This annotated bibliography covers materials about children at risk because of disabilities and/or abilities. The bibliography includes approximately 560 entries. The following categories are addressed: autism; gifted; handicapped--general and multiple; hearing impaired/deaf; learning disabilities; mental illness; mentally handicapped/brain damaged; physically handicapped; speech/language impaired/mutism; visually impaired, blind, and blind/deaf. The bibliography is divided by grade level and subject then by a Dewey Decimal number. Dewey numbers are subject to adaptation for individual libraries, so these may not be the ones in use in any given library. Where possible, Interest Level (IL) and Reading Level (RL) followed by grade span are included. Titles dealing with health problems such as alcoholism, and cancer are not included. (SW)
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A Bibliography of Materials about Children At Risk
because of Disabilities and/or Abilities

for students and their teachers and parents

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INTRODUCTION

This annotated bibliography was developed to assist library media specialists, teachers and parents in finding materials that will help students and adults understand the problems of children with abilities or disabilities that make them "different" and, therefore, frequently "at risk". Titles dealing with health problems such as alcoholism, and cancer are not covered. The materials included were drawn from standard printed and on-line selection sources and are meant to be a resource for addressing diversity and equity issues. Inclusion does not indicate endorsement by the Iowa Department of Education. In selecting titles about children with disabilities, the library media specialist, teacher or parent would do well to keep in mind the criteria advocated by Annette B. Heim in her article, "Beyond the Stereotypes," (SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, September 1994, pp139-142): Accuracy of information, lack of stereotypes, literary quality, confronting the disability, and not "using" disabled characters.

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AUTISM

362.3 Gold, Phyllis. PLEASE DON'T SAY HELLO. Human Sciences Press, 1975. IL Grades 1-5. Autism

No review available.


Photo essay of autistic child based on author's son. A good introduction to the subject, although it does not address newer techniques such as use of computers. Pictures are black and white.

362.4 MAIN STREET - HE'S MY BROTHER (Video Cassette, color, 9 min.). Films Inc. Video [5547 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640-1199], 1987. IL Grades 6-9. Handicapped; Autism

Focuses on 16-year-old Kay whose 12-year-old brother is autistic. Reflects the challenges and rewards of having a handicapped sibling.


Corey is both homeless and autistic. In this drama two other homeless people discuss Corey's problems. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

F Martin, Ann M. INSIDE OUT. Holiday, 1984; Scholastic, 1985, 1990. IL 4-6. Autism

Jonno's brother James is autistic. His sister, his parents and his friends struggle to find a way to relate to, help or avoid James.

F Parker, Richard. HE IS YOUR BROTHER. Lodestar, 1976. IL Grades 5-6. Autism

Mike gradually accepts and helps his autistic brother.
GIFTED

155.455 BEING GIFTED: BECAUSE YOU'RE SPECIAL FROM THE REST.
Gifted Children

No review available.

Gifted Children

How Gifted can make use of their opportunities and get along with people and themselves. Volume 1 For Ages Ten and Under.

Gifted Children

How Gifted can make use of their opportunities and get along with people and themselves. Volume 2 For Ages 11-18.

371.95 Greenlaw, M. Jean and Margaret E. McIntosh. EDUCATING THE GIFTED. American Library Association, 1988. IL Adult. Gifted

Rich, well-researched source on history and curriculum for gifted education and identification of gifted children.

371.95 Nesbit, Jeffrey A. THE PUZZLED PRODIGY. SP Pubns, 1992. IL Grades 3-6. Gifted

The Capital Crew series. Deals with brothers and sisters, tennis and gifted children.

371.95 Vail, Priscilla L. SMART KIDS WITH SCHOOL PROBLEMS: THINGS TO DO AND WAYS TO HELP. New American Libraries/Dutton, 1989. IL Adult. Gifted

Describes "conundrum" kids, gifted in one area, learning disabled in another and ends by explaining how three gifted people survived education.

371.95 Vail, Priscilla L. GIFTED, PRECOCIOUS OR JUST PLAIN SMART: A STORY FOR PUZZLED PARENTS. Programs Education, 1987. Gifted

No review available.

810.8 Levy, Nathan and Janet Levy. THERE ARE THOSE. NL Assoc., 1990. IL Grades PK-up. Gifted Children

Includes poetry and fiction

F Appleton, Victor, II. TOM SWIFT AND HIS DIVING SEACOPTER. Grosset & Dunlap, 1956. o.p. IL Juvenile. Gifted

Tom Swift is the hero of a science fiction series many titles of which emphasize giftedness. A number have been reissued or written more recently. For example, in QUANTAM FORCE (Pocket Books, 1993), Tom tries to rig the perfect anti crime device.


F Bonnell, Dorothy. PASSPORT TO FREEDOM. Messner, 1967. o.p. IL Juvenile. Gifted

F Cleaver, Vera and Bill Cleaver. DELPHA GREENE AND COMPANY. Lippincott, 1972. IL Grades 6-up. Gifted

No review available.


Santiago was a juvenile delinquent, wild and destructive, who became a Nobel Prize winning doctor. Fictionalized biography. Reviewed as "an overlong story of father/son conflict. . ." 


A mother with a tumor, a gifted young brother and stiff competition in a writing contest all add to Kit's problems. She learns that her young brother is right - everyone is the universe, she can be "the popper of corn, the baker of bread, the writer of stories. . . the daughter, the sister, the friend."

F Dukes, Carol Muske. SAVING ST. GERM. Viking, 1993. IL Adult. Gifted

Esme Charbonneau is a biochemist, genius grade. She sees her daughter as gifted, too. Her husband sees the girl as dysfunctional. Dukes enthralls readers with the enchanted intellects of Esme and her daughter but galvanizes the readers with fear about the survival of marvels in a world of the impatient mediocre. 

F Fitzgerald, John D. THE GREAT BRAIN. Dell, 1967. IL Grades 4-6. Gifted

Scheming adventures of boy genius. Followed by THE GREAT BRAIN AT THE ACADEMY (Dell, 1972) and THE GREAT BRAIN DOES IT AGAIN (Dell, 1975).

The genius cons the con man, but, when his penchant for profit endangers his friends, he decides to reform.


Harriet's notebook of her feelings about classmates and neighbors is found by her classmates. NYT Best Children's Book, 1964.


Alvin, "unbelievable gifted," learns from the school "dolt" to be a decent human being and the dolt learns math from Alvin.


Once she is placed in a gifted group, KT seems to lose control. Her best friends start a clique that doesn't include her and many of the sixth graders make fun of the gifted kids.

F Hicks, Clifford B. WACKY WORLD OF ALVIN FERNALD. Holt, 1981. IL Juvenile. Gifted

Great Brain tries to outdo mayor in his April Fool joke by setting out to invent a human being. One of a series of books about Alvin, several of which are now out of print.

F Keen, Carolyn. NANCY'S MYSTERIOUS LETTER. Putnam, 1963. IL Grades 4-7. Gifted

Volume 8 of the Nancy Drew series. Nancy is mistaken for an heiress. In trying to straighten out the mystery she discovers some disturbing facts about the heiress' fiancé. Presumably Nancy is the gifted one, so many titles in the series might give girls the saving notion that girl's can be gifted.


No review available.


A newly orphaned senior joins her school's theater club.
F Konigsburg, E. L. FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER. Various editions. IL Grades 4-8. Gifted

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home, and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Newbery Medal Winner.

F Landsman, Sandy. GADGET FACTOR. Macmillan, 1984. o.p. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 7. Gifted

Well written science fiction story featuring a brilliant thirteen-year-old college student and his roommate who develop a computer game that leads to time travel.


Two gifted seventeen-year-olds share their friendship and their dreams, one to be a scientist, the other, a musician.

F Levitin, Sonia. THE MARK OF CONTE. Macmillan, 1987; Peter Smith, 1992. IL Grades 7-up. Gifted

When he realizes the school's computer thinks he is two people, Conte decides to take a double load and graduate early.


Nina is a smart kid, facing junior high, her parents' divorce, and a new math teacher who is her father's new wife.

F Pfeffer, Susan Beth. DEAR DAD, LOVE LAURIE. Scholastic, 1989, 1990. IL Grades 4-7; RL Grade 8. Gifted

In a weekly letter to her father, Laurie discusses all her problems including her determination to get into the gifted and talented program.


No review available.


Encyclopedia Brown is a Sherlock Holmes in sneakers who solves some 200 hundred mysteries ten at a time in this series. This is a representative title.

Eric must learn to face the dragon of his fears when he starts high school as one of six specially accelerated students. A gay friend and an antagonistic teacher seem a little forced and may offend some readers, but the story says a lot about pride, embarrassment, jealousy and friendship.

MAIZON AT BLUE HILL. Delacorte, 1992. IL Grades 5-9. Gifted Children

Maizon, now 12, wins a scholarship to an exclusive girls' school where she finds three of the four other blacks are snobs and where she sees a racial slur in every innocuous remark. Well written sequel to LAST SUMMER WITH MAIZON, offering a different perspective on elitism and racism than is usually found in juvenile fiction.


A little girl loves to visit an older girlfriend, Bidemmi, who is an imaginative teller of stories which she illustrates as she tells them. Everyone will wish they could visit Bidemmi.

HANDICAPPED - GENERAL AND MULTIPLE


Includes books intended for children from preschool through sixth grade in four sections, Everyday Problems; Special Problems; Illness, Health and Medical Care; and Death.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND DISABILITY: SELECTED EXPERIENTIAL LITERATURE. Nebraska University, Lincoln. Dept. of Special Education and Communication Disorders, 1991. ED 332 470. IL Adult. Handicapped

Annotated bibliography of experiential literature focusing on young people and disability, including fiction and nonfiction works selected from those written between 1975 and 1990.

CHILDREN’S DISABILITY BOOKSHOP CATALOG. Twin Peaks Press (P. O. Box 129, Vancouver, WA 98666-01290). Also available on audiocassette. IL Adult. Handicapped

"Hard-to-find titles covering a wide range of health topics for children." Includes topics of general nature and allergy, asthma, autism, cerebral palsy, tourette syndrome, deafness, Down’s syndrome, epilepsy, scoliosis, brain injury, learning disabilities, mental illness, mental impairment, etc.
Handicapped children are children just the same. Excellent black and white photos show multiethnic group of handicapped children engaging in activities typical of all children.

Well balanced survey of problems of severely handicapped infants.

Focuses on how to include disabled individuals in the ministry, providing suggestions from congregations and disabled pastors. Produced by the Lutheran Commission on Ministry with Disabled Persons.

Children with various mental and emotional challenges share their stories about their spiritual perspective and their world. Should stimulate thought about the nature of life and the function of the church in supporting the disabled. Reviewed as “highly recommended.”

A group of handicapped kids discuss problems and adjustments. Highly recommended.

Leo Buscaglia tells of children with physical, mental or learning disabilities, exploring various methods for care.

Nine people describe their process of learning as contact is made. What difference does a handicap make?

Books are important therapy for Cushla, born with multiple birth defects.
CLOSE TO THE HEART (16mm film; Video Cassette, color, 30 min.). Vancouver Women in Focus [849 Veatty St., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 2M6, 1986. IL Grades 9-12. Handicapped - Rehabilitation

Tells the story of Christine Meikle who launched a crusade to give the mentally handicapped practical schooling and comfortable lives within the community. Describes how she fought against public conceptions that the mentally handicapped could not learn skills, opened her own school, and began a successful system of rehabilitation.

FREE DIVE (Video Cassette; 16 mm, color 9 min.). Bullfrog, 1987. Handicapped

Five handicapped youth learn to scuba dive in a pool and take a trip to the Cayman Islands. They describe their experience of living in a world geared to the able-bodied.

THE IMPOSSIBLE TAKES A LITTLE LONGER (16mm, Video Cassette, color, 46 min.). Indiana U. A-V Center [Bloomington, IN 47405-5901], 1987. IL Grades 9-up. Handicapped Women

Stories of four highly accomplished, seriously disabled women.


Including special education students in school activities.

IRA AND VICKI (Video Cassette, color, 18 min.). CTV Television Network Ltd. [42 Charles St. East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 1T4], 1977. IL Grades 6-up. Handicapped - Rehabilitation

Introduces two handicapped persons who are creating a better life for themselves despite their disability.

THE KIDS OF WIDNEY HIGH - SPECIAL MUSIC FROM SPECIAL KIDS (4 track audio cassette 1-7/8). Yellow Moon Press [P. O. Box 1316, Cambridge, MA 02238], n.d. IL Grades 1-up. Handicapped

Records the work of music teacher Michael Monagan with severely handicapped children in Los Angeles in a song writing class.

LETTERS FROM OUR LIVES (Video Cassette, color, 26 min.). Canyon Cinema Cooperative [2325 3rd St., Suite 338, San Francisco, CA 94107], 1992. IL Grades 7-Adult. Handicapped Women

Features letters from disabled women around the globe, looking especially at the sadness and hope of disabled women in Zimbabwe. Pays tribute to the United Nations' Decade of Disabled People in 1992. Listed in another catalog as supplied by Bullfrog.
362.4 MAKING SPECIAL FRIENDS (Video Cassette, color, 27 min.).
San Diego State College [5402 College Ave., San Diego, CA 92115],
1932. IL Grades 6-up. Handicapped

Documentary dealing with social acceptance of handicapped children
mainstreamed into public schools.

