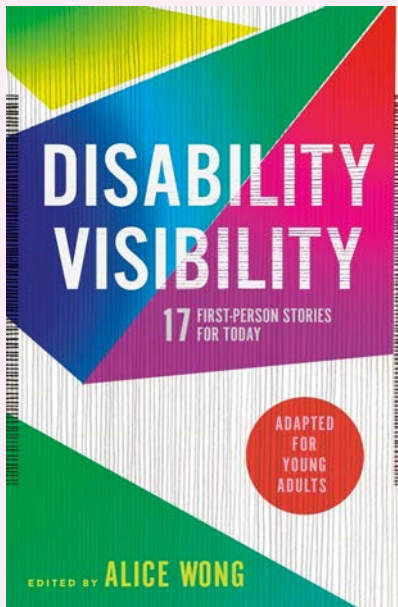
*Marissa Meyer | Age 10+ | Limb differences, prosthetics, anxiety*

In this third book in Marissa Meyer's bestselling Lunar Chronicles series, Cinder and Captain Thorne are fugitives on the run, now with Scarlet and Wolf in tow. Together, they're plotting to overthrow Queen Levana and prevent her army from invading Earth.

Their best hope lies with Cress, a girl trapped on a satellite since childhood who's only ever had her netscreens as company. All that screen time has made Cress an excellent hacker. Unfortunately, she's being forced to work for Queen Levana, and she's just received orders to track down Cinder and her handsome accomplice.

When a daring rescue of Cress goes awry, the group is splintered. Cress finally has her freedom, but it comes at a higher price than she'd ever expected. Meanwhile, Queen Levana will let nothing prevent her marriage to Emperor Kai, especially the cyborg mechanic. Cress, Scarlet, and Cinder may not have signed up to save the world, but they may be the only hope the world has.

Young adult/high school



### [Disability Visibility \(Adapted for Young Adults\): 17 First-Person Stories for Today](#)

*Alice Wong (editor) | YA | \**

Disabled young people will be proud to see themselves reflected in this hopeful, compelling, and insightful essay collection, adapted for young adults from the critically acclaimed adult book, *Disability Visibility: First Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century* that "sheds light on the experience of life as an individual with disabilities, as told by none other than authors with these life experiences." --Chicago Tribune, "Best books published in summer 2020" (Vintage/Knopf Doubleday edition).

The seventeen eye-opening essays in *Disability Visibility*, all written by disabled people, offer keen insight into the complex and rich disability experience, examining life's ableism and inequality, its challenges and losses, and celebrating its wisdom, passion, and joy.

The accounts in this collection ask readers to think about disabled people not as individuals who need to be "fixed," but as members of a community with its own history, culture, and movements. They offer diverse perspectives that speak to past, present, and future generations. It is essential reading for all.



## [The Boy Who Steals Houses](#)

*C.G. Drews* | YA | *Autism, anxiety*

Can two broken boys find their perfect home? By turns heartbreaking and heartwarming, this is a gorgeously told, powerful story.

Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing - each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie.

But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him.

Heartfelt storytelling, perfect for fans of Jandy Nelson and Jennifer Niven.



## [Say What You Will](#)

*Cammie McGovern* | YA | *Cerebral palsy, obsessive-compulsive disorder*

"A unique and unforgettable love." —Teen Vogue

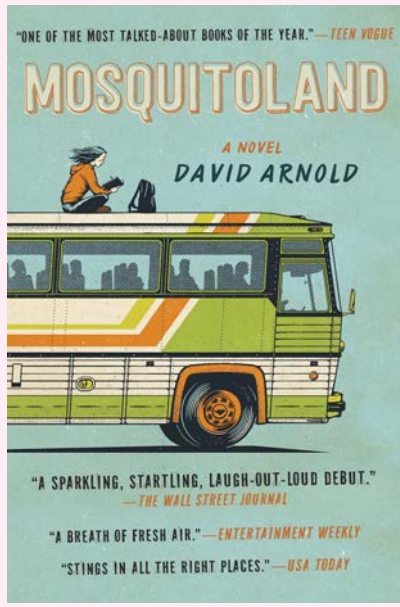
John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* meets Rainbow Rowell's *Eleanor & Park* in this beautifully written, incredibly honest, and emotionally poignant novel.

Cammie McGovern's insightful young adult debut is a heartfelt and heartbreaking story about how we can all feel lost until we find someone who loves us because of our faults, not in spite of them.

Born with cerebral palsy, Amy can't walk without a walker, talk without a voice box, or even fully control her facial expressions. Plagued by obsessive-compulsive disorder, Matthew is consumed with repeated thoughts, neurotic rituals, and crippling fear.

Both in desperate need of someone to help them reach out to the world, Amy and Matthew are more alike than either ever realized.

When Amy decides to hire student aides to help her in her senior year at Coral Hills High School, these two teens are thrust into each other's lives. As they begin to spend time with each other, what started as a blossoming friendship eventually grows into something neither expected.



