

MARCH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH RESOURCE LIST -- CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Key to age group or grade level:

AC = Adult Read to Children. For Pre-K to Grade 3, ranging from 10 to 30 pages, with illustrations; typically designed for parents to read to their children.

JE = Juvenile Easy Reader. For children who are beginning to read on their own, such as those in Grades 1-2; ranging from 30 to 80 pages; illustrations are included to break up the text.

JF = Juvenile Fiction. Children's fiction or chapter books; for children in Grades 2-6; ranging from 60 to 200 pages, the books are generally divided into chapters, contain fewer illustrations, and have more complicated plots or concepts than either AC or JE books.

YA = Young Adult. For young adults in Grades 5-12; more complicated plots and topics of general interest to the young adult population.

AC – Adult Read to Children

Title: A.D.D. not B.A.D.

Author: Audrey Penn

Publisher: Child and Family Press, Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 440 First St. NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20001-2085; 2003

ISBN #: ISBN-0-87868-849-8

Disability: Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder

Story Profile: Jimmy Jumpingbean can't sit still, and his fellow students just can't understand why. With the help of their teacher, Mr. Jugardor, Jimmy's classmates are able to put themselves into Jimmy's shoes-both literally and figuratively.

Reading Level: AC

Title: All About My Brother

Author: Sarah Peralta

Publisher: Autism Asperger Publishing Co., PO Box 23173, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66283-0173; 2002

ISBN #: ISBN-1-931282-11-0

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Eight-year-old Sarah Peralta demystifies autism by giving us insights into the world of her younger brother, who is nonverbal. Sarah encourages others to approach autism without fear or pity.

Reading Level: AC

Title: All Kinds of Friends, Even Green!

Author: Ellen B. Senisi

Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 2002

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

Disability: Spina Bifida

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

Reading Level: AC

Title: A Very Special Friend

Author: Dorothy Hoffman Levi

Publisher: Gallaudet University Press, Kendall Green, 800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-3695; 1989

ISBN #: ISBN-0-9300323-55-6

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Frannie, a lonely little girl, discovers a new friend when a deaf girl moves in next door.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Be Good to Eddie Lee

Author: Virginia Fleming

Publisher: Philomel Books, Putnam & Grosset Group, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016

ISBN #: ISBN-0-399-21993-5

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Eddie Lee, a young boy with Down syndrome, follows the neighborhood children into the woods to find frog eggs. They try to make him stay home.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Eukee: The Jumpy Jumpy Elephant

Author: Clifford L. Corman and Esther Trevino

Publisher: Specialty Press; 1995

ISBN #: ISBN-0-921629-8-1

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Eukee is a smart little elephant who likes to chase butterflies, blow bubbles, and do cartwheels. He always feels jumpy inside, however, and can never finish the march at school.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Happy Birthday Jason

Author: C. Jean Cutbill and Diane Rawsthorn

Publisher: IPI Publishing Ltd., 50 Prince Arthur Ave, #306, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1B5 Canada; 1984

ISBN #: ISBN-0-920702-37-6 N/A

Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

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

Reading Level: AC

Title: Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism

Author: Laurie Lears

Publisher: Albert Whitman and Company, 6340 Oakton St.,
Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 1998

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

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Tara feels frustrated while taking a walk with her autistic brother, Ian. After she becomes separated from him, she learns to appreciate Ian's world.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Keith Edward's Different Days

Author: Karen Melberg Schwier

Publisher: Impact Publishers

ISBN #: ISBN-0-915166-74-7

Disability: Down Syndrome; Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: Keith meets a variety of people with differences, including Down syndrome and physical differences, and learns that being different is okay.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Lee: The Rabbit with Epilepsy

Author: Deborah M. Moss

Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fisher's Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1989

ISBN #: ISBN-0-933149-32-8

Disability: Epilepsy

Story Profile: Lee is a young rabbit who experiences occasional blackouts and trances. After Dr. Bob, the wise owl, administers a series of tests, Lee is told she has epilepsy.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Leo the Late Bloomer

Author: Robert Kraus

Publisher: Harper Collins, 1971

ISBN #: ISBN-0-87807-042-7

Disability: Developmental Delays

Story Profile: Leo is a tiger cub who just can't keep up with what the other animals are doing. He can't read, write, or speak, and he is a sloppy eater; he's a late bloomer.