362.4 MULTI-HANDICAPPED (Video Cassette; 16 mm. Film, color,
126 min.). Zipporah Films [One Richdale Ave, Unit 4, Cambridge
MA 02140], n.d. IL Grades 9-12. Handicapped

Documents daily activities of multi-handicapped and sensory-impaired students
and their teachers, dorm parents and counselors at the Helen Keller School.

362.4 PARENTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (Video Cassette,
color, 30 min.). United Learning, 1993. IL Grades 9-Adult.
Handicapped

Birth, diagnosis, impact on family, early intervention and laws. From Practical
Parenting series.

362.4 PARENTS' VIEWS OF LIVING WITH A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES
(Video Cassette, color, 30 min.). United Learning, 1993. IL
Grades 9-Adult. Handicapped

Interviews with parents of disabled children revealing the daily life conflicts and
frustrations. From Practical Parenting series.

362.4 RECOGNIZING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (Video
Handicapped

Child care workers are taught to recognize children with special needs.

362.4 Schulz, Jane B. DIFFERENT FROM YOU . . . AND LIKE YOU,
Handicapped

Suggests appropriate responses to handicapped students in mainstreamed classes.
Technical quality and age may influence usefulness.

362.4 SCIENCE ABLED - GOOD MINDS AT WORK - 1 (Video Cassette,
color, 40 min.). Agency for Instructional Technology [Box A,
Bloomington, IN 47402-0120], 1987. IL Grades 6-9.
Handicapped

Features scientists of both sexes in varying occupations, and having a diversity of
degrees, disabilities, ethnic backgrounds and lifestyles.
362.4 SCIENCE ABLED - RETURN ON EQUITY - 2 (Video Cassette, color, 34 min.). Agency for Instructional Technology [Box A, Bloomington, IN 47402-0120], 1987. IL Grades 6-9. Handicapped

Aims at potential employers of disabled scientists. Includes the opinions of supervisors, co-workers and other employers about the contributions of and working with disabled scientists. Encourages talented young people with physical or sensory disabilities to pursue coursework and careers in science and technology.

362.4 SPEAKING THROUGH WALLS - WHO'S DISABLED (Video Cassette, color, 28 min.). Churchill Films [12210 Nebraska Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025], 1991. IL Grades 7-up. Handicapped

Follows cast of Access Theatre as they perform play written by, and starring, Neil Marcus who is severely disabled. Encourages understanding and communication between disabled and non-disabled.

362.4 SPECIAL FEELINGS (Video Cassette, color, 28 min.). Indiana University Audio Visual Center [Bloomington, IN 47405-5901], 1987. IL Grades 9-up. Handicapped

Despite severe speech difficulties and motor limitations, handicapped persons do fall in love and plan for marriage.

362.4 STOP THE WORLD, WE WANT TO GET ON (Video Cassette, color, 26 min.), Canyon Cinema Cooperative (2325 3rd St., Suite 338, San Francisco CA 94107), 1992. IL Grades 7-Adult. Handicapped

Documents Disabled Peoples International, a civil rights group formed in 1982 at the beginning of the UN's Decade of Disabled People. One catalog gives source as Bullfrog.

362.4 A VICTORY OF THE SPIRIT (Video Cassette, color, 56 min.), Human Relations Media (175 Tompkins Ave., Pleasantville NY 10570-9973), 1994. IL Grades 4-12. Special Olympics Handicapped

New title. No annotation available.

362.4 WE ALL GET WET WHEN IT RAINS (Video Cassette, color, 22 min.). Meridian Ed, 1994. IL Grades PK-6. Handicapped

A puppet teaches acceptance of the abilities and disabilities of others, emphasizing abilities.
WEIRDED OUT AND BLOWN AWAY (16 mm, video, color, 43 min.). Cinema Guild [Division of Document Associates, 1697 Broadway #802, New York, NY 10019], 1988. IL Grades 9-up. Handicapped

Explores public's attitudes toward physical disability and challenges misconceptions about the disabled. Features interviews with five career people who are disabled.


Honest, sentimental, absorbing books about a Resource room for special kids who can't be mainstreamed.


Helps parents and teachers understand resources and procedures available.


A curriculum to help teachers develop a classroom community in which all children feel good about themselves. Aimed at grades K-4. Addresses including people, self esteem, making friends, cooperating.

NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES (Video Cassette, color, 14 min.), Churchill Films (12210 Nebraska Ave., Los Angeles CA 90025), 1990. IL Grades 7-12. Handicapped Diseases

Animation and interviews with disabled young people on such diseases as cerebral palsy, diabetes, cancer, juvenile arthritis, allergies and hear disease, reducing risks, and ability of such children to be as "normal" as others in many ways.


Written by a physician, this well organized text offers a wealth of information.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER (Video Cassette, color, 28 min.). University of California Extension Media Center [2176 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704], 1988. IL Grades 3-up. Handicapped

Introduces the Birds of a Feather Theater whose members sing, dance, improvise and tell stories. Each has a special talent and each a disability. Signed.
A LITTLE LIKE MAGIC (Video Cassette, color, 24 min.). Carousel, 1988. IL Grades 9-Adult. Handicapped

Young, handicapped players, under the direction of Diane Dupuy, demonstrate the confidence they have gained under her tuition. Upbeat and sensitive.

THE OTHER OLYMPIANS (Video Cassette, color, 28 min.). Filmakers, 1988. IL Grades 7-Adult. Handicapped

Action packed skiing showing athletes with disabilities in rugged competition.


Allison develops a disability as a result of a sudden illness when she is sixteen. Her mother recalls a parallel experience in her own childhood. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Three handicapped youngsters and three without disabilities share how and what they hear, touch, see, smell and sense around them. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


A musical about twin sisters, one of whom has a disability. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Religious Life for handicapped.

ON CHALLENGED WINGS (Video Cassette, color 58 min.). Phoenix, 1992. IL Grades 7-Adult. Handicapped

Five handicapped people overcome their handicaps to excel in sports, recreation and life.


"Stories of ten women [from the United States] with disabilities."
Systems [Formerly CRM Educational Films, P. O Box 641, Del Mar, CA 92014], 1967. IL Grades 9-up. Deaf

Presents the music and life story of Beethoven, portraying his struggle against the deafness that developed at the time when his powers of composition were reaching maturity.


Powerful and lucid book which clearly shows authors concern for hearing impaired and profoundly deaf.

362.4 Bergman, Thomas. FINDING A COMMON LANGUAGE; CHILDREN LIVING WITH DEAFNESS. Gareth Stevens, 1989. IL Grades 1-5. Deaf

Originally published in Sweden, this the story of a six-year-old girl attending a nursery school for the deaf. After school she plays with a friend to whom she teaches sign language.

362.4 Curtis, Patricia. CINDY, A HEARING EAR DOG. Dutton, 1981. ©p. IL Grades 3-5. Deaf

Cindy is rescued from a shelter to be trained to hear for a deaf teenager.

362.4 Greenberg, Judith E. WHAT IS THE SIGN FOR FRIEND? Watts, 1985. ©p. IL Grades 1-3; RL Grade 7. Deaf

Demonstrates how Shane, a deaf child fits into school and play.

362.4 HAVE YOU TRIED TALKING TO PATTY (Video Cassette, color, 44 min.). Unknown, 1988. IL Grades 3-6. Hearing Impaired

Deals with teenage peer pressure and the social life of a hearing impaired teenage girl.


Two deaf sisters fit into the family's activities.


A tender story of two sisters, one deaf, pointing out the strengths and accomplishments of the deaf child.

16
Panzarino, Connie. THE ME IN THE MIRROR. Seal Pr Feminist, 1994. IL Adult Handicapped Lesbians

Written by a severely disabled lesbian activist and art therapist who eventually establishes a communal living environment for handicapped women. Her story is scary and honest as she tells of the pain of ill-advised treatment, her fight for education, employment, appropriate equipment and assistance.


A collection of stories about handicapped children, each with a story to tell as they ride the school bus.


No review available.


Children's picture book and parent/teacher discussion guide present disabilities as among the many "differences" that make the world interesting.


Claire, a tomboy, clumsy Myron, Alfred who was crippled and retarded and Lester who had cerebral palsy, spend a happy summer back in 1937 building a boat. Warm and helpful.

Sorenson, Jody. SECRET LETTERS OF MAMA CAT. Walker, 1988. IL Grades 5-up; RL Grade 4. Handicapped; Deaf

Meredith - Mama Cat to her younger brother - is troubled by her grandmother's death and her deaf sister going away to a special school. She starts a support group for children with handicapped brothers and sisters.


New title. No review available.

HEARING IMPAIRED/DEAF

BEETHOVEN - ORDEAL AND TRIUMPH, PT 1, PT 2 (16 mm; Video Cassette, color, 26 min. each). McGraw-Hill Training
RELATIONSHIPS (Video Cassette, color, 25 min.). Silent Network, 1985. IL Grades 7-Adult. Deaf

Coping with the opposite sex for the deaf. Full sound, signed and open captioned.


Coerced by authorities into trying to teach their profoundly deaf daughter Lynn to speak, the Spradleys found a few months of signing eliminated the communication barrier.


Photo essay of a deaf child in fifth grade in a regular classroom.


A striking tale of a girl who was the translator for her deaf parents, facing the ridicule, cruelty and indifference of neighbors and merchants.


With help from technology, training and family, Anna, born deaf, leads a rather normal life.


Helpful for teachers and parents working with deaf children.

ITS MUSIC TO YOUR EYES (Video Cassette, color, 20 min.). Silent Network, 1989. IL Grades PK-Adult. Deaf Hearing Impaired

Sign singing, a new form of entertainment in which tunes and skits are interpreted by the hand movements of sign language. A visual treat for the hearing and an access to the world of song for the hearing impaired.

LET'S BEGIN SIGNING (Video Cassette, color, 60 min.). Kathy Law, 1993. IL Grades 9-Adult. Deaf

To help friends and relatives of deaf children learn some basic signs. Includes 94 words about clothing, home, food, toys, animals, and actions.

Illustrates sign language and points out how hearing distance themselves by not learning to sign. Black and white illustrations.


History of education of deaf in the United States.

617.8  Levine, Edna Simon. LISA AND HER SOUNDLESS WORLD. Human Sciences Press, 1984. IL Grades 1-5. Deaf

Explains deaf child's problems, why such children may feel angry and unloved, and the fact that their speech is related to physical problems, not lack of intelligence. Also classed as 362.4.

617.8  Litchfield, Ada Bassett. A BUTTON IN HER EAR. Whitman, 1976. IL Grades 1-3. Deaf

A creative treatment of a problem which deserves to be read by many children, both the hearing and the hearing impaired.

617.8  Mango, Karin N. HEARING LOSS. Watts, 1991. IL Grades 6-12. Deaf

The conditions and degrees of deafness and the methods by which hearing impaired people can communicate with others.

636  Ogden, Paul W. CHELSEA: THE STORY OF SIGNAL DOG. Fawcett, 1993. IL Grades 7-up. Deaf

The story of a Belgian sheep dog who acts as "ears" for a deaf couple.

792  SIGN HERE AND SILENCE IS GOLDEN...SOMETIMES (Video Cassette, color, 40 min.). Silent Network, 1985. IL Grades 4-Adult. Deaf

Deaf performers and their voice interpreters/partners share the humor, confusions, complications, fears and delights of everyday life in the deaf world and with the deaf.

812  Medoff, Mark. CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD; A PLAY IN TWO ACTS. Gibbs Smith, 1987. IL Grades 9-up. Deaf

Winner of the Tony Award and the Outer Critics Circle and Drama Desk awards in 1980, this is a drama of the love and growth of a speech teacher at a state school for the deaf and one of his students.

Elissa, a twenty-year-old dancer, escapes her isolation through dance. She confronts a man in prison for murder who also suffers from loneliness and isolation. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

Alexander Graham Bell: The Telephone (Video Cassette, color, 24 min.). Barr, 1990. IL Grade 3-8. Deaf

Animated story of Bell, emphasizing his assistance to deaf people that led to the invention of the telephone.


Personal and professional life of Gallaudet who founded the first school for the deaf in the United States, including progress of deaf education.


With deaf parents, Ruth - who was not deaf - learned to sign before she learned to speak. Deafness from a different point of view.

Amy-on-the-Lips (16mm, color, 29 min.; video). Disney, 1981. IL Grades 4-12. Physically Handicapped Deaf

Adapted from Disney's full length feature film, AMY, this title invites students to examine their own attitudes and experiences against a historical background concerning treatment of the handicapped.


The boy is angry that he cannot hear and feels left out when Grandma shares with his sister. When he learns that he will not "outgrow" his need for hearing aids, he throws them on the floor. With the help of an older boy he learns to cope with deafness.