## Mosquitoland

David Arnold | YA | *Visual impairment, mental health, Down syndrome*

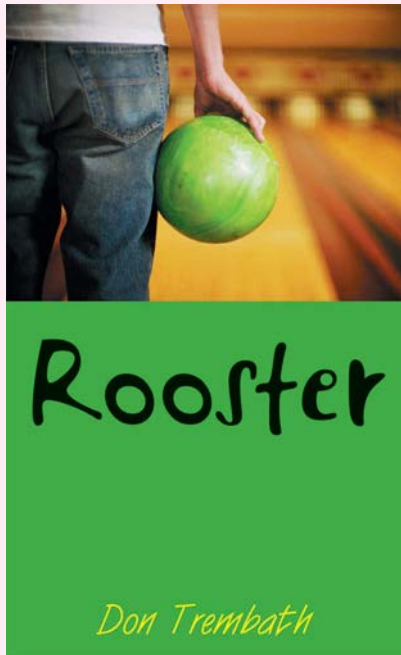
“Top-notch” —USA Today  
“Illuminating” —Washington Post  
“A breath of fresh air” —Entertainment Weekly  
“Memorable” —People

By the New York Times bestselling author of *Kids of Appetite!*

After the sudden collapse of her family, Mim Malone is dragged from her home in northern Ohio to the “wastelands” of Mississippi, where she lives in a medicated milieu with her dad and new stepmom. Before the dust has a chance to settle, she learns her mother is sick back in Cleveland.

So she ditches her new life and hops aboard a northbound Greyhound bus to her real home and her real mother, meeting a quirky cast of fellow travelers along the way. But when her thousand-mile journey takes a few turns she could never see coming, Mim must confront her own demons, redefining her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.

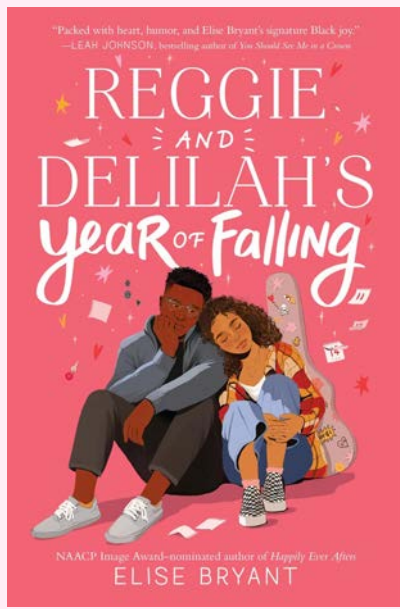
Told in an unforgettable, kaleidoscopic voice, *Mosquitoland* is a modern American odyssey, as hilarious as it is heartbreaking.



## Rooster

Don Trembath | YA | \*

Rooster Cobb is in trouble--with his school, with his mother, with his girlfriend. He smokes too much and he hates his stepfather. In fact, he might not graduate from high school. But he just doesn't seem to care. That is until the guidance counselor and the principal come up with a plan to get Rooster through grade twelve, out of their lives forever and possibly on the right track with his life. The last thing Rooster wants to do is coach The Strikers, a bowling team of special-needs adults, especially when he finds out he's going to be mentored by the most unpopular girl in school, the principal's daughter, Elma. When he starts to take coaching seriously, his friends make fun of him, and his girlfriend accuses him of taking the easy way out. But when one of The Strikers dies unexpectedly, Rooster discovers there are as many ways to be a hero as there are ways to mess up.



## Reggie and Delilah's Year of Falling

*Elise Bryant | YA | Chronic migraines, dyslexia*

From the NAACP Image Award–nominated author of *Happily Ever Afters* comes a dual POV rom-com about Reggie and Delilah, who fall in love through missed connections and chance meetings on holidays over the course of a year. Perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Jenny Han, with crossover appeal for readers of Jasmine Guillory and Talia Hibbert romances.

Delilah always keeps her messy, gooey insides hidden behind a wall of shrugs and yeah, whatever's. She goes with the flow—which is how she ends up singing in her friends' punk band as a favor, even though she'd prefer to hide at the merch table.

Reggie is a D&D Dungeon Master and self-declared Blerd. He spends his free time leading quests and writing essays critiquing the game under a pseudonym, keeping it all under wraps from his disapproving family.

These two, who have practically nothing in common, meet for the first time on New Year's Eve. And then again on Valentine's Day. And then again on St. Patrick's Day. It's almost like the universe is pushing them together for a reason.

Delilah wishes she were more like Reggie—open about what she likes and who she is, even if it's not cool. Except . . . it's all a front. Reggie is just role-playing someone confident. The kind of guy who could be with a girl like Delilah.

As their holiday meetings continue, the two begin to fall for each other. But what happens once they realize they've each fallen for a version of the other that doesn't really exist?