Reading Level: AC

Title: My Brother, Matthew

Author: Mary Thompson

Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1992

ISBN #: ISBN-0-993149-47-6

Disability: Mental Retardation

Story Profile: David is a young boy who describes life with his younger brother who was born with a mental disability.

Reading Level: AC

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

Author: Jamee Riggio Heelan

Publisher: Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Dixon Education and Training Center, 345 E. Superior Street, Suite 1641, Chicago, IL 60611; 2000

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

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: A young boy enjoys his new mobility with his first wheelchair.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Russ and the Almost Perfect Day

Author: Janet Elizabeth Rickert

Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 2001

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

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Recent book in a series about Russ, a boy with Down syndrome, who has a great day going to school and playing with friends. He takes responsibility for a mistake and feels good about himself.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Stretching Ourselves: Kids with Cerebral Palsy

Author: Alden R. Carter

Publisher: Albert Whitman and Company, 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 2000

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

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Profiles three young students with cerebral palsy, showing how they live their lives like kids without cerebral palsy. It explains about cerebral palsy.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Talking to Angels

Author: Esther Watson

Publisher: Harcourt Brace, 525 B Street, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101-4495; 1996

ISBN #: ISBN-0-15-201077-7

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Christa is a girl with autism who is described in this picture book by her sibling. She is described and illustrated in her favorite sounds and textures and interactions with others.

Reading Level: AC

Title: The ADDED Touch

Author: Robyn Watson

Publisher: Silver Star Publications, 2033 Linglestown Road, PMB 383, Harrisburg, PA 17110; 2000

ISBN #: ISBN-0-9676529-0-1

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Matthew is in first grade and has trouble paying attention, and making friends. He finds that he has attention deficit disorder, and learns strategies to help in class and with his friends.

Reading Level: AC

Title: Thomas Alva Edison: Great Inventor

Author: David A. Adler

Publisher: Holiday House

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8234-0820-5

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Thomas Edison's life and his many inventions, despite his deafness, that shape our lives today.

Reading Level: AC

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

Author: Kathleen M. Dwyer

Publisher: Walker and Company, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019; 1991

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

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: 10-year-old Jimmy is having problems at school and believes he is stupid. After a parent-teacher conference, he is tested and found to have a learning disability.

Reading Level: AC

Title: What It's Like to Be Me

Author: Helen Exley

Publisher: Friendship Press, 1984

ISBN #: ISBN-0-377-00144-9

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: Children from all over the world write about themselves and their disabilities. They tell us how they see themselves and how they want to be seen. All of the illustrations are created by the children.

Reading Level: AC

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

Author: Joan C. Verniero

Publisher: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 19 Union Square W, New York, NY 10003; 1995

ISBN #: ISBN-0-945354-60-6

Disability: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Story Profile: Willy is an 8-year-old girl with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Describing her life, she shares her hobbies, friends, family life, and aspects of her medical care. (Note: This was the only children's book selected by "Good Morning America" for its Millennium Time Capsule.)