Clark, Margaret Goff. Who Stole Kathy Young? Dodd, Mead, 1980. ©.p. IL Grades 5-6; RL Grade 6. Deaf

An exciting mystery about the kidnapping of a girl deafened by a recent illness.


A deeply moving and original portrait of two deaf people, ignored, deceived, abused because they don't fit in, who struggle through to relative security.
A charming and unpretentious story of a deaf boy with deaf parents who goes to a school for the deaf around the turn of the century. Harry learns from his mother to accept his situation as a handicap, not a social stigma. Written by a woman whose parents were deaf.

A revealing story about deafness.

When coping with being a teenager and being deaf upsets Jenny, a friend and the deaf community come to her rescue.

When a teenage girl loses her hearing because of meningitis, she finds that teachers, friends and even her parents lack understanding and support for her. Gradually she makes new friendships and restores old ones.

An Australian boy is insulted when friends offer money to buy a hearing aid.

A satisfying book about a girl, and her blind Labrador who rescue a deaf mute Korean orphan who comes to live with her family. The details about being a deaf mute, and the dangers inherent in not being able to hear or speak are accurate and presented in an appealing story. A subplot concerns the death, and replacement of the Labrador's seeing eye dog.

Meredith - Mama Cat to her younger brother - is troubled by her grandmother's death and her deaf sister going away to a special school. She starts a support group for children with handicapped brothers and sisters.

Buttons, lost from his family, winds up in a shelter where he is chosen to be trained to help a deaf person, thus winding up back with his family. Not a strong story but useful in helping smaller children understand handicaps.
HIDDEN SIGNS (16mm, color, 21 min.). Pyramid, 1991. IL Grades K-8. Deaf

A story about what happens when hearing and deaf worlds collide.


Lotus is a deaf Cambodian girl who has no friends but the herons, cranes and egrets she mimics. She becomes the greatest dancer in the Khmer kingdom. The pictures fail to capture the struggle and vitality of Lotus and the Cambodian people but do give a picture of court life.

Levene, Nancy S. CROCODILE MEATLOAF. Cook, 1993. IL Grades PK-6. Deaf; Christian Life

No review available.

Litchfield, Ada Bassett. WORDS IN OUR HANDS. Whitman, 1980. IL Grades 3-4; RL Grade 7. Deaf

Michael's parents are deaf. He is used to signing, but a move to a new school brings problems based on lack of understanding.

Mayne, William. GIDEON AHOY! Delacorte, 1989. IL Grades 4-12. Deaf Mentally Handicapped

Gideon is an English teenager who is deaf and brain damaged. Gideon's vocabulary is limited and seems different at first, but his family and his friends understand. The picture of Gideon is lovingly and realistically drawn, the family is supportive.

McCullers, Carson. THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER. Houghton Mifflin, 1940; Bantam, 1983. IL Grades 9-up. Deaf

A skillful narrative with surprising insights about a deaf mute who loses his only friend and becomes the confidante of several residents in the southern town where he lives.

PHILLIP AND THE WHITE COLT (16mm, color, 23 min.). LCA, 1973. IL Grades 3-12. Mute

Philip is a lonely boy, mute since childhood, hungry for understanding. He and a wild colt become inseparable.

Pollock, Penny. KEEPING IT SECRET. Putnam, 1982. Hearing Impaired

Mary Lou tries to hide the fact that she must wear a hearing aid.

*Photographs show how and eight-year-old and her family cope with deafness.*


*Mary Beth and her friends enjoy her birthday, but all in sign. Also see HANDTALK: AN ABC OF FINGER SPELLING AND SIGN LANGUAGE, Macmillan, 1987.*


*Two girls become best friends when one teaches the other to "talk" in sign language.*


*Laura, who is deaf, fears the arrival of a new baby who might replace her special status.*

**LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Lasker, Joe. *HE'S MY BROTHER.* Whitman, 1974. IL Grades 1-3; RL Grade 2. Slow Learning Children

*Jamie is a slow learner which leads to some frustration and teasing at school, but his family is supportive and Jamie has many good traits.*


*A brief introduction to learning disabilities which gives examples for dyslexia, attention deficits and processing problems. Will not provide enough information for children and families involved with such handicaps. Also classed 618.*

**BRAD'S LEARNING DISABILITY** (Video Cassette, 16mm, color, 17 min.). Coronet, 1983. IL Grades 3-6. Learning Disability

*Kristi thought Brad was lazy until she was asked to help him with his reading.*
LEARNING DISABILITIES: FIRST HAND (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 15 min.). Journal, 1986. IL Grades 9-Adult. Learning Disability

Thorough examination of learning disabilities, how they affect youth and how they can be overcome.


No review available.


Sympathetic portrayal of students with reading problems.

Osman, Betty B. LEARNING DISABILITIES; A FAMILY AFFAIR. Warner, 1988. IL Adult Learning Disabilities

Early symptoms and comforting advice for parents.

Roy, Ron. FRANKIE IS STAYING BACK. Houghton Mifflin, 1981. IL Grades 2-5. Learning Disabilities

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Explains how human brain learns and how learning process can be disrupted.

Knox, Jean McBee. LEARNING DISABILITIES. Chelsea House, 1989. IL Grades 6-12. Learning Disabilities

Dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactive disorder are addressed. Evaluation, causes and treatment are discussed. Comments of young adults who have conquered their disabilities are offered. Useful for reports - not easy reading.


The "Invisible Room" is in Daisy's mind where she tries to understand herself and how dyslexia affects her. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.
Adler, Carole S. KISS THE CLOWN. Clarion, 1986. IL Grades 6-up. Dyslexia

Viki's father is a missionary, her mother an unsympathetic wife. When Viki, who is fifteen, poses nude for an artist, she is sent home to the states to live with an aunt. There she meets two brothers, one of whom is dyslexic. After dating the first brother she comes to realize that the one with the handicap is the nicer person. Viki's fight with her parents, her fears about their marriage, and her maturing attitude toward herself and others will make this an appealing book.

Aiello, Barbara and Jeffrey Shulman. SECRETS AREN'T (ALWAYS) FOR KEEPS: FEATURING JENNIFER HAUSER. The Kids on the Block Books Series. Twenty-First Century Books [38 South Market St., Frederick, MD 21701], 1988. IL Grades 2-6. Learning Disability

One of a series of children's books written from the view of an elementary grade child with a disability. This book features Jennifer, who has a learning disability. Question and answer section follows the story. Kids on the Block puppets.

BACKWARDS: THE RIDDLE OF DYSLEXIA (16mm, color, 30 min.; Video). Learning Corporation of America, 1984. IL Grades 9-Adult. Dyslexia

The story of a sensitive boy who believes his reading difficulties are caused by a lack of intelligence. A perceptive teacher and a caring family saved him from being a social outcast. Based on a story by Franklin Thompson.


A dyslexic student tries to hide the fact that he can't read. Blue also wrote, NIKKI 108, about a gifted person (Watts, 1972, o.p.).

DeClements, Barthe. 6TH GRADE CAN REALLY KILL YOU. Viking, 1985; Scholastic, 1986. IL Grades 3-6. Learning Disabilities

Unable to read, Helen makes trouble. Her mother insists that since her general intelligence level is high, she does not need special education. And so it goes, until Helen acts up when her mother is out of town and her father okays her inclusion is special reading classes.

Gilson, Jamie. DO BANANAS CHEW GUM? Lothrop, Lea and Shepard, 1980, and others. IL Grades 5-9. Learning Disabilities

Sam is a sixth-grade math whiz who can't read or spell well.
Greenwald, Sheila. WILL THE REAL GERTRUDE HOLLINGS PLEASE STAND UP? Dell, 1985. IL Grades 4-6. Dyslexia

Gertrude goes to stay with an aunt and uncle and cousin while her parents are on vacation. In order to impress her brilliant cousin, Gertrude studies hard to overcome her learning disability and pretends to receive information from an oracle. Not a deep story, but believable and helpful for those struggling with learning disabilities or wanting to understand those who have such problems.


Brilliant, but dyslexic, Yellow Bird is the class clown until a visiting playwright and Doris realize his abilities.


Richard has to cope with a bossy aunt and dyslexia. Excellent character development.


Fourth-grader copes with learning disability.

Voigt, Cynthia. DICEY'S SONG. Macmillan, 1982; Fawcett, 1987. IL Grades 6-up. Learning Disabilities

Dicey, abandoned by her mother, shepherds her younger siblings from Provincetown to Chesapeake Bay to live with their grandmother. Sequel to HOMECOMING (Fawcett, 1981).


Provides much needed insight into the lives of adolescents with special needs.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Dinner, Sherry H. NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF: GROWING UP WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN YOUR FAMILY. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1989; Morrow, 1991. IL Grades 5-up. Mental Illness

Informative book on mental and emotional disorders such as Alzheimer's, anxiety, eating disorders, and schizophrenia, pointing out that there is help in facing such crises.
Randolph, Elizabeth. DEVELOPING SELF-AWARENESS AND SELF-ACCEPTANCE IN EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS THROUGH THE BIBLIOThERAPeUTIC PROCESS. M.S. Practicum Paper ED367081. IL Adult. Emotional Disturbances Mental Illness

A study of the bibliotherapeutic approach to behavior change for students in second and fifth grade who had emotional handicaps.


Marcus is a piano tuner with an emotional disability. Through confrontation with characters from his past, he comes to terms with his problems. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

Cooney, Caroline B. DON'T BLAME THE MUSIC. Putnam, 1986. IL Grades 7-12. Mental Illness

Ashley is twenty-five, a failed rock musician and filled with sick rage which causes her to lash out at her family, destroy their prize possessions, and finally try to burn her younger sister to death. Susan, that sister, tries to continue to function at the same time her family is being torn apart.

Corcoran, Barbara. ANNIE'S MONSTER. Macmillan, 1990. IL Grades 5-up. Mental Illness

Annie's Monster is an Irish wolfhound who leads her to the hiding place of a mentally ill woman who has escaped from an unsatisfactory halfway house. Absorbing, entertaining and thought provoking.


Alan befriends Naomi, a war refugee whose mind can't handle the memory of her father being beaten to death by the Nazis, only to have a violent event destroy her fragile hold on sanity.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. AFTERNOON OF THE ELVES. Orchard/Watts, 1989; Scholastic, 1991. IL Grades 4-7. Mental Illness

This 1990 Newbery Medal honor book tells of a girl who invents her own elf village to help her adjust to being the total care for her mentally ill, penniless mother.

Rabe, Berniece. WHERE'S CHIMPY? Whitman, 1988. IL Grades PK-2; RL Grade 2. Down's Syndrome

Chimpy, her stuffed monkey, is missing so Misty can't settle down for her bedtime story. Includes introductory material on Down's syndrome.
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Crutcher, Chris. **THE CRAZY HORSE ELECTRIC GAME.**
Greenwillow, 1987; Dell, 1988. IL Grades 7-up. Brain Damaged

Injured in a freak accident which causes brain damage, Willie runs away. He puts his life back together with the help of a teacher and some street friends. The pimp and his prostitute seem to have little to do with the main theme of the story and may be offensive to some readers.

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Dick, Jean. **MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES.**

Facts About Series. Autism, depression, mental retardation, dyslexia, stuttering, are some of the disabilities covered in this book. The other titles in the series are Connie Baron's **THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED** which covers arthritis, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, paralysis, loss of limbs, and visual and auditory impairment; Gail Stewart's **TEEN SUICIDE**; and Dayna Wolhart's **ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA.**

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Bergman, Thomas. **WE LAUGH, WE LOVE, WE CRY: CHILDREN LIVING WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.** Don't Turn Away Series.
Gareth Stevens, 1989. IL Grades 1-5. Mentally Handicapped

Anna Karin and her sister, Asa, are mentally retarded and unable to talk. Twice a week, they attend a clinic where they learn and practice motor skills. The stories of the two girls are presented as a typical day. This is a practical, realistic book about the problems children with disabilities face, providing a well-rounded portrait to which other children can relate. One of a series developed in Sweden which covers hearing impaired, spina bifida, leukemia, visual impairment, etc.

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Busselle, Rebecca. **AN EXPOSURE OF THE HEART.** Norton, 1989. IL Grades 10-Adult. Mentally Handicapped

The author spent a year observing a state institution for the retarded where she saw kindness and cruelty and learned to focus on assets rather than handicaps.

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Dunbar, Robert E. **MENTAL RETARDATION.** Watts, 1991. IL Grades 6-12. Mentally Handicapped

Causes, problems and prevention of mental retardation are discussed. An important book for dispelling some misconceptions.

The "Puffin Song" encourages children to "rest in the gale" and "make the storm your home." Aided by Ellen Cole's narration, listeners hear the story of a puffin who leaves her home on an island off the coast of Ireland. Background music and sound effects enhance the story. Words, music and guide are also provided.

362.3 Jablow, Martha Moraghan. CARA, GROWING WITH A RETARDED CHILD. Temple University, 1982. IL Adult. Down's Syndrome

A mother shares her joys and concerns about her daughter who has Down's Syndrome.