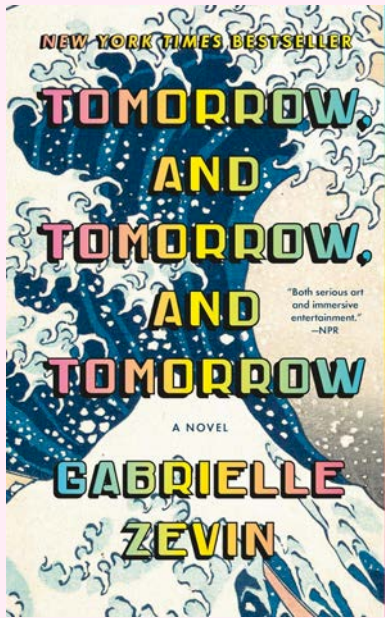


## My Heart to Find

*Ellen Annalise | YA | Lyme disease, OCD*

Avid crime-fiction-reader Cara Tate is twenty-five years old, shy, asexual, and desperate to find love. But there's a problem: Cara's chronic Lyme disease has caused brain inflammation and OCD that makes her afraid of anyone touching her. Plus, finding other aces isn't easy--especially when there's no guarantee of a connection. But there is one man Cara knows who is ace and whom she feels something for. One man who she might just be able to hug...or more. If she can summon the courage to defy the control of her OCD. Three years ago, when Cara was healthy, she and her ace best friend Jana went on a retreat for those on the asexual spectrum. There, she met professional dog-walker and true-crime-fanatic Damien Noelle--the only man she's ever felt a connection with. But she was too nervous to stay in contact with Damien after the retreat and has spent the last three years strongly regretting it. So when Fate has her path cross with Damien once more, and they have the chance to investigate a real-life crime together, Cara's determined to overcome her shyness and OCD and let him know she's more than interested. The only problem is Damien seems interested in Jana now, and the last thing Cara wants to do is ruin her friend's happiness. For the last few months, Jana's been dealing with the boss from hell, and Cara knows Damien could be the best thing Jana's had all year. She can't take that away from her best friend... can she? *My Heart to Find* is an #ownvoices story for asexuality and chronic illness representation (Lyme Disease and Encephalitis-induced OCD, also known as PANS). Each book in the Aces in Love

series can be read as a standalone; no prior knowledge of the series is needed to enjoy these stories!



### [Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow](#)

*Gabrielle Zevin | YA | Autism spectrum disorder, use of cane during ambulation*

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Sam and Sadie—two college friends, often in love, but never lovers—become creative partners in a dazzling and intricately imagined world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality. It is a love story, but not one you have read before.

"Delightful and absorbing." —The New York Times • "Utterly brilliant." —John Green

One of the New York Times's 100 Best Books of the 21st Century • One of the Best Books of the Year: The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, TIME, GoodReads, Oprah Daily

From the best-selling author of *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*: On a bitter-cold day, in the December of his junior year at Harvard, Sam Masur exits a subway car and sees, amid the hordes of people waiting on the platform, Sadie Green. He calls her name. For a moment, she pretends she hasn't heard him, but then, she turns, and a game begins: a legendary collaboration that will launch them to stardom.

These friends, intimates since childhood, borrow money, beg favors, and, before even graduating college, they have created their first blockbuster, *Ichigo*. Overnight, the world is theirs. Not even twenty-five years old, Sam and Sadie are brilliant, successful, and rich, but these qualities won't protect them from their own creative ambitions or the betrayals of their hearts.

Spanning thirty years, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Venice Beach, California, and lands in between and far beyond, Gabrielle Zevin's *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love.

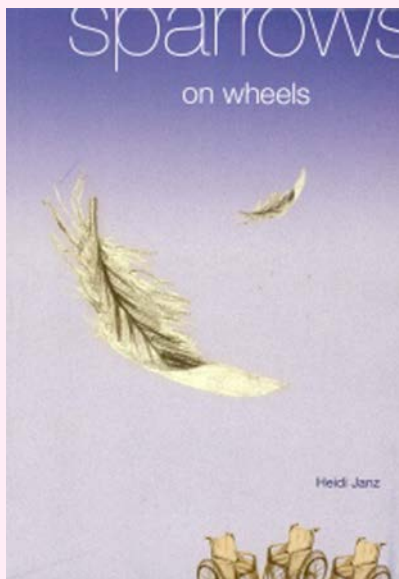


## [The Disability Experience: Working Toward Belonging](#)

*Hannalora Leavitt, Belle Wuthrick (I) | YA | \**

People with disabilities (PWDs) have the same aspirations for their lives as you do for yours.

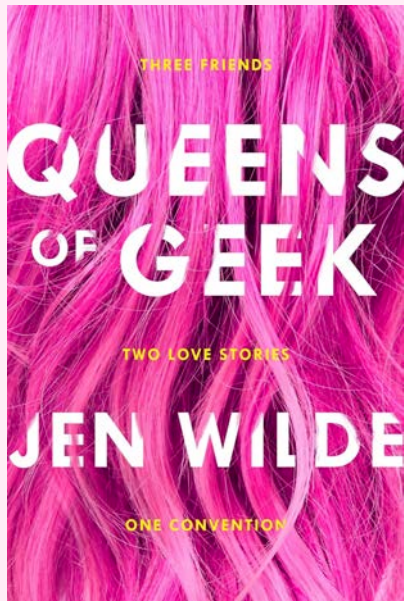
The difference is that PWDs don't have the same access to education, employment, housing, transportation and healthcare in order to achieve their goals. In *The Disability Experience* you'll meet people with different kinds of disabilities, and you'll begin to understand the ways PWDs have been ignored, reviled and marginalized throughout history. The book also celebrates the triumphs and achievements of PWDs and shares the powerful stories of those who have fought for change.



## [Sparrows on Wheels](#)

*Heidi Janz, Andrea Ruskin (I) | YA | Cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy*

*Sparrows on Wheels* is not a sentimental sob-story about how hard it is to grow up with a disability. It is not a manifesto against integration, nor is it a glorification of the kind of "special" school that kids with disabilities used to attend. What this novel is, or at least what it is intended to be, is an honest look at life inside a "special" school through the eyes of Tallia Taves, an aspiring writer with cerebral palsy. It follows Tallia and her classmates through their junior high and high school years at the Inglewood School Hospital. Increasing integration and frequent deaths among students with muscular dystrophy cause Inglewood's population to dwindle. Resentful of continually having to say goodbye, Tallia fiercely opposes the unrelenting drive towards change which threatens to rob her of her friends.



## Queens of Geek

*Jen Wilde | YA | Autism, anxiety*

Three friends, two love stories, one convention: this fun, feminist love letter to geek culture is all about fandom, friendship, and finding the courage to be yourself.