Reading Level: AC

JE – Juvenile Easy Reader

Title: Andy Finds a Turtle

Author: Nan Holcomb

Publisher: Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1988

ISBN #: ISBN-0-944727-02-6

Disability: Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: Andy is told he acts like a turtle with his legs and arms drawn in tight - but Andy doesn't know what a turtle is, so he goes in search of one and discovers something important about himself.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Anna Joins In

Author: Katrin Arnold

Publisher: Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37202

ISBN #: ISBN-0-687-01530-8

Disability: Cystic Fibrosis

Story Profile: Anna is a young girl who has a difficult pattern to her days because she has cystic fibrosis.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Buddy's Shadow

Author: Shirley Becker

Publisher: Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1991

ISBN #: ISBN-0-944727-08-05

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Buddy, a 5-year-old boy with Down Syndrome, purchases a puppy.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Charlie's Chuckle

Author: Clara Widess Berkus

Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1992

ISBN #: ISBN-0-933149-50-6

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Charlie, a 7-year-old boy with Down syndrome, likes riding a bike. On one bike ride he wanders into a disputatious city council meeting and brings humor and harmony to the argumentative adults.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Eddie Enough!

Author: Debbie Zimmett

Publisher: Woodbine House, 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 2001

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

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Eddie has a rough day at school. He has trouble paying attention, bumps into things, and some kids in his class make fun of him. After he learns he has ADD, his parents and teachers help him come up with strategies for improving his days at school.

Reading Level: JE

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

Author: Cindy Gainer

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 400 First Avenue North, Suite 616, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1724; 1998

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

Disability: General Disabilities

Story Profile: Children interact with people who are different from themselves; discover skills that make them unique; and explore the ways they are like and unlike others.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Joey and Sam

Author: Illana Katz and Edward Ritvo

Publisher: Real Life Story Books; 1993

ISBN #: ISBN-1-882388-00-3

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Sam is 5 and has autism, and Joey is his 6-year-old brother. They describe an ordinary day at home and at school, showing how they are different and alike.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope

Author: Trudy Krisher

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co., 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053; 1992

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-4116-8

Disability: Cancer

Story Profile: Kathy is a young girl who loses her hair as a result of chemotherapy.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Looking Out for Sarah

Author: Glenna Lang

Publisher: National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen St., Boston, MA 02115; 2001

ISBN #: 0-88106-647-8

Disability: Visual Impairments

Story Profile: Told from a guide dog's perspective, this book shows the relationship between a guide dog and a young woman who is blind.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Sarah and Puffle: A Story for Children about Diabetes

Author: Linnea Mulder

Publisher: Henry Holt

ISBN #: ISBN-0-94534-41-X hardback; ISBN-0-945354-42-8 paperback

Disability: Diabetes

Story Profile: Sarah feels resentful of the limitations the diabetes places on her activities until a stuffed animal (Puffle) comes to life and offers her encouraging rhymes on coping.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Sarah's Surprise

Author: Nan Holcomb

Publisher: Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1990

ISBN #: ISBN-0-944727-07-7

Disability: Articulation Impairments

Story Profile: Six-year-old Sarah has used a picture board to communicate. With the help of her speech therapist she gives everyone a surprise at her mother's birthday party.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Sosu's Call

Author: Meshack Asare

Publisher: Kane/Miller Book Publishers, PO Box 8515, LaJolla, CA 92038-8515; 2002

ISBN #: ISBN-1-929132-21-2

Disability: Physical disabilities

Story Profile: Sosu is a young boy with a physical disability who lives in Ghana. He feels left out of many village activities until he is called upon to show his strength.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Taking Dyslexia to School

Author: Lauren E. Moynihan

Publisher: JayJo Books, 135 Dupont St., PO Box 760, Plainview, NY 11803-0760; 2002

ISBN #: ISBN-1-891383-17-5

Disability: Dyslexia/learning disabilities

Story Profile: Matt explains his dyslexia and tells about strategies he uses.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Taking Tourette Syndrome to School

Author: Tira Krueger

Publisher: JayJo Books, 135 Dupont St., PO Box 760, Plainview, NY 11803-0760, www.jayjo.com; 2002

ISBN #: ISBN-1-891383-12-4

Disability: Tourette Syndrome

Story Profile: An informative story about Tourette Syndrome, told from the point of view of a child who has Tourette syndrome.