362.3 Jasmine, Cairo. OUR BROTHER HAS DOWN'S SYNDROME. Firefly, 1985. IL Grades PK-8; RL Grade 6. Down's Syndrome.

Everyday experiences of a family whose toddler son has Down's Syndrome, told by an older sister. An attractive introduction showing the love and support such children need. Also classed as 649.

362.3 NORMAN (Video Cassette, color, 24 min.). Barr Films [12801 Schabarum Ave., P. O. Box 7878, Irwindale, CA 91706-7878], 1991. IL Grades 9-up. Down's Syndrome

Norman has become a worldwide spokesperson for handicapped people. The video shares Norman's ideas on being mentally disabled and shows some of the people who have been inspired by him.

362.3 SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION - FIVE SAFETY RULES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (Video Cassette). Agency for Instructional Technology [Box A, Bloomington, IN 47402-0120], 1987. IL Grades 3-up. Mentally Handicapped


Eleven-year-old Beth is both concerned about, and embarrassed by her older, retarded brother. Dispels some of the common myths about causes of mental handicaps.

362.4 BEING PART OF IT ALL(16mm, color, 24 min.). Filmmakers, 1981. IL Grades 9-Adult. Mentally Handicapped

Gary and Barbara, moderately mentally handicapped have a strong affection for each other and enjoy their married life. Their transition from a group home to independent living is accomplished with the help of a strong support system in their Canadian Community.
362.4 BEST BOY, PT 1, PT 2, PT 3 (16 mm, COLOR, 34, 35, 35 min.). International Film Exchange [201 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019], 1980. IL Grades 6-9. Mentally Handicapped

_Tells how a 52-year-old retarded man gradually gains more independence. Shows him attending school, going to a zoo and a theater, and moving into a community residence on his own._

362.4 Clinkscale, Lonnie J. HEY DUMMY!: A TESTIMONY OF AN OVERCOMER. Clinkscale Pubns, 1994 (Reprint of 1991 ed.) IL Grades 3-up. Mentally Handicapped

_Self respect or self esteem for mentally handicapped children._

362.4 EDUCATING PETER (Video Cassette, color, 40 min.). Ambrose, 1992. IL Grades PK-Adult. Mentally Handicapped Down's Syndrome

_Peter is a third grader with Down's syndrome being mainstreamed. This is his first year._

362.4 HANDICAPS: LET ME BE BRAVE (Video Cassette, color, 44 min.). Carousel, 1990. IL Grades 7-Adult. Mentally Handicapped

_Twelve mentally handicapped young people attempt to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro._


_Biography of an actor with Down's Syndrome._

362.4 Prall, Jo. MY SISTER'S SPECIAL. Children's Press, 1985. ©p. IL Grades 1-4; RL Grade 3. Brain Damaged

_Warm but matter of fact presentation of daily life with Angie._

616 Dolce, Laura. MENTAL RETARDATION. Chelsea House, 1994. IL Grades 6-12. Mentally Handicapped

_An examination of mental retardation, its history, how it occurs and methods of treatment and education._


_Two friends from hospital days, face the schizophrenia of one together. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program._

A one act play about Ellen, who has schizophrenia, and her teenage daughter. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

UNKNOWN GENIUS (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 16 min.). Lawren, 1984. IL Adult. Mentally Handicapped

From CBS News' "60 Minutes," this presents three mentally handicapped men who demonstrate unusual ability as sculptor, pianist and calendar calculator.

Burke, Chris. SPECIAL KIND OF HERO: CHRIS BURKE'S OWN STORY. Dell, 1993. IL Adult Mentally Handicapped

Autobiography of mentally handicapped child and his career in performing arts on screen, radio and TV.


New title. No review available.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. SECRET GARDEN. Various editions. IL Grades 3-up. Physically Handicapped

Mary Lenox who comes to live in a gloomy Yorkshire house after her parents death, makes friends with a willful handicapped child. A classic which has also been made into a TV drama and a 1993 film.

KID WHO WOULDN'T QUIT (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 31 min.). Coronet, 1988. IL Grades 7-12. Mentally Handicapped

True story of Brad Silverman, first person with Down's syndrome to attend college in California.

Bridgers, Sue Ellen. ALL TOGETHER NOW. Knopf, 1979; Bantam 1980, 1990. IL Grades 6-up. Mentally Handicapped

Casey, shy and resentful has to spend the summer with her grandparents, but gradually develops a circle of friends which includes Dwayne, a 33-year-old with a child's mind.

Buchanan, Dawna L. THE FALCON'S WING. Orchard/Watts, 1992. IL Grades 5-up. Mentally Handicapped

A twelve-year-old girl whose mother committed suicide, and her out-of-work father, move in with the mother's sister and her daughter who has Down's syndrome. A slow moving story with several threads left dangling.

This 1971 Newbery Medal winner features 14-year-old Sara who is jolted out of her self pity by the disappearance of her retarded brother. Her search for him helps her see herself more clearly.

Carrick, Carol. STAY AWAY FROM SIMON! Houghton Mifflin, 1985, 1989. IL Grades 3-5. Mentally Handicapped

Set in the 1830's and crafted as an interesting adventure story, Carrick's tale avoids being preachy but still demonstrates that the children did not need to "stay away from Simon." Simon is a retarded teenager who unintentionally frightens Lucy but later saves her and her brother.


Polly, an imaginative, maybe magical, neighbor, brings warmth and understanding to M. E. and her mildly retarded brother Morton. For mature and thoughtful students.


A funny, perceptive story.


Lydia wants to help her twin who is mentally handicapped. Perceptive, penetrating view.

Conly, Jane L. CRAZY LADY! Harper Collins, 1993. IL Grades 5-up. Handicapped

Vernon is an academic failure - overlooked by his busy father - who, almost accidentally, befriends an alcoholic and her mentally handicapped son. With the help of a retired teacher, Vernon gets the handicapped boy into the Special Olympics and gets his own head on straight. Like life, the story does not offer solutions to all problems. The alcoholic and her son are separated. The author reflects well the capacity of youth for both cruelty and kindness.

DIAMOND KING (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 28 min.). Learning Corporation of America, 1989. IL Grades 4-12. Mentally Handicapped

An inventive 13-year-old girl befriends a mentally handicapped boy, devising games he can join and telling wonderful stories to stimulate his imagination. Dramatic and mysterious conclusion.
Mrs. Panacek is peculiar, and a resident of a mental hospital, but Mari loves her and tries to help when Mrs. Panacek runs away.

The character, like Dostoevsky, an epileptic, is the champion of humanity in this absorbing drama. Variant spelling, Dostoyevsky.

Provides a welcome realistic story about a child with Down's syndrome who leads a friend to a special spot to show her frog eggs and water lilies, helping her see that everyone has special gifts.

The story of a friendship between Jill and a retarded girl.

Barry is a mentally handicapped boy in a British community.


Dory, now sixteen, has just one friend and she is losing her to another girl, so when Dory is to be mainstreamed back into the regular classroom, she does everything she can to regain her one friend. The tragic results emphasize the pain of exclusion. The emphasis is on Dory’s point of view. Thought provoking. Author is a native and resident of Iowa.


A handsome stranger named Brother Rush draws fourteen-year-old Tree into an exploration of the family's past, but she finds some dark and frightening secrets.


To avoid separation from, and institutionalizing of his mentally handicapped brother, Mark runs away with Pete only to find that he can't take care of Pete. Good picture of caring relationship with retarded siblings.


A slightly retarded youth escapes from his harsh father and learns to make his own way in the world. As he gains independence and maturity he is able to be more understanding and forgiving.

Kemp, Gene. TURBULENT TERM OF TYKE TILER. Harper, 1977, o.p.; Faber and Faber, 1980. IL Grades 5-6; RL Grade 5. Mentally Handicapped

Tyke is always in a scrape, but always protecting Danny who is in danger of being sent to a special school. A really enjoyable school story although English usages may bother some readers. Carnegie Medal winner.

Keyes, Daniel. FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1966, and others. IL Grades 7-12. Mentally Handicapped

Scientists operate on Charlie changing his I.Q. from 68 to 185. He is brilliant but miserable. Explores moral and emotional issues.

Litchfield, Ada Bassett. MAKING ROOM FOR UNCLE JOE. Whitman, 1984. IL Grades 2-5. Down's Syndrome; Mentally Handicapped

Uncle Joe may slip a little too easily into his sister's family, but the frustration and embarrassment are real.

Living with parents with multiple personalities.

Mayne, William. GIDEON AHOY! Delacorte, 1989. IL Grades 4-12. Deaf Mentally Handicapped

Gideon is an English teenager who is deaf and brain damaged. Gideon's vocabulary is limited and seems different at first, but his family and his friends understand. The picture of Gideon is lovingly and realistically drawn, the family is supportive.


A fast-paced and moving story of Willis and the retarded boy he agrees reluctantly to coach. Willis' father is drunken and abusive which adds another dimension to the story. There are a few expletives which may offend some readers.


Written as a journal, partly in longhand, of 15-year-old Mary Jane, this book tells the story of a family dealing with a brain-damaged child. Somewhat awkwardly written but presents interesting, well integrated medical facts and makes the mother's love and persistence clear.

Perske, Robert. SHOW ME NO MERCY. Abingdon, 1984. IL Grades 7-up. Down's Syndrome

Beth and Ben are sixteen year old twins. Ben has Down's Syndrome. Although Beth has periods of resenting, or being embarrassed by her brother, the family all resist Aunt Phoebe's attempts to have Ben institutionalized. Then a tragic accident kills Beth and her mother and paralyzes her father. At first uninterested in living Mr. Banks begins to realize that Aunt Phoebe will prevail if he does not recover enough to help his son. And then he finds Ben able and willing to help him.


A high school girl resents her younger mentally handicapped brother and is generally actively hostile to him, gaining in understanding only after his death.


An honest, painful, convincing story about bringing a profoundly retarded child home to live.
Slepian, Jan. RISK 'N' ROSES. Putnam, 1990. IL Grades 5-up. Mentally Handicapped

An unhappy and vindictive child manipulates a beautiful retarded girl and persecutes an elderly neighbor in this powerful suspense story.

Steinbeck, John. OF MICE AND MEN. Various editions. IL Grades 10-up. Mentally Handicapped

Lennie, physically powerful but mentally deficient, and George are uneducated laborers who dream of a time when they can own a rabbit farm.

Tamar, Erika. NO DEFENSE. Harcourt Brace, 1993. IL Grades 9-12. Rape; Mentally Handicapped

New title. No review available.


Kip runs in the Special Olympics, his sister, Noni, becomes instantly popular, the injured bird the two rescued flies again. Reviewed as a "sudsy" effort.


Delrita has an uncle who has Down's syndrome and who lives with their family. While she loves her uncle she is ashamed of him. It is only after her parents are killed in an accident and she and Uncle "Punky" go to live with an aunt that Delrita learns that others can love and be proud of Punky. An engrossing story whose characters will become friends of the reader.

Wright, Betty R. MY SISTER IS DIFFERENT. Raintree, 1981. IL Grades 3-6. Mentally Handicapped

Life and Living from a Child's Point of View series. Reviewed as bland and prosaic, the book tells of Carlo's conclusion that his sister is different but he worries when she is lost.

Clifton, Lucille. MY FRIEND JACOB. Dutton, 1980. o.p. IL Grades K-3; RL Grade 2. Mentally Handicapped

Sam is seven and Jacob is sixteen but they are good friends. Jacob teaches Sam about basketball and cars, and Sam protects his retarded friend. Sensitive and moving.

Keats, Ezra Jack. LOUIE. Greenwillow, 1983. IL Grades K-3; RL Grade 2. Mentally Handicapped

Louie rarely talks except to the puppets in the puppet show, and he's always hoping to be noticed or to find a father.

Tom, six, learns to cope with his handicap.


Jerome, a boy with brain damage, wants to ride his new red tricycle.

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New title for which no review was available.

62.4 Bergman, Thomas. **DETERMINED TO WIN: CHILDREN LIVING WITH ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA.** Gareth Stevens, 1994. IL Grades 1-5. Asthma

One of a nine title series by an author who has produced a number of other titles dealing with handicapped children. A six year old girl learns to live with asthma.


Matthias has an interesting and busy life despite his cerebral palsy.

362.4 Bergman, Thomas. **MOMENTS THAT DISAPPEAR: CHILDREN LIVING WITH EPILEPSY.** Don't Turn Away Series. Gareth Stevens, 1992. IL Grades 4-5. Epilepsy

*BOOKS IN PRINT* says grades 3-8.

362.4 Bergman, Thomas. **ON OUR OWN TERMS: CHILDREN LIVING WITH PHYSICAL HANDICAPS.** Don't Turn Away Series. Gareth Stevens, 1989. IL Grades 1-5. Physically Handicapped

Another Swedish book about a hospital for children with congenital handicaps. The school works with Helena, born with spina bifida; Ronny, born without arms or legs.

362.4 Berry, Joy. **ABOUT PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.** Children's, 1990. IL Grades 3-up. Physically Handicapped

*Good Answers to Tough Questions* series. Written in a relaxed and informal manner but containing solid information in a nonthreatening format. Gives definitions, causes, types and feelings of and about those with handicaps.
362.4 BLISSymbolics (Video Cassette; 16 mm, color, 8 min.). Bullfrog, 1988. IL Grades Adult. Physically Handicapped

Story of a 13-year-old girl who developed a computer program to help severely disabled people to use Blissymbolics, a language developed nearly 20 years ago to help the disabled communicate.