"Full of irreverent humor and in-jokes, it's geeky and funny, with a heavy dose of self-discovery. . . . Seeing girls and women uplifting, protecting, and loving each other is extremely powerful especially in the context of fandom." —Teen Vogue

"This is the geeky, queer book of our dreams." —Seventeen

Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger and actress promoting her first movie at SupaCon, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought.

Taylor likes to blend in. Her brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie—no matter how much she may secretly want it to. But when she hears about a fan contest for her favorite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe.

Queens of Geek by Jen Wilde, chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads, is an empowering novel for anyone who has ever felt that fandom is family.

Praise for Queens of Geek:

"This fun book about fierce friendships gives voice to a group of diverse female characters who are so defined by so much more than just their mental health and sexuality." —Bustle

"This celebration of geek culture and fandom promotes diversity and being true to oneself." —School Library Journal

"[A] fun read about fandom, friendship and the courage to be yourself." —Autostraddle





## [Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry of Disability](#)

*Jennifer Bartlett, Sheila Black, Michael Northen (editors) | YA | Anthology of disability poetry, essays on disability, and writing on the poetics of both*

Chosen by the American Library Association as a 2012 Notable Book in Poetry.

Beauty is a Verb is a ground-breaking anthology of disability poetry, essays on disability, and writings on the poetics of both. Crip Poetry. Disability Poetry. Poems with Disabilities. This is where poetry and disability intersect, overlap, collide and make peace.

"[BEAUTY IS A VERB] is going to be one of the defining collections of the 21st century...the discourse between ability, identity & poetry will never be the same."  
—Ron Silliman, author of *In The American Tree*

"This powerful anthology succeeds at intimately showing...disability through the lenses of poetry. What emerges from the book as a whole is a stunningly diverse array of conceptions of self and other."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

From "Beauty and Variations" by Kenny Fries:

How else can I quench this thirst? My lips  
travel down your spine, drink the smoothness

of your skin. I am searching for the core:  
What is beautiful? Who decides? Can the laws

of nature be defied? Your body tells me: come  
close. But beauty distances even as it draws

me near. What does my body want from yours?  
My twisted legs around your neck. You bend

me back. Even though you can't give the bones  
at birth I wasn't given, I let you deep inside.

You give me—what? Peeling back my skin, you  
expose my missing bones. And my heart, long

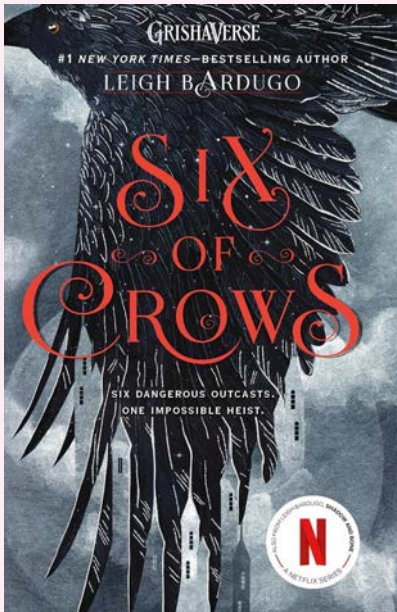
before you came, just as broken. I don't know who  
to blame. So each night, naked on the bed, my body

doesn't want repair, but longs for innocence. If  
innocent, despite the flaws I wear, I am beautiful.

Sheila Black is a poet and children's book writer. In 2012, Poet Laureate Philip Levine chose her as a recipient of the Witter Bynner Fellowship.

Disability activist Jennifer Bartlett is a poet and critic with roots in the Language school.

Michael Northen is a poet and the editor of Wordgathering: A Journal of Poetics and Disability.



### [Six of Crows \(Six of Crows #1\)](#)

*Leigh Bardugo* | YA | *use of cane during ambulation, reading difficulties, ADHD, PTSD*

See the Grishaverse come to life on screen with the Netflix series, *Shadow and Bone* -- Season 2 streaming now!

Meet Kaz Brekker and his crew: Jesper, Inej, Wylan, and the star-crossed Nina and Matthias, on the heist of a lifetime in *Six of Crows* from #1 bestselling author, Leigh Bardugo.

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone. . . .

A convict with a thirst for revenge.

A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager.

A runaway with a privileged past.

A spy known as the Wraith.

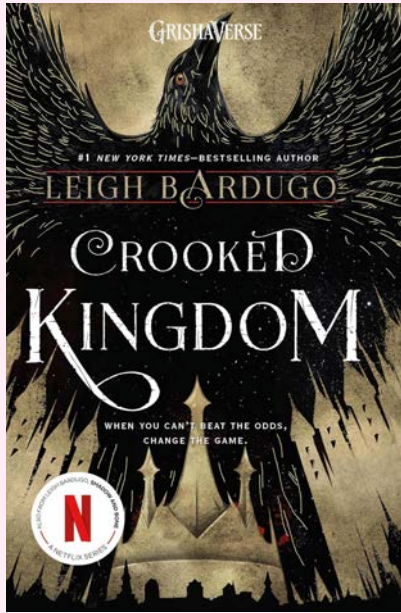
A Heartreder using her magic to survive the slums.

A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.

*Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo returns to the breathtaking world of the Grishaverse in this unforgettable tale about the opportunity—and the adventure—of a lifetime.

Read all the books in the Grishaverse!



## [Crooked Kingdom \(Six of Crows #2\)](#)

*Leigh Bardugo* | YA | *use of cane during ambulation, reading difficulties, ADHD, PTSD*

See the Grishaverse come to life on screen with the Netflix series, *Shadow and Bone* -- Season 2 streaming now!