Reading Level: JE

Title: The Hangashore

Author: Geoff Butler

Publisher: Tundra Books, PO Box 1030, Plattsburgh, NY 12901; 1998

ISBN #: ISBN-0-88776-444-4

Disability: Down Syndrome/Mental Retardation

Story Profile: Newfoundland story of a young man with Down syndrome who displays courage and kindness towards a judgmental government official.

Reading Level: JE

Title: The Bob (Butterbean) Love Story

Author: Terry Page and Bob Love

Publisher: Boo Books, Inc., PO Box 201128, Chicago, Illinois 60620-1128; 1995

ISBN #: ISBN-1-887864-40-7

Disability: Speech Impairments

Story Profile: The autobiography of a basketball player with a speech impediment.

Reading Level: JE

Title: Thumbs Up, Rico!

Author: Maria Testa

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co., 6340 Oakton Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 1990

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-7906-8

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Rico is a boy with Down syndrome who loves basketball. The story describes his relationship with a neighborhood boy named Caesar, his older sister Nina, and his art class.

Reading Level: JE

Title: We Can Do It!

Author: Laura Dwight

Publisher: Checkerboard Press, Inc., 30 Vesey St., New York, NY 10007; 1992

ISBN #: ISBN-1-56288-301-1

Disability: Disabilities

Story Profile: The daily activities of five children with different kinds of disabilities. Color photographs show the children at home and at school, with family members and with peers.

Reading Level: JE

Title: We'll Paint the Octopus Red

Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 1998

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

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Emma is a little girl who has a new baby brother with Down syndrome.

Reading Level: JE

Title: What About Me? When Brothers and Sisters Get Sick

Author: Allan Peterkin, M.D.

Publisher: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 19 Union Sq. West, New York, NY 10003; 1992

ISBN #: ISBN-0-94534-48-7 hardback; ISBN-0-945354-49-5 paperback

Disability: Chronic Illness

Story Profile: Laura is a young girl trying to cope with her brother Tom's illness and the disruption of family life. The story describes her wide range of emotions.

Reading Level: JE

JF – Juvenile Fiction

Title: Adam and the Magic Marble

Author: Adam and Carol Buehrens

Publisher: Hope Press, PO Box 188, Duarte, CA 91009-0188; 1991

ISBN #: ISBN-1-878267-30-2

Disability: Tourette Syndrome; Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Adam, Chris and Matt are often harassed by bullies until they discover a magic marble.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Blue Bottle Mystery: An Asperger Adventure

Author: Kathy Hoopmann

Publisher: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106; 2001

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

Disability: Asperger Syndrome

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

Reading Level: JF

Title: First Star I See

Author: Jaye Andras Caffrey

Publisher: Verbal Images Press, 19 Fox Hill Drive, Fairport, NY 14450; 1997

ISBN #: ISBN-1-884281-17-6

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Paige is a young girl with ADD who is trying to win a school writing contest.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Howie Helps Himself

Author: Joan Fassler

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.; 1975

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8075-3422-6

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Howie has cerebral palsy. He gets around in a wheelchair, or rather, other people get him around in his wheelchair. More than anything, Howie wants to move that chair himself.

Reading Level: JF

Title: How Many Days Until Tomorrow?

Author: Caroline Janover

Publisher: Woodbine House

ISBN #: ISBN-1-890627-22-4

Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

Story Profile: Josh is a 12-year-old who has dyslexia. When he spends a summer on an island with his grandparents, he develops strengths and discovers new talents.

Reading Level: JF

Title: I'm Joshua and "Yes I Can"

Author: Joan Lenett Whinston

Publisher: Vantage Press, Inc., 516 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001; 1989

ISBN #: ISBN-0-533-07959-4

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Joshua, a young boy with cerebral palsy, describes his fears and insecurities about his disability on his first day in first grade.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Margaret's Moves

Author: Bernice Rabe

Publisher: Dutton

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

Disability: Spina bifida

Story Profile: Margaret is 9-years-old and blames her wheelchair for slowing her down.