362.4 THE BOB WEILAND STORY (Video Cassette, color, 45 min.). Augsburg Fortress Pub. [3224 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057], n.d. IL Grades 9-up. Physically Handicapped; Christianity

Story of the Vietnam vet who lost his legs and takes a four-year, 2784-mile walk across the U. S. on his hands. Emphasizes his faith in God.

362.4 BOY ON A SKATE BOARD (16mm, color, 26 min.). Wombat, 1987. IL Grades 7-Adult. Physically Handicapped

A ten year old boy with no legs or hips uses a chance gift of a skateboard to explore the neighborhood. Shows vital emotional support from parents and community.

362.4 Brearley, Sue. ADVENTURE HOLIDAY. Talman, 1991. IL Grades 1-4. Physically Handicapped

362.4 Burns, Kay. OUR MOM. Watts, 1989. IL Grades 2-4; Grade RL 5. Physically Handicapped; Paraplegics

Wheel-chair bound mother of four moves through a day. Helps build awareness.


362.4 Danny's Song (4 track audio cassette 1-7/8). Family Communications [4802 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213], n.d. IL Grades K-3. Physical Handicapped

Features Mister Rogers who talks and sings about individual strengths and weaknesses and encourages children to explore all that they are. Presents a short drama about Danny, an eight-year-old child with a physical handicap. I Am, I Can, I Will series.

362.4 DEALING WITH DISABILITIES (Video Cassette, color, 30 min.). PBS Video, 1992. IL Grades 7-12. Physically Handicapped

Breaking down barriers for the physically challenged.

362.4 DISABLED TEENS (Video Cassette, color, 30 min.). PBS Video, 1985. IL Grades 7-Adult. Physically Handicapped

Six teenagers share their feelings about growing up with a disability.
Emmert, Michelle. I'M THE BIG SISTER NOW. Whitman, 1989. IL Grades 2-6. Cerebral Palsy

A younger sister tells about her assistance with the care of her older sister who has cerebral palsy. Feeding the older sister by gastrostomy tube and other details of the care of people with cerebral palsy are presented.

HANDICAPS: ABOUT ANNIE (Video Cassette, color, 9 min.). Carousel, 1991. IL Grades 4-8. Physically Handicapped

A spunky teenage girl, born with cerebral palsy, deals matter-of-factly with her wheelchair and normal high school life and plans to be a lawyer.

JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE - LIVING WITH DISABILITIES (Video Cassette, color, 30 min.). Human Relations Media [175 Tompkins Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570], 1990. IL Grades 7-12. Deaf; Physically Handicapped

Strong young athletes play basketball in wheelchairs. Deaf students dance at their junior prom. Interviews physically challenged and challenges the confusion and misinformation prevalent about people with special needs.


Emotional growth of physically handicapped kindergartner.


Sub title give clear picture of content.

Killilea, Marie. KAREN. Dell, 1980. IL Grades 5-up. Cerebral Palsy

An inspirational story about a girl born with cerebral palsy, followed by WITH LOVE FROM KAREN (now out of print).

Kornfield, Elizabeth. DREAMS COME TRUE. Rocky Mountain Child, 1986. IL Grades 3-6. Epilepsy

No review available,

A compilation of stories from 12 young people from six to sixteen, each with a different disability. They speak with the author about their problems and coping skills with decidedly upbeat attitudes. Should appeal to a wide range of readers - parents, teachers, other child care workers and junior high school students. The author has another well reviewed title, HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE (Simon & Schuster, 1989) which tells inspiring stories about children and young adults who live with chronic illness.

Kuklin, Susan. THINKING BIG; THE STORY OF A YOUNG DWARF. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1986. IL Grades PK-6; RL 4. Dwarfs

Jaime is an eight year old dwarf who lives in an average-sized family and goes to a regular school. Provides useful background on causes and problems of dwarfism.


Understanding Illness series. Landau is a prolific, well-reviewed non fiction author.

LOOKING UP (Video Cassette, color, 27 min.). New Dimension Media (85803 Lorane Highway, Eugene OR 97405), 1986. IL Grades 7-Adult. Paraplegics Physically Handicapped

Portrays a young man's recuperation from an auto accident which leaves him paralyzed. Covers his initial despair and his struggle and success in coming to terms with his condition.


Reviewed as required reading for "normal" students and teachers in mainstream settings, this book introduces the characteristics of exceptionalities in sensitive, helpful text accompanied by witty illustrations.


New title. No review available.


A major contribution to mainstreaming and accepting disabled people.
ON YOUR OWN - LIVING INDEPENDENTLY WITH CEREBRAL PALSY (Video Cassette, color, 28 min.). University of California Extension Media Center [2176 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704], 1992. IL Grades 7-up. Cerebral Palsy

Features 12 adults with cerebral palsy, shares their stories and views on topics related to their handicap.

ONE OF THE FAMILY (Video Cassette, color, 15 min.). Viewtech Film and Video [161 Winchester Rd, Brislington, Bristol, England BS4 3NJ], n.d. IL Grades 1-9. Spina Bifida

This video about an eight year old boy with spina bifida may help children understand the needs of handicapped people.

Ostrow, William and Vivian Ostrow. ALL ABOUT ASTHMA. A. Whitman, 1989. IL Grades 2-6. Asthma

A young boy gives a clear, thorough picture of living with asthma. The book covers what it is and is not, how its causes are determined, how it is treated and how to manage it. Takes a positive approach. Reviewed as "the best treatment of the subject currently available.

OVERCOMING HANDICAPS - 44 (Video Cassette, color, 16 min.). Barr Films [12801 Schabarum Ave., P. O. Box 7878, Irwindale, CA 91706-7878], 1992. IL Grades 7-9. Amputees

Karl Hilzinger, a pro football player who lost both legs in an auto accident, teaches children with amputations to downhill ski. Part of a 65 part series on self-esteem.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE - CLEFT PALATE, PART 1 AND PART 2, CINDY (16 mm, color, 23 min. and 20 min.). U. of Illinois [Visual Aids Service, 1325 S. Oak, Champaign, IL 61820], 1982. IL Grades 9-up. Physically Handicapped

Part 1 describes the experiences and feelings of a woman with repaired bilateral cleft lip and palate, her coping mechanisms and reactions to surgery and speech therapy. Part 2 focuses on her feelings regarding dating, marriage and children.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE - CLEFT PALATE, PART 1, EARLENE (16 mm, color, 28 min.). U. of Illinois [Visual Aids Service, 1325 S. Oak, Champaign, IL 61820], 1982. IL Grades 9-up. Physically Handicapped

Discusses feelings and withdrawal, anger and grief of mother with child with cleft lip and palate, the conflicting information she received and the professional behavior she found supportive and helpful.
PART 1 discusses feelings and attitudes of the parents of a 19 year old hearing impaired daughter starting with the rubella pregnancy and question of abortion. Part 2 continues interviews with the parents focusing on adolescent problems and social development.

PIGEON THAT WORKED A MIRACLE, PART 1 AND PART 2 (16 mm; Video Cassette, color, 24 min. each). Walt Disney Productions [Educational Film Division, 500 S. Buena Vista Ave., Burbank, CA 91503], 1964. IL Grades 3-6. Physically Handicapped

Tells the story of a boy whose love for his pigeon works a miraculous cure and forces him from the confinement of his wheelchair.

OUR TEACHER'S IN A WHEELCHAIR. Whitman, 1986. IL Grades PK-3. Physically Handicapped

A young male teacher manages a day care center from a wheelchair. Photographs enhance the story.

FINDING A WAY; LIVING WITH EXCEPTIONAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1988. IL Grades 1-6; RL Grade 8. Physically Handicapped

Diabetes, asthma and spina bifida are the examples of special physical problems addressed in this book. Emphasizes sibling relationships.


Leslie, Karin's kindergarten classmate, is hearing impaired, is legally blind, has muscular disability, ptosis of the eyelids and a cleft palate. A positive and practical approach to having children with multiple disabilities in regular classrooms.

MOVE OVER, WHEELCHAIRS COMING THROUGH! Houghton Mifflin, 1985. IL Grades 3-up; RL Grade 6. Physically Handicapped

Seven students from 8 to 19 describe how they cope with life from a wheelchair.

SAM (Video Cassette; 16 mm film, color, 25 min.). Barr Films [12801 Schabarum Ave., P. O. Box 7878, Irwindale, CA 91706-7878], 1981. IL Grades 3-9. Cerebral Palsy

Adapted from the book SAM AND HIS CART by Arthur Honeyman, this video tells about Sam who couldn't walk or talk like others but inside is just like other kids. Shows his frustrations and the kind and cruel responses he receives.
Profiles Sam, a child with cerebral palsy. Shows his frustrations and the kind and cruel responses he receives.


The author blends the stories of three youth into a superbly integrated story. Tricia suffered injuries in a car accident, Steven injured his spine in a skateboard accident, and Christopher has multiple sclerosis. Peter White's DISABLED PEOPLE (Watts, 1990) has similar coverage but is not as well written.


Follows life of a Labrador retriever puppy until it graduates with its new owner and starts life as a guide dog for a handicapped boy. Accurate and sensitive. BOOKS IN PRINT gives grade level as 1-4.


Helps children learn to accept handicapped people. BOOKS IN PRINT gives grade level as PS-8.

Sullivan, Mary Beth. FEELING FREE. Harper Collins, 1979. IL Grades 4-8; RL Grade 6. Physically Handicapped

Based on a TV series of the same name, this is a collection of comments, photos, stories, etc., featuring and dealing with handicapped children. Includes a blind child, a dwarf, a deaf child, a child with cerebral palsy and a child with a learning disability.

SUNRISE AT CAMPOBELLO (Video Cassette, color, 120 min.). Guidance Associates [90 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549], n.d. IL Grades 7-up. Physically Handicapped

Ralph Bellamy and Greer Garson star in a movie about young Franklin Roosevelt and polio.

Therapeutic Riding of Tucson is an inspiring horseback riding program for disabled kids. The viewer shares the triumph of the blind and otherwise disabled children and become aware of the world of the disabled.

362.4 Ward, Brian R. OVERCOMING DISABILITY. Watts, 1989. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 9. Physically Handicapped

Asthma, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis and a number of other disabilities are presented in a well designed clear treatment.


New title. No review available.

362.4 WHOSE LIFE IS IT, ANYWAY (Video Cassette, color, 118 min.). Guidance Associates [90 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549], n.d. IL Grades 9-12. Quadriplegic

Quadriplegic fights for right to die with dignity. Stars Richard Dreyfuss.


Paul, born without a right hand and foot and deformed ones on the left side of his body, rides a bike, wins second prize in a horse show, and breaks two of his prostheses. Superb photographs. Also classed as 155.45.

362.4 Haldane, Suzanne. HELPING HANDS. Dutton (Penguin), 1991. IL Grades 4-6. Physically Handicapped

"How Monkeys Assist People Who Are Disabled." A photo essay of a quadriplegic teenager and his capuchin monkey, illustrating how the capuchins are trained to provide help and companionship.


The subtitle explains the book's purpose.

Introduction to one of most remarkable contemporary scientists, who was wheelchair bound. Other titles under 921.

Powers, Mary. ARTHRITIS. Chelsea, 1992. IL Grades 7-up. Arthritis Physically Handicapped

Describes different kinds of arthritis and their treatment.


Short story for young children which provides information about breathing exercises and staying overnight in a hospital.

TELL THEM I'M A MERMAID (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 23 min.). Films Inc., 1985. IL Grades 7-12. Physically Handicapped

Seven vivacious handicapped women tell, with music and humor about their will to survive and thrive.


Poetry about the Physically Handicapped.


Beth and Jason have an assignment to "be nice to someone" and choose Al, who has cerebral palsy. A fourth actor plays "Inside Al" who tells us what Al is thinking and cannot express well. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


An insurance salesman and a teenager in a wheelchair get stuck in an elevator together where they learn their preconceived notions about each other are wrong. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

Three musicians of a quartet try to work with their fourth member who now has one paralyzed arm to determine how they can plan their future. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Brigitte has muscular dystrophy. The play takes the viewer through anger, frustration, fear and self-pity to happiness. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Examines the abnormalities of society more than those of Merrick. Based on the life of Joseph Carey Merrick.


Chang and Eng, Siamese twins, Tom Thumb, the tallest man, the tragic elephant man are all chronicled in this collective biography. Most were able to live happy, dignified lives.

BONNIE CONSOLO (16mm, color, 23 min.). Barr, 1986. IL Grades 4-12. Physically Handicapped

Sequel to A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BONNIE CONSOLO (Barr, 1975). It follows Bonnie as a working woman, divorced parent of two teenage boys, professional motivator and woman with strong self esteem despite being born without arms.


A fictionalized, but truthful account of Joseph Merrick's life.