Discover what comes next for Kaz, Jesper, Inej, and Wylan, and the star-crossed Nina and Matthias, in *Crooked Kingdom*, the spectacular sequel to *Six of Crows*.

When you can't beat the odds, change the game.

Kaz Brekker and his crew have just pulled off a heist so daring even they didn't think they'd survive. But instead of divvying up a fat reward, they're right back to fighting for their lives. Double-crossed and badly weakened, the crew is low on resources, allies, and hope. As powerful forces from around the world descend on Ketterdam to root out the secrets of the dangerous drug known as *jurda parem*, old rivals and new enemies emerge to challenge Kaz's cunning and test the team's fragile loyalties. A war will be waged on the city's dark and twisting streets—a battle for revenge and redemption that will decide the fate of the Grisha world.



## [Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens](#)

*Marieke Nijkamp* | YA | \*

This anthology explores disability in fictional tales told from the viewpoint of disabled characters, written by disabled creators. With stories in various genres about first loves, friendship, war, travel, and more, *Unbroken* will offer today's teen readers a glimpse into the lives of disabled people in the past, present, and future.

The contributing authors are awardwinners, bestsellers, and newcomers including Kody Keplinger, Kristine Wyllys, Francisco X. Stork, William Alexander, Corinne Duyvis, Marieke Nijkamp, Dhonielle Clayton, Heidi Heilig, Katherine Locke, Karuna Riazi, Kayla Whaley, Keah Brown, and Fox Benwell. Each author identifies as disabled along a physical, mental, or neurodiverse axis—and their characters reflect this diversity.



## [Tilly in Technicolor](#)

*Mazey Eddings | YA | ASD and executive functioning deficits*

Tilly Twomley is desperate for change. White-knuckling her way through high school with flawed executive functioning has left her burnt out and ready to start fresh. Working as an intern for her perfect older sister's start up isn't exactly how Tilly wants to spend her summer, but the required travel around Europe promises a much-needed change of scenery as she plans for her future. The problem is, Tilly has no idea what she wants.

Oliver Clark knows exactly what he wants. His autism has often made it hard for him to form relationships with others, but his love of color theory and design allows him to feel deeply connected to the world around him. Plus, he has everything he needs: a best friend that gets him, placement into a prestigious design program, and a summer internship to build his resume. Everything is going as planned. That is, of course, until he suffers through the most disastrous international flight of his life, all turmoil stemming from lively and exasperating Tilly. Oliver is forced to spend the summer with a girl that couldn't be more his opposite—feeling things for her he can't quite name—and starts to wonder if maybe he doesn't have everything figured out after all.

As the duo's neurodiverse connection grows, they learn that some of the best parts of life can't be planned, and are forced to figure out what that means as their disastrously wonderful summer comes to an end.

Tilly in Technicolor is Mazey Eddings's sparkling YA debut about two neurodivergent teens who form a connection over the course of a summer.



## [How We Roll](#)

*Natasha Friend | YA | Alopecia, Wheelchair user*

A gentle young adult romance for fans of Sarah Dessen about two teens, each of whom has lost something irreplaceable, finding one another.

Quinn is a teen who loves her family, skateboarding, basketball, and her friends, but after she's diagnosed with a condition called alopecia which causes her to lose all of her hair, her friends abandon her. Jake was once a star football player, but because of a freak accident—caused by his brother—he loses both of his legs. Quinn and Jake meet and find the confidence to believe in themselves again, and maybe even love.

Praise for How We Roll:

"Friend has crafted a heartwarming story that tackles some heavy issues. It will appeal to teens who enjoyed *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen, *Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson, or *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. A strong choice for all YA shelves." —School Library Journal, starred review

"In a story about the challenges of being different and the difficulty in learning to trust, Friend (*The Other F Word*) shows great sensitivity in depicting differently abled characters. Small acts of kindness balance the cruelty Quinn has suffered, and the message that single characteristics don't define who people are, invites contemplation." —Publishers Weekly



### [Pinned](#)

*Sharon G. Flake | YA | Learning disability, lower limb difference, Wheelchair user*

Award-winning author, Sharon G. Flake, presents a powerful novel about a teen boy and girl, each tackling disabilities. Autumn and Adonis have nothing in common and everything in common. Autumn is outgoing and has lots of friends. Adonis is shy and not so eager to connect with people. But even with their differences, the two have one thing in common—they're each dealing with a handicap. For Autumn, who has a learning disability, reading is a painful struggle that makes it hard to focus in class. But as her school's most aggressive team wrestler, Autumn can take down any problem. Adonis is confined to a wheelchair. He has no legs. He can't walk or dance. But he's a strong reader who loves books. Even so, Adonis has a secret he knows someone like Autumn can heal. In time, Autumn and Adonis are forced to see that our greatest weaknesses can turn into the assets that forever change us and those we love. Told in alternating voices, *Pinned* explores issues of self-discovery, friendship, and what it means to be different.