Reading Level: JF

Title: My Friend Ben

Author: Wanda Gilberts Kachur

Publisher: Peytral Publications, PO Box 1162, Suite 976, Minnetonka, MN 55345; 1997

ISBN #: ISBN-0-9644271-4-1

Disability: Head Injuries

Story Profile: Narrated through the eyes of a classmate, this story tells of Ben, a boy with traumatic brain injury who is included in a general education, third-grade class.

Reading Level: JF

Title: My Name Is Brain Brian

Author: Jeanne Betancourt

Publisher: Scholastic Inc., 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003; 1993

ISBN #: ISBN-0-590-44921-4

Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

Story Profile: Brian, a sixth-grade boy is diagnosed as having dyslexia. His initial trepidation at being singled out for attention is gradually replaced by enthusiasm for learning new ways of learning.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Rosie: A Visiting Dog's Story

Author: Stephanie Calmenson

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Co., 215 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10003; 1994

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

Disability: Disabilities

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

Reading Level: JF

Title: Sara's Secret

Author: Suzanne Wanous

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books; 1995

ISBN #: ISBN-0-87614-856-9

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Justin is five with cerebral palsy and mental retardation. He "can't walk or talk, or even sit up," but, he still makes his sister happy. She is not happy, when her teacher plans a unit on disabilities. She doesn't want people to know about her brother.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Sparky's Excellent Misadventures: My ADD Journal by me (Sparky)

Author: Phyllis Carpenter and Marti Ford

Publisher: Magination Press, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street NE, Washington, DC, 20002, www.maginationpress.com; 2002

ISBN #: ISBN-1-555798-606-1

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: This is the imaginary journal of Sparky, a young boy with ADD. Sparky tells funny and not so funny stories about his life at school, at home, and with friends.

Reading Level: JF

Title: The Flying Fingers Club

Author: Jean F. Andrews

Publisher: Kendall Green

ISBN #: ISBN-0-930323-44-0

Disability: Deafness

Story Profile: Donald is a third grader who is bitter about repeating it when he meets Matt, who comes to class with an interpreter because he is deaf; they become fast friends.

Reading Level: JF

Title: Wrongway Applebaum

Author: Marjorie Lewis

Publisher: Coward

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

Disability: Learning Disabilities

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

Reading Level: JF

Title: Zipper, The Kid with ADHD

Author: Caroline Janover

Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 1997

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

Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder

Story Profile: Zachary, a fifth-grader with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has trouble concentrating until a jazz musician recognizes his talent, and gives him the motivation to try to do better.

Reading Level: JF

YA – Young Adult

Title: A Thousand Lights

Author: Hope Benton

Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996

ISBN #: ISBN-1-888927-81-X; ISBN-1-888927-28-3

Disability: Hearing Impairments

Story Profile: Two brothers, one with a hearing impairment, climb Mt. Fuji in Japan.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Best Friends

Author: Hope Benton

Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996

ISBN #: ISBN-1-888927-78-X; ISBN-1-888927-25-9

Disability: Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: Kathryn, who uses a wheelchair, coaches her friend in coping with a broken leg.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Bus Girl

Author: Gretchen Josephson

Publisher: Brookline Books, PO Box 1047, Cambridge, MA 02238; 1997

ISBN #: ISBN-1-57129-041-9

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Gretchen, through poetry, describes her emotional development toward independence and adult relationships.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Deaf Girls Rule

Author: Wendy Tiefenbacher, Ed.

Publisher: Gallaudet University Press, Washington, DC 20002; 2001

ISBN #: ISBN-1-56368-117-X

Disability: Hearing impairments

Story Profile: This book of photographs highlights the 1998-1999 women's basketball team at Gallaudet University. The story in pictures of a team of deaf women who advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Don't Stop The Music

Author: Robert Perske

Publisher: Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37202; 1986

ISBN #: ISBN-0-687-11060-2

Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Story Profile: Follow our teen hero and heroine (with cerebral palsy) through thrills, romance, and adventure all rolled into this "who-done-it".