Eareckson, Joni. JONI. Bantam, 1976. IL Grades 7-Adult. Physically Handicapped

Inspiring true story of accident victim quadriplegic who draws with a pen in her teeth.
Eareckson, Joni and Steve Estes. A STEP FURTHER. Zondervan, 1980. 2d ed. IL Grades 7-Adult. Physically Handicapped

Religious and inspirational book.


Hawking, who must use a wheelchair and computer to travel and communicate, has a preeminent role in theoretical physics.


First chapter covers Steiff’s childhood polio and her disabilities and her warm family environment. Undocumented dialogue and use of names readers won’t know weakens the story.


True story of girl with severe physical handicaps. Alesia is a young black woman, injured at nine, who is trying to learn to walk at seventeen.


Autobiography.


Joseph Merrick had a physical deformity which caused him to be called the Elephant Man in a sideshow. He died in England in 1890.


A serious, carefully documented study of Joseph Merrick whose grotesque physical deformity caused him to be called the Elephant Man in a sideshow in 19th century England.

ITZHAK PERLMAN: IN MY CASE, MUSIC (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 11 min.). De Nono Pix, 1982. IL Grades 7-12. Physically Handicapped

Warm, down-to-earth superstar violinist Itzhak Perlman is shown in his home, in concert, and in conversation with handicapped youngsters. Handicapped himself, Perlman has not let this interfere with his life.
Longenecker, Sharon. CRUSHED BUT NOT DESTROYED. Sun Ray Pub., 1984. IL Adult. Physically Handicapped Motherhood

No review available.


Life of renowned theoretical physicist who has taken the study of cosmology further than most in his field, despite his need for wheelchair and computer to travel and communicate.


No review available.


An easy-to-read biography. While the sentences are somewhat choppy, this book will appeal since it is written of a young man still in his twenties who overcomes the handicap of a leg amputation in a straightforward way.

Miller, Robyn. ROBYN'S BOOK: A TRUE DIARY. Scholastic, 1986. IL Grades 7 up. Cystic Fibrosis

Robyn was born in 1964 and diagnosed 13 months later as having cystic fibrosis at a time when the disease was generally considered to be fatal, half dying by age eleven. This is a mature and powerful picture of living and dying with a progressive, debilitating disease which pleads for more openness with the young patients.


An unusual and powerful biography of a man, who was injured in the Vietnam war, suffered in a poorly equipped veteran's hospital, and became a political activist opposed to war.


Hugh and a friend go rock climbing on Mount Washington where they are trapped by a blizzard. Their rescue is scary, causing the death of one of the rescuers, but the boys are saved. Hugh suffered such severe frostbite that his legs had to be amputated. He overcomes his despondency, learns to climb and to make artificial limbs for others. Reviewed as one of the best handicapped awareness books.

A biography of the one-handed pitcher for the California Angels. SPORTS ILLUSTRATED for Kids Series.


No review available.


New title, no review available.


Chronicles the Scott family from 1906-1923 as written by one of the sons. The father, who called himself "half a man" because of asthma, impaired use of one leg and loss of most of an arm. They traveled by wagon and train around the country in search of a climate kindly to his health. An honest telling, useful as a resource in studying pioneers but also gives a good picture of Pa's "never-giving-in accomplishments."


Stories of members of the Achilles Track Club, an international organization of disabled athletes, with 16 pages of pictures.


Jill Kinmont was 18 and a leading candidate for the U. S. Olympic ski team in 1955 when she crashed while competing. Ten years later she was a successful teacher, although a quadriplegic. Followed by *THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN: PART 2*


Hawking, a gifted theoretical physicist who dealt with black holes and the origin of the universe, suffered from ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. An "accessible" introduction to some "esoteric" areas of modern physics and quantum mechanics.
Adler, Carole S. **DOWN BY THE RIVER.** Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1981. O.p. IL Grades 7-12. Cerebral Palsy

Marybeth is a socially mature girl who assists her younger sister to speak more clearly and defends her against friends who denigrate her. Her caring and maturity extend to her baby sitting for a widowed neighbor which lead to their marriage.

Aiello, Barbara and Jeffrey Shulman. **HOMETOWN HERO: FEATURING SCOTT WHITTAKER.** The Kids on the Block Books Series. Twenty-First Century Books [38 South Market St., Frederick, MD 21701], 1988. IL Grades 3-6. Asthma

One of a series of children's books written from the view of an elementary grade child with a disability. This book features Scott a fifth grader, who has asthma. Question and answer section follows the story.

Aiello, Barbara and Jeffrey Shulman. **IT'S YOUR TURN AT BAT: FEATURING MARK RILEY.** The Kids on the Block Books Series. Twenty-First Century Books [38 South Market St., Frederick, MD 21701], 1989. IL Grades 2-6. Cerebral Palsy

One of a series of children's books written from the view of an elementary grade child with a disability. This book features Mark, a fifth grader, who has cerebral palsy. Question and answer section follows the story. The Kids on the Block" puppets on the subject of cerebral palsy.

Aiello, Barbara and Jeffrey Shulman. **TRICK OR TREAT OR TROUBLE: FEATURING BRIAN MCDANIEL.** The Kids on the Block Books Series. Twenty-First Century Books [38 South Market St., Frederick, MD 21701], 1989. IL Grades 3-6. Epilepsy

One of a series of children's books written from the view of an elementary grade child with a disability. This book features Brian, a fifth grader, who has epilepsy. Question and answer section follows the story.

Beckman, Delores. **MY OWN PRIVATE SKY.** Dutton, 1980. O.p. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 3. Physically Handicapped

A heartwarming story of a boy with asthma and his baby-sitter who has to have a leg amputated.


A frontier story with plenty of tragedy, and adventure, which is also the coming of age story of a fourteen-year-old boy who is crippled.

Blume, Judy. **DEENIE.** Macmillan, 1973, 1982; Dell, 1991. IL Grade 6-8; RL Grade 4. Physically Handicapped

Deenie, a beautiful 13-year old, must adjust to wearing a back brace for four years. Includes careful handling of questions about masturbation.

Mandy is a deaf girl who is afraid of the dark. She overcomes that fear to find a pin her grandmother lost. Matter-of-fact treatment of deafness. A little wordy, but a warm relationship and subtle illustrations.


Author demonstrates skillfully the ways people can strengthen or destroy in a crisis. The plot centers on Gary Malden, paralyzed in a football accident.


Real Readers series.


Using a distinctive animal cast, the author shows how Arnie gets a taste of his own after he makes fun of a new student.


Mr. Billy Gaither was kicked in the head by a cow soon after returning from World War I. His walk and movements are spastic, he shakes and drools. But he is able to overcome Ginny Ruth's aversion to help her reach her dreams of being a poet.


Sibling love, mental telepathy and adventure make this a very readable book. Michael is confined to a wheelchair but manages to help his brother who is playing quarterback.

Craik, Dinah Maria Mulock. LITTLE LAME PRINCE. Buccaneer Books, 1991; Troll, und. IL Grades 3-6. Physically Handicapped

Originally published in 1875, this is a fairy tale of a prince lamed in an accident who receives a magic traveling cloak from his fairy godmother. With this gift he can see the world beyond his "prison." Beautifully told but a little sad. The Buccaneer version lists the author as Miss Mulock. Both Hope Dunlap and Rosemary Wells have versions of the story in publication.
De Angell, Marguerite. DOOR IN THE WALL. Doubleday, 1949, 1989; Dell, 1990. IL Grades 3-6 Physically Handicapped

This Newbery Medal winner is set in medieval England. Robin, about to become a page, suffers an illness that leaves him unable to walk. A monk takes him to St. Mark's Hospice where he learns skills to help him cope with his handicap.

Dobkin, Bonnie. JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT. Childrens, 1993. IL Juvenile. Physically Handicapped

New title. No review available.

Dunlap, Hope. THE LITTLE LAME PRINCE. Outlet Bk Co., 1993. IL Grades 3-6. Physically Handicapped - Fairy Tales

A retelling of Craik's fairytale. See annotation at that entry.

Dyer, Thomas A. WAY OF HIS OWN. Houghton Mifflin, 1981. IL Grades 5-6; RL Grade 4. Physically Handicapped

Shatak, a crippled youth in a primitive society, is left to die. With the help of a slave girl, he fights to overcome his handicap. Deals with prejudice and superstition.


A moving first person story about a boy's true friendship with a girl dying of cystic fibrosis. A refreshing look at a mutually supportive friendship between a boy and a girl.


Leslie is disabled - she lost her legs below the knees in a car accident - and a gifted violinist. She longs to be "regular" and thinks she has achieved it with Jeff who is smart, sensitive and has cerebral palsy. Their loving sexual relationship brings her comfort but her overprotective father has too much invested in her musical career.

Froehlich, Margaret Walden. HIDE CRAWFORD QUICK. Houghton, Mifflin, 1983. IL Grades 5-up; RL Grade 6 Physically Handicapped

Crawford is born with one foot, a fact that is hard for his father to accept. Situation is a little heavy, but well developed.

Garcia, Ann O'Neal. SPIRIT ON THE WALL. Holiday House, 1982. IL Grades 6-up; RL Grade 6. Physically Handicapped

Em, a deformed child born in a primitive society, is rescued by old woman. With the help of one of Em's brothers, the old woman raises Em. Both children become gifted artists.
Garfield, Leon. EMPTY SLEEVE. Delacorte, 1988. IL Grades 7-up. Physically Handicapped

Set in 18th Century England, this is the story of fourteen year old twins. One, who dreams of going to sea, is apprenticed to a locksmith, the other is his father's "cosseted angel" who may be the opposite. The review does not mention the handicap but emphasizes Garfield's "diabolically skillful use of language."

Gerson, Corrine. PASSING THROUGH. Dell, 1980. IL Grades 7-up. Physically Handicapped

Reviewed as "pure soap opera," this book tells of Liz, whose brother committed suicide. She finds friendship with a young man with cerebral palsy. Her parents anger at her association with a handicapped, lower class person, changes when they learn their son committed suicide rather than have them learn he was homosexual.


The trials and tribulations of a severely asthmatic student who wants to attend regular classes are told with a light touch but a sure message.


A busy sophomore must suddenly learn to live with epilepsy. Deals candidly with despair, resentment and anger.


Accidents and handicaps.


Janis learns to adjust to her handicap.


In this sequel to GOLDEN DAFFODILS, Janis is incensed that a girl on the school bus thinks people with cerebral palsy are not troubled by sexual fantasies, but when her mother sees Janis and her best male friend having an argument and suspects their behavior, Janis runs away. She begins to understand that a career in acting may not be realistic for her, and to realize she has other talents including a talent for friendship.


New title. No review available.

New title. No review available. Tales from the Bayou series.

Halvorson, Marilyn. HOLD ON, GERONIMO. Delacorte, 1988. IL Grades 7-up. Physically Handicapped

An exciting sequel to LET IT GO (Delacorte, 1986), this is the story of a young artist whose problems include a serious hand injury which may cost him a scholarship. Lost in a small plane crash, he must rescue himself and a friend. The injury itself was caused in a vague and contrived way.


Carrie, fears her classmates will not like her if they learn of her epilepsy. By the end of the story she can be grateful for loyal friends and forgiving of those who tease. The treatment of epilepsy is good, despite the somewhat contrived plot.


Until his epilepsy is correctly diagnosed, Benji lives through a season of secrets.

Howard, Ellen. CIRCLE OF GIVING. Macmillan, 1984. IL Grades 4-6. Cerebral Palsy

Based on real events, this is a warm story of Francie, who has to prove that she is not a burden, but that she can learn.


The strain of living with her sister and brother-in-law in their sternly religious home seems to aggravate Edith's seizures.

Howe, James. NIGHT WITHOUT STARS. Macmillan, 1983; Avon, 1985. IL Grades 4-7; RL Grade 6. Physically Handicapped

Maria faces a heart operation with some help from Donald who has had lots of operations, her family and the nurses.

JAMIE FORT STORY (Video Cassette; 16mm, color, 30 min.). Disney, 1988. IL Grades 3-12. Physically Disabled

Inspirational story about a little girl who is severely burned and feels different when she returns to school.
Johnston, Julie. **HERO OF LESSER CAUSES.** Little, 1993; Puffin, 1994. IL Juvenile. Physically Handicapped

Action, travel and humor spark this story of Keely and her older brother who is paralyzed by polio. Handles Keely's bout of codependency well.

Jones, Rebecca C. **ANGIE AND ME.** Macmillan, 1981. ©p. IL Grades 3-6; RL Grade 2. Arthritis

When Jenna goes to the hospital for tests and treatment for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, she is helped to accept the changes in her life by the other children there, especially her roommate Angie.


Madeleine tries to run away to hide her epilepsy.


This humorous and human novel points out the universal importance of tolerance and love through the lives of three physically damaged people.


An identical twin, interested in athletics, is paralyzed in a car accident. The book tries to portray the way in which the impairment affects the disabled individual, his twin and others.

King-Smith, Dick. **PIGS MIGHT FLY.** Scholastic, 1984; Puffin, 1990. IL Grades 3-7; RL Grade 7. Physically Handicapped

The runt of the litter, born with misshapen front feet, longs to fly. Friends teach him to swim which helps save the day, but, this being a humorous read-aloud, he does get to fly.