### [The Luis Ortega Survival Club](#)

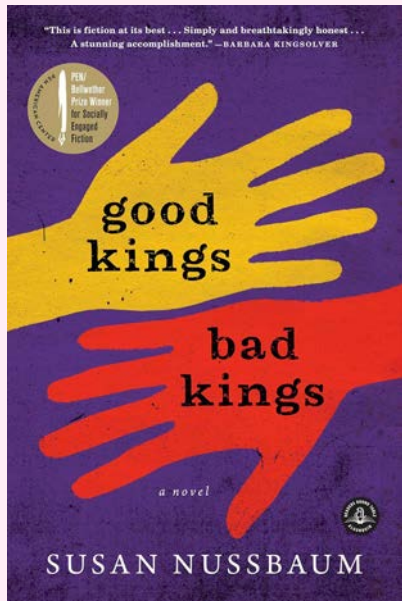
*Sonora Reyes | YA | Autism, selective mutism*

From the bestselling author of the National Book Award Finalist *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* comes a revenge story told with nuance, heart, and the possibility of healing. An ideal next read for fans of Laurie Halse Anderson.

Ariana Ruiz wants to be noticed. But as an autistic girl who never talks, she goes largely ignored by her peers—despite her bold fashion choices. So when cute, popular Luis starts to pay attention to her, Ari finally feels seen.

Luis's attention soon turns to something more, and they have sex at a party—while Ari didn't say no, she definitely didn't say yes. Before she has a chance to process what happened and decide if she even has the right to be mad at Luis, the rumor mill begins churning—thanks, she's sure, to Luis's ex-girlfriend, Shawni. Boys at school now see Ari as an easy target, someone who won't say no.

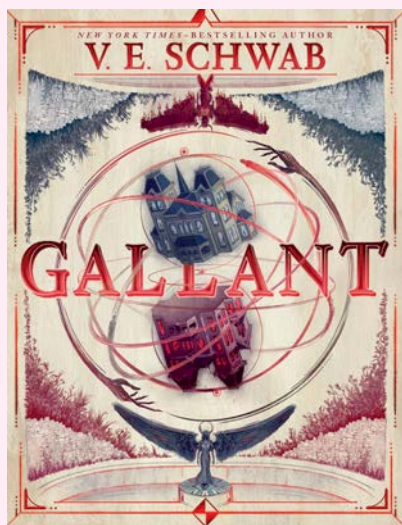
Then Ari finds a mysterious note in her locker that eventually leads her to a group of students determined to expose Luis for the predator he is. To her surprise, she finds genuine friendship among the group, including her growing feelings for the very last girl she expected to fall for. But in order to take Luis down, she'll have to come to terms with the truth of what he did to her that night—and risk everything to see justice done.



## [Good Kings, Bad Kings](#)

*Susan Nussbaum* | YA | *Takes place in an institution for juveniles with disabilities*

Bellwether Award winner Susan Nussbaum's powerful novel invites us into the lives of a group of typical teenagers—alienated, funny, yearning for autonomy—except that they live in an institution for juveniles with disabilities. This unfamiliar, isolated landscape is much the same as the world outside: friendships are forged, trust is built, love affairs are kindled, and rules are broken. But those who call it home have little or no control over their fate. *Good Kings Bad Kings* challenges our definitions of what it means to be disabled in a story told with remarkable authenticity and in voices that resound with humor and spirit.



## [Gallant](#)

*V.E. Schwab* | YA | *Speech disability/mutism*

AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

A KIRKUS BEST BOOK

A USA TODAY BESTSELLER

A NATIONAL INDIE BESTSELLER

“A bone-chilling standalone . . . which fuses Shirley Jackson’s gothic horror sensibilities with the warmth and dark whimsy of Neil Gaiman.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“Gripping worldbuilding, well-rounded characters, and fantastic horror.”—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

“Unsettling and intriguing.”—Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books (starred review)

Everything casts a shadow. Even the world we live in. And as with every shadow, there is a place where it must touch. A seam, where the shadow meets its source.

#1 New York Times–bestselling author V. E. Schwab weaves a dark and original tale about the place where the world meets its shadow, and the young woman beckoned by both sides. The Secret Garden meets *Crimson Peak* in this stand-alone novel perfect for readers of Holly Black and Neil Gaiman.

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for Girls, and all she has of her past is her mother’s journal—which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home to Gallant. Yet when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But

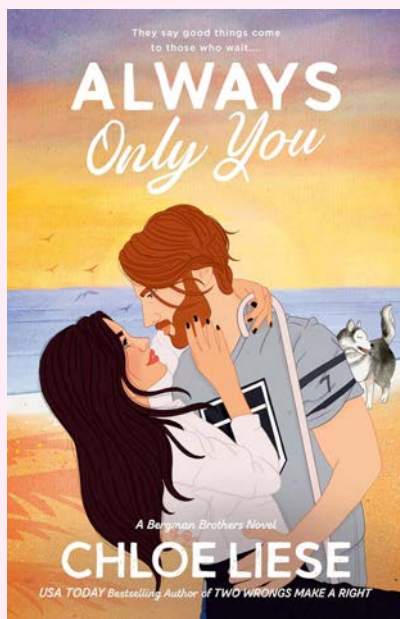
Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home; it doesn't matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile, or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways.

Olivia knows that Gallant is hiding secrets, and she is determined to uncover them. When she crosses a ruined wall at just the right moment, Olivia finds herself in a place that is Gallant—but not. The manor is crumbling, the ghouls are solid, and a mysterious figure rules over all. Now Olivia sees what has unraveled generations of her family, and where her father may have come from.

Olivia has always wanted to belong somewhere, but will she take her place as a Prior, protecting our world against the Master of the House? Or will she take her place beside him?

New York Times–bestselling author V. E. Schwab crafts a vivid and lush novel that grapples with the demons that are often locked behind closed doors. An eerie, stand-alone saga about life, death, and the young woman beckoned by both. Readers of Neil Gaiman, Holly Black, Melissa Albert, and Garth Nix will quickly lose themselves in this novel with crossover appeal for all ages.