Reading Level: YA

Title: Dyslexia My Life: One Man's Story of His Life with a Learning Disability

Author: Girard J. Sagmiller

Publisher: DML, PO Box 537, Smithville, MO 64089-0537; 1995

ISBN #: ISBN-0-9643087-1-1

Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

Story Profile: Girard's autobiography dealing with dyslexia chronicles his struggles to overcome ignorance and prejudice to succeed in school, business, and life.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Extraordinary People with Disabilities

Author: Deborah Kent and Kathryn A. Quinlan

Publisher: Children's Press, 1996

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

Disability: Various Disabilities

Story Profile: Nearly 50 men and women with mental or physical disabilities are profiled in this collection including well-known figures as: Thomas Edison, Harriet Tubman, Tom Cruise, and Chris Burke.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Franklin D. Roosevelt: Gallant President

Author: Barbara Feinberg

Publisher: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard

ISBN #: ISBN-0-688-00434-2

Disability: Poliomyelitis

Story Profile: A biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Idea Man

Author: Karen Melberg Schwier

Publisher: Diverse City Press, 1997

ISBN #: ISBN-1-896230-09-1

Disability: Down Syndrome

Story Profile: Erin is angry when her parents leave her overnight with family friends. whose son, has Down syndrome. Erin doesn't want to be seen with him but realizes she misjudged him after he helps her with a homework assignment.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Probably Still Nick Swansen

Author: Virginia Euwer Wolff

Publisher: Holt

ISBN #: ISBN-0-8050-0701-6

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: Sixteen-year-old Nick has a learning disability and other kids make fun of him. He has to take special classes, his date for the prom makes an excuse not to go out with him, and he is not sure about his place in the world.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Reach for the Moon

Author: Samantha Abeel

Publisher: Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 210 West Michigan, Duluth, MN 55802; 1997

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

Disability: Learning Disabilities

Story Profile: Samantha, a 13-year-old girl with a learning disability, provides a collection of illustrated poems and stories. She writes about her difficulties in school and the encouragement of her English teacher to develop her writing talent.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Stevie Wonder

Author: John Swenson

Publisher: Harper & Row

ISBN #: ISBN-0-06-097067-7

Disability: Blindness

Story Profile: Stevie Wonder's life from his birth in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1950 through his rapid rise as a Motown artist in the early 1960s and up to his present-day work.

Reading Level: YA

Title: The Baby-sitters Club #32: Kristy and the Secret of Susan

Author: Ann M. Martin

Publisher: Scholastic Inc., 555 Broadway, New York, New York, 10012; 1990

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

Disability: Autism

Story Profile: Kristy babysits a child with autism after school and is fascinated to learn about autism and other disabilities. She deals with her own assumptions, other students' perceptions of children with special needs, and other disability issues.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs

Author: Donald Meyer, Ed.

Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; 1997

ISBN #: ISBN-0-933149-98-0

Disability: Disabilities

Story Profile: 45 siblings share their experiences. The children whose essays are featured range in age from 4 to 18 with a variety of disabilities.

Reading Level: YA

Title: Whoa, Nellie!

Author: Hope Benton

Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996

ISBN #: ISBN-1-888927-79-8; ISBN-1-888927-26-7

Disability: Physical Disabilities

Story Profile: A story of a young girl, Kathryn, who happens to have a physical disability and uses a wheelchair, her friends, and their experiences at summer camp as they search for a favorite horse.

Reading Level: YA

Excerpted from a list published by CEC, Council for Exceptional Children. For the full list go to: <http://ericec.org/fact/kidbooks.html>

For other resources on children's books about disability go to:

<http://www.kidsource.com/NICHCY/literature.html>

Other materials and ideas about Disability Awareness are available from:

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