A boy with muscular dystrophy and Cathy become friends. Cathy and her father make it possible for Mark to ride a horse they got from another rider who had lost a hand.


Lotus is a deaf Cambodian girl who has no friends but the herons, cranes and egrets she mimics. She becomes the greatest dancer in the Khmer kingdom. The pictures fail to capture the struggle and vitality of Lotus and the Cambodian people but do give a picture of court life.

A turn of the century romance in the Great Smoky Mountains between an alcoholic and a crippled spinster. When he leaves to care for a sister, Lanthy has her baby alone but he returns to marry her.

Levin, Betty. AWAY TO ME, MOSS. Greenwillow, 1994. IL Grades 5-6. Physically Handicapped

All of Zanna's life is on hold. Her mother and her sister and Zanna live in a house that isn't theirs while all their furniture is crammed into one room. Zanna is drawn to Moss, a border collie whose life is also on hold because his owner is paralyzed and cannot speak. Levin's BROTHER MOOSE (Greenwillow Books, 1990) is another frequently recommended title dealing with a handicap.

Little, Jean. MINE FOR KEEPS. Little, Brown, 1962, 1988. ©. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 5. Cerebral Palsy

Sally has many adjustments to make when she moves from a residential school to her home. But her family is understanding and she acquires a better attitude about herself.


Eric, who occasionally cares for a young neighbor confined to a wheelchair, puzzles about why Jimmy wants cowboy boots. When he realizes that it's just because they are skinny, twisted and useless that Jimmy want to cover them up, Eric starts swapping until both he and Jimmy win.

Metzger, Lois. BARRY'S SISTER. Macmillan, 1992; Puffin, 1993. IL Grades 4-up. Physically Handicapped

A well-written story of a twelve year old who resents a coming new baby, then feels responsible when the baby is diagnosed as having cerebral palsy. Covers the pity, shunning, mockery, isolation, and relief at realizing others face the same problems which are typical in families with children with disabilities.


Alex is eighteen, a paraplegic, in love and suffocating under his mother's protectiveness. A sensitive novel dealing with the misconceptions society has of the disabled.


Thirteen-year-old Rocky is self-conscious about her leg braces until an artist comes to town to create a war memorial.
  Grades 3-4. Physically Handicapped

Wheelchair bound Mike goes to a regular school.

  Grades 4-6. Physically Handicapped

Connie is a success in the school play, wheelchair and all.

  Grades 5-9. Physically Handicapped

A very special story about an unlikely friendship between a badly crippled and  
undersized boy and a large, ungainly, learning disabled boy. One provides the  
mind, the other the legs in this memorable story which ends with the death of the  
crippled boy.

F  THE PLAY (Video Cassette, color, 9 min.). Disney, 1993.  
  Grades PK-6. Physically Handicapped

Story of a wheelchair bound young girl helps viewers understand about how we  
think about the disabled and how they think of themselves. What Should I Do  
series.

F  Porter, Gene Stratton. FRECKLES. Random House Value,  

A reprint of a book's first popular upwards of fifty years ago. Set in the marshes  
in Indiana, the story deals with an orphan.

  Grades 3-6; RL Grade 6. Physically Handicapped

When his story telling skills and his father can no longer protect him, Seth, a  
handicapped boy in a prehistoric society, leaves to find a clan who raise crops  
accompanied by a friend and his dog.

  Grades 3-6; RL Grade 6. Spina Bifida

Margaret wants a flexible wheelchair like the basketball players use, but her  
parents think a waterbed is more important. The costs of physical disabilities  
and the frustration of the person with the handicapped are realistically  
presented.

F  Richmond, Sandra. WHEELS FOR WALKING. Little, 1985;  

The story is of an eighteen-year-old injured in an automobile accident and left  
unable to walk or use her hands. After a period of anger and rebellion, she learns  
to care for herself, and to accept herself. Flashback technique is distracting.
Ripslinger, Jon. TRIANGLE. Harcourt Brace, 1994. IL Grades 7-up. Physically Handicapped

A busy teenage triangle with one angle of the triangle a wheelchair bound boy. His girlfriend and their mutual best friend have an affair resulting in an unplanned pregnancy. The adults get in on the act with alcoholism, attempt at seduction of a juvenile, and a grandmother who was a call girl. Despite the soap opera tendencies, the characters are nice kids in a tough spot. A girl sports figure with a championship softball game are a plus.


Tanner's letters to her penpal are more fiction than fact as she struggles with how life is with a paralyzed leg and a new sister-in-law, and how she would like it to be. Mature readers will appreciate Tanner's struggle.


Patty wanted to model her life on that of Aunt Ruth, model, soap opera star, wife of another actor. Then Aunt Ruth comes home, struggling to deal with diabetes which may cause her to lose a leg, and with problems in her "glamorous" marriage. Despite the title, this is a story about Patty, a typically self-absorbed teen, who learns that accepting the world in which she lives is a greater gift than fame. A quiet story which will need to be sold.


Annie whose father is a doctor, helps a bitter, badly burned your World War I veteran adjust to his new life.

Russo, Marisabina. ALEX IS MY FRIEND. Greenwillow, 1992. IL Juvenile. Physically Handicapped; Dwarfs

The author tells an appealing story based on the life of her own son. This is a realistic and sensitive story of a child with dwarfism although the word is never used.


A darkly serious story told with compassion and integrity. Cass discovers that she has a severely handicapped younger sister of whom her divorced parents had told her nothing.


Ellie has a scary experience as a heart patient.

Kelly gets some help from an older boy in partially overcoming the lack of coordination caused by a physical handicap.


Overprotected by his parents, a cerebral palsied youth does exactly what he has been told not to do to seek independence.


Walking and talking are very difficult for Shona, who lives on an island off the coast of Scotland. When an American family buys the island, Shona saves the son's life. He, in turn, helps her learn to communicate via computer. The author's descriptive style may slow down some readers, but the story deals with grace, humor and empathy with Shona's handicapped, and the struggle of others to help her.


New title. No review available.


New title. No review available.


Mary Jackson Jordan, is a twelve-year old foster child, who is sent with a fourteen-year-old male foster child and a nameless six-year-old foster child who has been badly abused to the home of a woman who is suffering severe head injuries from an automobile accident. Mary and the boy fight to be able to stay in this "secure" place.

TWO SISTERS (Video Cassette, color, 11 min.). National Film Board of Canada, 1991. IL Grades 9-Adult. Physically Handicapped

Two sisters, a well-known, but deformed author, and her sister who manages things for both, live agreeably on an island, until a fan unwittingly disrupts their harmony. Challenges us to face our own feelings when we meet people who are different.

A high school journalism student discovers an acclaimed author's secret - the truth about the accident which cost him his legs.


The author's empathy brings her characters to life in this story of a girl who becomes an amputee as the result of an automobile accident involving a drunk driver.


Tells the story of Nyri, who loves boats and the idea of sailing, but is kept from accomplishing her desires by her parents who fear that a thirteen-year-old with cerebral palsy cannot handle the dangers.

F WALKING ON AIR (Video Cassette, color, 63 min.). Films Inc., 1990. IL Grades PK-Adult. Physically Handicapped

Wheelchair-bound boy fights to realize his dream to walk in space. Based on story idea by Ray Bradbury. Wonder Works series. Closed Caption.

F Wallace, Bill. TRUE FRIENDS. Holiday, 1994. IL Grades 4-6. Physically Handicapped

School fiction.

F Weissman, Jackie. MY TOES ARE STARTING TO WIGGLE. Miss Jackie, 1991. IL Grades PK-5. Physically Handicapped

New title. No review available.


About dog and kid. New title. No review available.


Dreams and grandparents are featured in this story.

F Young, Helen. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE, DANNY? Trafalgar, 1980. IL Grades 4-6. Epilepsy
The story of a nine year old boy with epilepsy. Points out that the fear of the able-bodied turns epilepsy into a handicap.


Big Chapter Books series. A boy in a wheelchair challenges a bully to a basketball game.


Grandfather had been special ever since he had helped Bobby learn to walk and talk. Now Grandfather has had a stroke and Bobby returns the favor.

E Fassler, Joan. HOWIE HELPS HIMSELF. Whitman, 1975. IL Grades K-4; RL Grade 4. Cerebral Palsy

Like other children, Howie wants to do it himself - although what he wants is to be able to move his wheelchair by himself. The feelings will be familiar to all children.


Shows that a wheelchair-bound girl can still enjoy many activities.

E Lasker, Joe. NICK JOINS IN. Whitman, 1980. IL Grades 1-3; RL Grade 2. Physically Handicapped

Mainstreaming scares Nick who has always had a tutor, but then it scares his regular classmates too.


Judy must adjust to a new school which is harder when you wear a hook.

E Marron, Carol A. NO TROUBLE FOR GRANDPA. Raintree, 1983. IL Grades K-6; RL Grade 2. Physically Handicapped

Only the illustrations indicate that David is wheelchair bound, in this story of sibling jealousy at Grandpa's house.


Despite crutches and wheelchair Margaret is the best balancer and the best idea person in the class.
Sargent, Susan and Donna Aaron Wirt. IN JIMMY'S CHAIR. Abingdon, 1984. o.p. IL Grades K-3; RL Grade 2. Physically Handicapped

Bobby's dream that he can no longer walk, helps him understand his friend Jimmy.


The author hoped to keep the spirit of the original story while retelling it for younger readers. She probably did not do that, but as a parody, it's "a hoot." The main characters are pigs. A "silly goose" drops the prince. The illustrations are good, the writing fast paced and funny. Use the original by Dinah Maria Mulock Craik with older kids.


Photographs and text show Janet engaging in various activities.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE IMPAIRED/MUTISM

Caudill, Rebecca. CERTAIN SMALL SHEPHERD. Holt, 1965; Dell, 1987. IL Grades PK-6; RL Grade 5. Speech Disorders; Mutism

Jamie, a mute, misses his opportunity to be in the Christmas Pageant because of a snow storm, but stars in a Christmas miracle.

Cunningham, Julia. BURNISH ME BRIGHT. Peter Smith, 1980. IL Grades 4-6. Speech Disorders; Mutism

Auguste, an imaginative mute boy, is scorned by the inhabitants of his French village.

Cunningham, Julia. SILENT VOICE. New American Libraries/Dutton, 1981. ©.p. IL Grades 5-6; RL Grade 5. Speech Disorders; Mutism

Auguste, a mute, is bullied by Philippe, almost losing his opportunity to study mime.


When his mother is lost in a snowstorm, a young mute boy sets out to find her.

Roxie is ashamed of her mother who has a speech problem because of burst aneurysm several years ago and spends much time with her rich friend Flo who's mother is an alcoholic. When Flo wrecks a car and is all set to blame her boyfriend so she will be protected, and her mother is sent to a sanitarium, Roxie's mother takes charge and Roxie begins to change her attitude about her mother.

Hopkins, Lila. EATING CROW. Watts, 1988. IL Grades 4-6. Speech Disorders; Mutism

The story of a friendship between Croaker and a mute white boy.

Rounds, Glen. BLIND OUTLAW. Holliday, 1980. IL Grades 4-6. Speech Disorders; Mutism Blind

A blind horse and a mute boy develop a growing trust and affection.

VOICE IN EXILE (16mm, color, 30 min.). Barr, 1986. IL Grades 7-12. Communication Disorder

A touching story of a seventeen-year-old boy who struggles with severe stuttering, managing to face a crowd to accept an award for his grandfather.


Louis, a trumpeter swan, was born mute. He overcame his handicap by learning to read and write and play a trumpet. A humorous, effective mix of real life and fantasy.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED, BLIND AND BLIND/DEAF

Hassman, Dotta J. A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED. Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Library (1002 G Avenue, Vinton, IA 52349; 319-472-5221, extension 18), 1993. IL Adult Blind Visually Impaired

Titles available for loan from the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Library. Topics include Child Development, Parent/Child Activities, Education for the Child, Education for Parents, Coping and Autobiography. Title and author indexes are provided to make items more readily accessible.

YOU'RE DIFFERENT, SO AM I (Film strip). IL Grades 4-6. Blind

A blind child, three physically disabled children, a retarded child and a child with a learning disability show what it is like to have a handicap.
362.4 Alexander, Sally Hobart. **MOM CAN’T SEE ME.** Macmillan, 1990. IL Grades 3-5. Blind

Reviewed as one of the best books about blindness, this is written by a blind woman from the point of view of her nine year old daughter. The mother leads a full life without sight.

362.4 Bergman, Thomas. **SEEING IN SPECIAL WAYS; CHILDREN LIVING WITH BLINDNESS.** Gareth Stevens, 1989. IL Grades 1-5. Blind

Blind and partially sighted Swedish children are interviewed about their feelings and how they use other senses to compensate.

362.4 **BLINDNESS: A FAMILY MATTER** (Video Cassette, color, 23 min.; 16mm). Phoenix, 1986. IL Grades 7-12. Blind

Shows blind and visually impaired leading active lives and how family can help.