*Age not specified*



### [Always Only You](#)

*Chloe Liese | Age not specified | Autism spectrum disorder, depression*

It's an office romance on the ice rink in this heart melting story about love's power not in spite of difference but because of it.

Ren has known Frankie Zeferino was a woman worth waiting for since the moment they met. She's a master of deadpan delivery, has a secret heart of gold, and a rare one-dimpled smile that makes his knees go weak. But as long as Frankie's the team's social media manager, she's off limits.

Frankie is a self-admittedly blunt, grumbly grump, but even she isn't immune to sunshiney Ren Bergman. Who could be, when he's a six-foot-three hunk of happy with a hockey player's physique? Maybe in the past, Frankie would have gone for a guy like him, but since being burned too many times by people who learn about her diagnoses and see a problem, not a person, she's wised up.

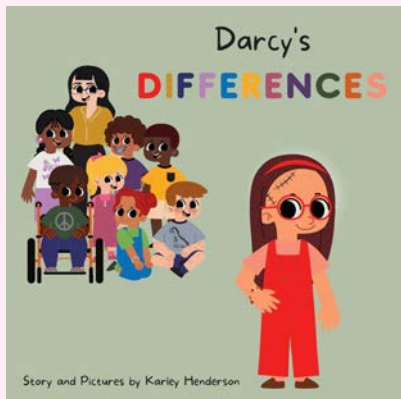
After waiting years for the right time to make his move, Ren learns Frankie plans to leave the team to pursue a new career. But what he didn't anticipate is how hard he'll have to work to convince her to let him have his shot at winning her heart.



### [I Just Do It Differently!](#)

*Donna Grinyer | Age not specified | Wheelchair and communication aids*

Believe in yourself and you can do anything! "I just do it differently!" is a children's book about disabilities and resilience. Pixie Pug, one of the story's rescue animals, helps Hannah through some challenging emotions. "I just do it differently!" is a positive and empowering tale proving to everyone that all you need to do is believe in yourself and you can do anything! It is so important for all children to learn that they hold the power over how they feel. That using positive self talk and changing the way they respond to a challenging situation, or challenging emotions rather than simply reacting, can make all the difference in achieving their goals. Little Hannah, who uses a wheelchair and communication aids, learns to stand strong in the face of adversity. After discovering that she can be resilient and have faith in herself, she realizes that she can do whatever she puts her mind to. With the help of her trusty pug, Pixie, Hannah learns that she can do anything she wants to do, she just needs to believe in herself. Follow Hannah and Pixie pug on a journey that proves she CAN do it, she just does it differently!



### [Darcy's Differences](#)

*Karley Henderson | Age not specified | \**

Have you ever felt different?  
Darcy has and she's worried that she's the only one!  
Follow Darcy into her classroom where her teacher and friends show her that everyone is different, no one is the same. They showcase their own differences so Darcy will understand that different is good, just sometimes misunderstood!

This book touches on different disabilities and physical features while showing children that everyone is different. It teaches young readers to love themselves and celebrate who they are.



### [Every Child is Different](#)

*Luna James | Age not specified | \**

This book is made for younger children. Ideal for 2-5-year-olds.

Lots of bright illustrations with kids of all races.

In a world where the message of kindness is constantly taught to children, we believe it is beneficial to teach them from a very young age that kindness is important BUT justice goes hand in hand with kindness.

Something that is too often overlooked.

We all have a responsibility to stand up and speak up when we see someone being bullied or mistreated.

This book aims to introduce little ones to the idea that we all are all different and unique, we all deserve love, respect, and equality.

Easy to understand, Bright & engaging illustrations.





### [Miles Shares His Smiles](#)

*Nancy Lullo, Grzegorz Wojtowicz (I) | Age not specified | \**

Happiness begins with a smile. Follow Miles as he shares his smiles on a journey with children of diverse cultures and special needs. A beautifully illustrated book, Miles Shares His Smiles helps young children see the rewards of sharing their smiles and positively interacting with others in their lives.

As an added bonus, the net profits from this book are being donated to the Epilepsy Foundation, a cause near and dear to author Nancy Lullo's heart. Readers who wish to make an additional donation to the Epilepsy Foundation are encouraged to designate the funds on behalf of the Miles Shares His Smiles campaign.



### [I Love Making New Friends!](#)

*Renee Boyar | Age not specified | \**

Would you like to raise your child as a friendly and socially active person? This colourful picture book about friendship and diversity will be your best assistant in doing so.

The ability to make friends easily is a valuable social skill that everyone should learn early in life. This book focuses on teaching young readers the importance of friendship and helps them use the lessons learned in real-life situations at school, the park, the playground, by the sea, or at the amusement park.

The story covers lots of subjects from overcoming shyness to being kind and celebrating diversity.

