This bibliography of 85 items is intended to help parents and professionals identify books that are written about or include characters who have a disability. The bibliography begins with a list of other resource guides to disability literature. The list of children's literature is then presented, grouped according to the following disabilities: attention deficit disorder, blindness, cerebral palsy, deafness, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, serious or life-threatening conditions, physical disabilities, and other disabilities. The age group or grade level for which each book is appropriate is indicated, along with publisher and publication date. (DB)
Kupper, Lisa. Ed.

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This bibliography is by no means exhaustive. You may identify additional children’s literature relating to disability by:

- using the books listed in this bibliography under “Other Resources;”
- checking to see what books about disability the library in your area has available; and
- checking to see what disability books are available in local bookstores.

These books can offer an excellent vehicle for communicating with children about disabilities, for providing children and young adults with stories about persons like themselves, and for featuring the personalities, friendships, challenges, accomplishments, and daily lives of people with disabilities.

Identifying the Age or Grade Level of a Book

To help you determine the age group or grade level for which each of these books is appropriate, we have either indicated the age/grade level in parentheses or we have used the following codes:

**JP = Juvenile Picture Book**
Suitable for preschoolers to third graders, these books are generally 32 pages in length, with an illustration on each page and minimal text; typically designed for parents to read to their children or for older children to read on their own.

**JE = Juvenile Easy Reader**
Suitable for children who are beginning to read on their own, such as those in first or second grade; ranging from 30 to 80 pages long, these books depend upon repetition of words, phrases, and sentence patterns, and have a controlled or limited vocabulary; illustrations are included to break up the text, which is generally in an easy-to-read large typeface.

**JF = Juvenile Fiction**
Known as children’s fiction or chapter books, these are suitable for children in Grades 2-6; ranging in length from 60 to 200 pages, the books are generally divided into chapters, contain fewer illustrations, and have more complicated plots or concepts than either JP or JE books.

**YA = Young Adult**
Intended for young adults ranging from Grade 5 through Grade 12, these books present more complicated plots and deal with topics and concerns of general interest to the young adult population; not all libraries have a young adult section, so it may be necessary to look for these books in the adult collection.
Other Guides to Disability Literature

There are several resource guides that can help you identify children's books about disabilities that were published prior to 1989. These may be available in your public library reference or children's section. Ask your librarian for assistance in locating:


Gillespie, J.T., & Gilbert, C.B. (1994). *Best books for children: Preschool through the middle grades* (5th ed.). New York: R.R. Bowker. (This book includes several listings under the categories of "Diseases and Other Illnesses" and "Physical and Mental Disabilities.")


Attention Deficit Disorder


**Blindness**


**Cerebral Palsy**


**Deafness**


**Down Syndrome**


**Learning Disabilities**


Philbrick, W.R. (1993). Freak the mighty. New York: Scholastic. (About two eighth graders, one who has learning disabilities and one who has a birth defect) (YA)

**Serious or Life-threatening Conditions**


**Physical Disabilities**


**Other Disabilities**


Holcomb, N. (1990). *Sarah's surprise*. Exton, PA: Jason and Nordic Publishers. (About a five year old girl who cannot talk but who uses a picture board and then an augmentative communication device to communicate) (JE)


Scott, Sharon. (1992). *Not better...not worse...just different*. Amherst, MA: Human Resource Development Press. (A book to teach children ages 5 to 10 to be kind to one another)


LIST OF PUBLISHERS


Allied Crafts, 726 Bison Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Telephone: (714) 759-8156.

American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Telephone: (708) 827-9910.


Bradbury Press, c/o Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1-800-257-5755.

Brookline Books, P.O. Box 1046, Cambridge, MA 02238. Telephone: 1-800-666-2665.

Center for Applied Psychology, P.O. Box 61586, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Telephone: (800) 962-1141.

Chesapeake Psychological Publications, 5041 A&B Backlick Road, Annandale, VA 22003. Telephone: (703) 642-6697.


Cobblehill Books, see Penguin Books below.

Creative Education, 123 S. Broad Street, P.O. Box 227, Mankato, MN 56001. Telephone: (507) 388-6273; 1-800-445-6209.


Dial Books for Young Readers, See Penguin USA below.

Doubleday, Customer Services, 2451 South Wolf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60017-5071.


Four Winds Press, see Macmillan Children’s Book Group.

Free Spirit Publishing, 400 First Avenue N., Suite 616, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1730. Telephone: (612) 338-2068; (800) 735-7323.


GSI Publications, P.O. Box 746, DeWitt, NY 13214. Telephone: (315) 446-4849.


Harper/Collins, 100 Keystone Industrial Park, P.O. Box 588, Scranton, PA 18512. Telephone: 1-800-331-3761.


Holiday House, 425 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Telephone: (212) 688-0085.

Holt, see Henry Holt & Company above.


Human Resource Development Press, 22 Amherst Road, Amherst, MA 01002. Telephone: (413) 253-3488 or 1-800-822-2801.

Impact Publishers, P.O. Box 1094, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. Telephone: (805) 543-5911; 1-800-246-7228.

Jason and Nordic Publishers, P.O. Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Telephone: (814) 696-2920.
Joy Street Books, see Little, Brown below.


Knopf, Orders to: 400 Hahn Road, Westminster, MD 21157. Telephone: (410) 848-1900; 1-800-733-3000 (Orders).

Libraries Unlimited, P.O. Box 6633, Englewood, CO 80155-6633. Telephone: (303) 770-1220; 1-800-237-6124.

Light on Books and Videotapes, P.O. Box 8005, Suite 358, Boulder, CO 80306. Telephone: (303) 444-3340.

Little, Brown, 200 West Street, Waltham, MA 02254. Telephone: 1-800-759-0190.

M. Evans, 216 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017. Telephone: (212) 688-2810.

Macmillan and Macmillan Children's Book Group, 100 Front Street, Box 500, Riverside, NJ 08075-7500. Telephone: 1-800-257-5755.

Magination Press, 19 Union Square W., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: (212) 924-3344; 1-800-825-3089.

Margaret K. McElderry Books, see Macmillan Children's Book Group.

Maxwell Macmillan International, see Macmillan.

McElderry Books, see Macmillan Children's Book Group.


Penguin USA, 120 Woodbine Street, P.O. Box 999, Bergenfield, NJ 07621. Telephone: 1-800-253-6476.

Philomel Books, see Putnam Publishing Group below.

Puffin Books, see Penguin USA above.

Putnam Publishing Group, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Telephone: (212) 951-8400; 1-800-631-8571, ext. 7504.


Scholastic, P.O. Box 7502, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Telephone: 1-800-325-6149.

Scribner, see Macmillan Children's Book Group.


Twin Peaks Press, P.O. Box 129, Vancouver, WA 98666-0129. Telephone: (206) 694-2462.

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Spain Rehabilitation Center, Medical Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, 1717 6th Avenue South, Room 506, Birmingham, AL 35233-7330. Telephone: (205) 934-3283.

University of Chicago Press, 11030 S. Langley Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628. Telephone: (312) 568-1550; (800) 621-2736.

Verbal Images Press, 19 Fox Hill Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. Telephone: (716) 377-3807.

Viking, see Penguin USA above.

Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: 1-800-843-7323 (outside DC area): (301) 468-8800 (in DC area).
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