362.4 **BLINDNESS: FIVE POINTS OF VIEW--PT. I, II** (16mm, color, 57 min.). Time Life, 1980. IL Grades 7-12. Blind

Five patients going blind and their doctors examine the problems of coping with conditions which cannot be changed.


The author’s guide dog and guide dogs in general.

362.4 **CURT** (16 mm, b & w, 12 min.). American Foundation for the Blind [15 W. Sixteenth St., New York, NY 10011], 1963. IL Grades 9-up. Blind

Daily routine of a blind college student shows the degree to which he is able to circumvent his handicap. Made by ISU Media Resources Center.


An appealing introduction to the training of a guide dog.

362.4 **HELEN KELLER - VOICE AND VISION IN THE SOUL** (Video Cassette, color, 24 min.). Aims Media [9710 DeSoto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311-4409], 1986. IL Grades 3-up. Blind; Deaf

Celebrates the accomplishments of Helen Keller, the deaf and blind woman who dedicated her life to helping the less fortunate.
Hermann, Helen and Bill Hermann. JENNY'S MAGIC WAND. Watts, 1988. o.p. IL Grades 1-3; RL Grade 4. Blind
A photo essay about a blind girl preparing to enter public school.

NAVIGATION WITHOUT SIGHT (Video Cassette, color, 8 min.). Mokin, 1990. IL Grades 4-Adult. Blind
Laddie Zavoli, born blind, leads a 13-year-old friend and the viewer on a trip around his neighborhood and his school. Inspiring.

Follows life of a golden retriever puppy until it graduates with its new owner and starts life as a guide dog. Accurate and sensitive. BOOKS IN PRINT gives grade level as 1-4.

Seeing Eye dog is trained from birth to use with blind owner.

Career of a guide dog from its raising as a puppy, through the training process, to placement with a blind person.

Valuable to any adult working with pre-school or primary age blind children to help them move and grow.

An earlier book by Willoughby was reviewed as sound advice and sensitive suggestions from mother and wife of blind persons.

Deserted by his parents because the tribe rules that his blindness limits his usefulness, Allugua is befriended by Mouse Woman. With her help and advice, he kills a mighty whale, proving his value. Eskimo legend.

Riddles in print and Braille. Sighted children can close their eyes and try to follow the thread. May encourage appreciation of blind people.

EXPECTATIONS (Annual). Braille Institute, 1948-. IL Grades 3-6. Blind

An annual providing current children's literature in Braille with embossed illustrations.


Dustin and Teddy are both foster children. One is an artist in a wheelchair as a result of an automobile accident, the other childlike and dependent on the other boy. With the help of their social worker they learn not to hide their feelings. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Cam, who is visually impaired, and her sister reminisce about their childhood. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Explores multi-culturalism and disability through the relationship of two high school students. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.


Dana, a curious twelve-year-old befriends Moe, a blind blues musician and discovers his blindness does not limit his capacity to share and enjoy happiness. This was a winning play in the Young Playwrights Program.

Braille invented his system of raised dots which enable millions of blind people to communicate when he was fifteen.

Davidson, Margaret. Helen Keller. Scholastic, 1969. IL Grades 4-8. Blind Deaf

An engaging biography of a famous handicapped person.


True, inspiring story of Annie Sullivan who helped Helen Keller overcome her handicaps to lead a full life.


Simply written biography of Helen Keller who overcame both blindness and deafness.

HELEN KELLER. (Video cassette, black and white, 55 min.). Available through Permabound. Series, 1991. IL All Ages. Blind Deaf

Famous Americans of the Twentieth Century series. Video commentary by H. V. Kaltenborn, noted newscaster, who witnessed Helen Keller's life. A powerful symbol of triumph over adversity.


Laura Dewey Bridgman was a blind-deaf child who paved the way for Helen Keller's successes.


A straightforward account of Braille's life.

Keller, Helen. The Story of My Life. Various editions. First published, 1903. IL Grades 7-up. Blind; Deaf

The idiomatic, individual style of Helen Keller's writing is a testimony to the miracle of her grasp of a communication without sight or hearing.

Details Helen Keller's adventurous life as she worked to lead the way for handicapped people. A Women of Our Time book.

Lash, Joseph P. HELEN AND TEACHER: THE STORY OF HELEN KELLER & ANNE SULLIVAN MACY. Dell, 1980. IL Grades 9 up. Blind; Deaf

Fascinating portrait of two lives so intertwined that they must be considered together. There are a few more warts showing but more depth than previous biographies.

Little, Jean. LITTLE BY LITTLE: A WRITER'S CHILDHOOD. Viking, 1988; Puffin, 1991. IL Grades 5-9; RL Grade 6. Visually Handicapped

Taunted and misunderstood in school because of her limited vision, Little understood and wrote about the handicapped.


Sequel to LITTLE BY LITTLE. Tells of author's struggle to face approaching blindness.


A well-documented story of Keller's effort to learn to communicate which culminated in her becoming an outstanding lecturer and writer.


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Biography of a blind deaf woman who overcomes her handicaps with the help of her teacher, Annie Sullivan.
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Annie Sullivan was nearly blind, mistreated and unhappy until she was sent to Perkins School for the Blind. Probably all of this early background helped her understand and work with Helen Keller.

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Explains well how Annie Sullivan helped turn a difficult child into a well educated and renowned speaker.

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A Lifetimes book. Traces life of woman who overcame her deaf and blind handicaps with the aid of her famous teacher, Annie Sullivan.

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A brief biography of a blind woman scientist.

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A worthwhile choice which gives a clear and inspiring account of Helen Keller without schmaltz.

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The fact that Bill Schmidt, a junior high principal, is blind is almost secondary in his life. He, his friends, and his business associates provide the narrative for this film that stands as a tribute to Bill and other blind persons who make outstanding contributions to society.

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Childhood of Famous Americans series. Focuses on childhood of Helen Keller.
Aiello, Barbara and Jeffrey Shulman. BUSINESS IS LOOKING UP: FEATURING RENALDO RODRIGUEZ. The Kids on the Block Books Series. Twenty-First Century Books [38 South Market St., Frederick, MD 21701], 1988. IL Grades 2-4. Blind

One of a series of children's books written from the view of an elementary grade child with a disability. This book features eleven year old Renaldo who is visually impaired. Question and answer section follows the story. Kids on the Block puppets.


A blind girl, her brother, and an outcast labeled "the witch's daughter" find a smuggler's cache of jewels. The dialogue is good in this believable suspense story.

BLIND LOVE (16mm, color, 24 min.). EBEC, 1983. IL Grades 7-12. Blind

A wife, who feels she is unattractive, is afraid that if her husband regains his eyesight after a cornea operation he won't love her, learns that character is more important than physical beauty.

Christian, Mary Blount. MYSTERY AT CAMP TRIUMPH. Whitman, 1986. IL Grades 4-6. Blind

Angie, blinded in a car accident, resents going to a camp for the disabled. But she gets involved in a mystery which helps her build confidence and independence.


Set in the Depression, this story is very contemporary. It tells of a widow, her children and their neighbors, one of whom is a blind musician.

Cookson, Catherine. GO TELL IT TO MRS. GOLIGHTLY. 1980. o.p. IL Grades 5-6; RL Grade 4. Blind

Heartwarming story about a blind girl sent to live with her grandfather when her father dies. He doesn't know how to handle her, but she gradually learns to cope on the farm until she and her new friend John stumble onto a dangerous plot by kidnappers and are themselves kidnapped.

Coutant, Helen. THE GIFT. Knopf, 1983. o.p. IL Grades 2-5; RL Grade 5. Blind

An old lady who is a dear friend of Marie, returns from a stay at the hospital blind. A warm and human story.
©p. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 5. Blind

Carey has a new neighbor who turns out to be blind. Author lives and writes in Iowa so book may be available.

IL Grades 1-5. Blind; Visually Handicapped

Finzel is so nearly blind that he is easy prey.

Garfield, James B. **FOLLOW MY LEADER.** Viking, 1957; Scholastic, 1987. IL Grades 4-6. Blind

An eleven year old boy gets help from his friends and his guide dog as he resumes his life. This is also available as a video cassette (Aims, 1988).


When Ronald feeds gerbil food to the fish because G and F look alike, the teacher sends home a note saying he may need glasses. When he does indeed get glasses Ronald expects them to solve all his problems. But he finds he still stumbles if he is not careful and he still can't throw a ball straight.


An insightful, sometimes disturbing view of the problems faced by those who must function in an unaccommodating sighted, hearing world.

Hall, Lynn. **MURDER AT THE SPANIEL SHOW.** Macmillan, 1988. IL Grades 6 up; RL Grade 7. Blind

Murder, dogs and horses make this an attractive book for fans.


An unusual, unpredictable mystery featuring a girl, blind and orphaned since the age of twelve, whose guide dog is kidnapped.


Spring learns from a blind neighbor to treasure and use her imagination. The suspense and adventure will make this book appealing.

Partially sighted girl immigrates to Canada with her family to escape Nazi persecution.


Sequel to FROM ANNA, about a girl with severely limited vision written by a person with that disability.


A Native American boy and his grandfather share in question-and-answer litany, a story of love and courage.

Mathis, Sharon Bell. LISTEN FOR THE FIG TREE. Puffin, 1975, 1990. IL Grades 7-12 Blind

Marvina is a young black woman who is blind. That is not the central theme of the story but the story examines her blindness and the attitude of Marvina and others to that blindness. A positive image of a blind person in a realistic context.


A blind recluse and a girl find they have extraordinary powers of communication.


How mother shops, makes meals and reads braille. One title in a social values series. Another title, MY SISTER'S SILENT WORLD, by Catherine Arthur and this title will leave children asking how the mother and sister came to be handicapped.

Rounds, Glen. BLIND OUTLAW. Holiday, 1980. ©p. IL Grades 4-6. Speech Disorders; Mutism Blind

A blind horse and a mute boy develop a growing trust and affection.

Rounds, Glen, adapter and illustrator. BLIND COLT. Holiday, 1989. IL Grades 3-6. Blind

Whitey saves a blind colt, and in the process of training the colt does a lot of growing up.

A young blind American and an old West Indian native are stranded on a cay. The youth has to overcome both his prejudice and his blindness. Compelling and believable.


A golden Labrador Retriever becomes blind.

TO SHARE A VISION (Video Cassette, color, 21 min.). Phoenix, 1986. IL Grades 7-12. Blind

The central character of the story is going blind. Demonstrates the frightening reality and the courage to face it.

Ure, Jean. AFTER THURSDAY. Delacorte, 1987. IL Grades 6-up. Blind

Seventeen-year-old Marianne is in love with Abe, a handsome, blind music teacher in this sequel to SEE YOU THURSDAY. Readers will identify with the characters.

Ure, Jean. SEE YOU THURSDAY. Delacorte, 1983. IL Grades 6-up. Blind

Sixteen-year-old Marianne resents her mother renting a room to a blind music teacher in this prequel to AFTER THURSDAY.

Wartski, Maureen Crane. LAKE IS ON FIRE. Westminster, 1981. o.p. IL Grades 4-6; RL Grade 5. Blind

Rickey, a blind fifteen year old, literally has a baptism by fire when he and a dog are caught in a forest fire from which they must escape.


Laura gets a job and finds a boyfriend and Mary is stricken with blindness after an attack of scarlet fever. The series of "Little House" books were the basis for a long running TV program, still seen on daytime TV and on video.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. JOURNEY TO THE BRIGHT KINGDOM. Holiday, 1979. o.p. IL Grades 3-5. Blind

This story of a blind woman granted a look at her daughter is a retelling of a Japanese folktale

An old man helps a blind girl see by carving pictures on a stick. Set in ancient Peking. A sensitive and graceful tale.


A day in the life of a young blind girl.


Glasses mean being teased, but Arthur discovers that four eyes are better than two. A Snuggle and Read Story Book.


A bandit, a half-blind woman and an old man tangle.


A book for sharing between a sighted person and a blind one, this book tells of Little Rough and Little Shaggy, with different textures, shapes and sizes to help the blind child follow the story.


When two brothers explore the sounds in their apartment building, they find a friend in the blind man in Apt. 3.


Friends make fun of Cromwell's "goggles."

E Litchfield, Ada B. CANE IN HER HAND. Whitman, 1977. IL Grades 1-4; RL Grade 3. Blind

A partially sighted girl adjusts to using a cane. Pleasant pictures reinforce positive tone.


John's grandfather shares with John the special way he sees and moves as a blind person.

Printed in standard type and Braille for blind and sighted children. Roly is an inquisitive circle - a cut out which can be explored with fingers - who sets out on an adventure, meeting other shapes. A useful concept for blind children.


Martha has a special relationship with her 89 year old grandfather who is blind.


Myopia leads to hilarious misinterpretations until Iris gets her glasses.

Sargent, Susan and Donna Aaron Wirt. MY FAVORITE PLACE. Abingdon, 1983. IL Grades PK-3. Blind

A little girl who is blind goes to the seaside with her parents, enjoying sounds and tastes and feelings, resenting her mother's firm grip but loving it when mother throws her into the sea and says "swim to me."