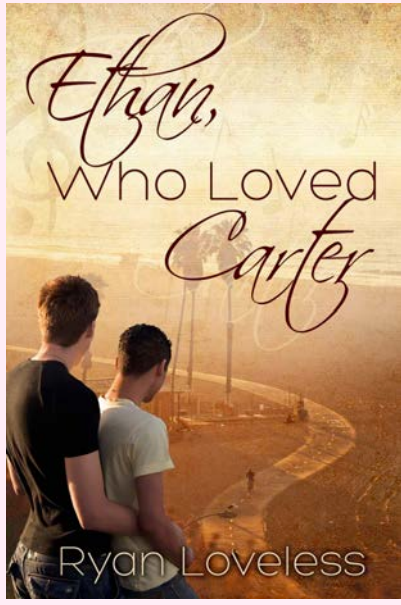
This social-emotional book for kids:

- contains nice, rhyming story and adorable, colourful illustrations,
- teaches children how to make friends and be a good friend to others,
- offers children many examples of social activities and friendly behaviour,
- fosters values and builds skills such as empathy, generosity, and kindness,
- features children with diverse physical characteristics,
- focuses on respect for others, and emphasises the importance of inclusion,
- is suitable both for preschool kids aged 3 to 5, as well as older ones aged 6-10 years old,
- is an excellent resource for parents, teachers, counsellors, and caregivers,
- contains a bonus.

Teaching kids to make friends, appreciate and celebrate diversity is a top priority in today's global landscape.

This nice rhyming book clears the way for important discussions with our children about friendship, kindness, respect and diversity.

Add this wonderful book to your cart now and your child will be making friends everywhere they go!



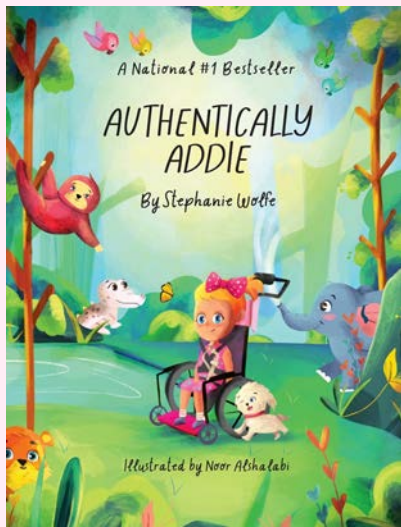
### **Ethan, Who Loved Carter**

*Ryan Loveless | Age not specified | Tourette's syndrome, mental health*

By twenty-four, Carter Stevenson has stuttered and ticced his way to debilitating shyness. Although his friends accuse him of letting his Tourette's dictate his life, Carter moves from Los Angeles to a quiet California town. He'll keep his head down and avoid people. He doesn't anticipate his new neighbor, Ethan Hart, crashing into his solitude and forcing him to get out and live.

From the beginning, Ethan makes his love for Carter clear. But he fears Carter won't see past Ethan's damaged brain, even though it makes Ethan more attuned to his emotions than most people. For Carter, there's a bigger issue: he's been burned by so-called "perfect" matches, and he won't risk his heart again.

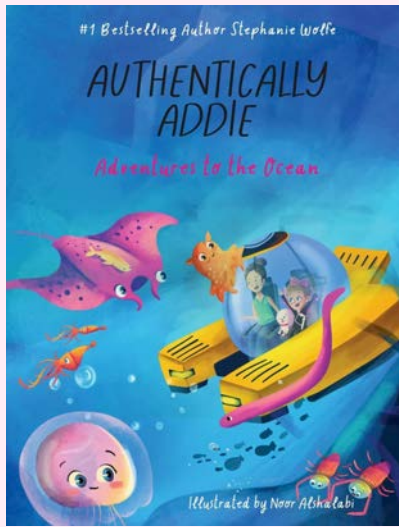
One way or another, Ethan's determined to show Carter they belong together. Then Ethan receives tragic news. Suddenly he must turn to Carter for strength and support. Will Carter come through when Ethan needs him most?



### **Authentically Addie**

*Stephanie Wolfe, Noor Alshalabi (I) | Age not specified | Wheelchair user, trach, communication differences*

Meet Addie!-A very special kid, with many characteristics that make her particularly unique. No matter what, Addie is always ready for an adventure-especially when she gets to discover what makes others different too. Follow along with Addie on her trip to the Zoo, where she meets amazing animal friends and learns about their many disabilities. In this ultra-inclusive series, author Stephanie Wolfe, with the help of her daughter, Addie, aims to help parents open the door to conversations with their children about disabilities and normalize the ability for kids to explore their curiosity and ask kind questions about people they don't understand.



### **Authentically Addie: Adventures to the Ocean**

*Stephanie Wolfe, Noor Alshalabi (I) | Age not specified | Wheelchair user, trach, communication differences*

BOOK 2 IN THE BESTSELLING INCLUSIVE CHILDREN'S BOOK SERIES, AUTHENTICALLY ADDIE Meet Addie!-A very special kid, with many characteristics that make her particularly unique. No matter what, Addie is always ready for an adventure-especially when she gets to discover what makes others different too. Follow along with Addie on her trip to the Ocean, where she meets amazing animal friends and learns about their many disabilities. In this ultra-inclusive series, author Stephanie Wolfe, with the help of her daughter, Addie, aims to help parents open the door to conversations with their children about disabilities. By normalizing the ability for kids to explore their curiosity and ask kind questions about people they don't understand, they believe the world will be a less divided place.



### **Rebuilding Tomorrow**

*Tsana Dolichva | Age not specified | Protagonists with disabilities and chronic illnesses*

What if the apocalypse isn't the end of the world?

In this follow-up to *Defying Doomsday*, disabled and chronically ill protagonists build new worlds from the remains of the old. Read new perspectives on life after the apocalypse from authors Janet Edwards, Lauren Ring, K L Evangelista, S. B. Divya, T.J. Berry, Tansy Rayner Roberts, Andi C. Buchanan, Fran Wilde, Octavia Cade, Stephanie Gunn, Tyan Priss, Emilia Crowe, E. H. Mann, Katharine Duckett and Bogi Takács.