

## Disabilities

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Location	Author	Title
<b><u>ADHD</u></b>		
<b>J GAN</b>	Gantos, Jack	<b>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</b>
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.		
<b>J GAN</b>	Gantos, Jack	<b>Joey Pigza Loses Control</b>
Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship.		
<b>J GAN</b>	Gantos, Jack	<b>I am Not Joey Pigza</b>
Joey's father returns, calling himself Charles Heinz and apologizing for his past bad behavior, and he swears that once Joey and his mother change their names and help him fix up the old diner he has bought, their lives will change for the better.		
<b>J STE</b>	Steinhofel, Andreas	<b>The Spaghetti Detectives</b>
Living with his mother in a Berlin apartment house, Rico, a young boy with ADHD, enjoys playing detective games but when his friend Oskar suddenly disappears, possibly taken by a serial kidnapper, Rico determines to use his skills to find his friend.		

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### Autism

**J ARN**      Arnold, Elana      **A Boy Called Bat**

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

**J BAS**      Baskin, Nora Raleigh      **Anything But Typical**

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

**J CHO**      Choldenko, Gennifer      **Al Capone Does My Shirts**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

**J CHO**      Choldenko, Gennifer      **Al Capone Shines My Shoes**

Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose.

**J CHO**      Choldenko, Gennifer      **Al Capone Does My Homework**

Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, faces new challenges when his father is promoted to Associate Warden.

**J DAV**      Davis, Mandy      **Superstar**

Lester's first days as a fifth grader at Quarry Elementary School are not even a little bit like he thought they would be -- the cafeteria is too loud for Lester's ears, there are too many kids, and then there's the bully. Lester was always home-schooled, and now he's shocked to be stuck in a school where everything just seems wrong. That's until he hears about the science fair, which goes really well for Lester! But then things go a bit sideways, and Lester has to find his way back.

**J LOR**      Lord, Cynthia      **Rules**

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

**J MCI**      McIntosh, Will      **Watchdog**

Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy.

**J PLA**      Pla, Sally      **The Someday Birds**

Charlie, twelve, who has autism and obsessive compulsive disorder, must endure a cross-country trip with his siblings and a strange babysitter to visit their father, who will undergo brain surgery.

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**J ROR**

Rorby, Ginny

**How to Speak Dolphin**

Since her mother died, twelve-year-old Lily has struggled to care for her severely autistic half-brother, Adam, in their Miami home, but she is frustrated and angry because her oncologist step-father, Don, expects her to devote her time to Adam, and is unwilling to admit that Adam needs professional help--but when Adam bonds with a young dolphin with cancer Lily is confronted with another dilemma: her family or the dolphin's freedom.

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### Blindness

**J AUX**

Auxier, Jonathan

**Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes**

Raised to be a thief, blind orphan Peter Nimble, age ten, steals from a mysterious stranger three pairs of magical eyes that lead him to a hidden island where he must decide to become a hero or resume his life of crime.

**J CRE**

Creech, Sharon

**Granny Torelli Makes Soup**

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

**J LEA**

Lean, Sarah

**A Dog Called Homeless**

Fifth-grader Cally Louise Fisher stops talking, partly because her father and brother never speak of her mother who died a year earlier, but visions of her mother, friendships with a homeless man and a disabled boy, and a huge dog ensure that she still communicates.

**J TAY**

Taylor, Theodore

**Timothy of the Cay**

Having survived being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island with the old black man Timothy, twelve-year-old white Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation. Alternate chapters follow the life of Timothy from his days as a young cabin boy.

**J VRA**

Vrabel, Beth

**A Blind Guide to Stinkville**

Before Stinkville, Alice didn't think albinism – or the blindness that goes with it – was a big deal. Sure, she uses a magnifier to read books. And a cane keeps her from bruising her hips on tables. Putting on sunscreen and always wearing a hat are just part of life. But life has always been like this for Alice. Until Stinkville. For the first time in her life, Alice feels different – like she's at a disadvantage. Back in her old neighborhood in Seattle, everyone knew Alice, and Alice knew her way around. In Stinkville, Alice finds herself floundering – she can't even get to the library on her own. But when her parents start looking into schools for the blind, Alice takes a stand. She's going to show them – and herself – that blindness is just a part of who she is, not all that she can be.

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### Cerebral Palsy

**J DRA**

Draper, Sharon

**Out of My Mind**

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

**J SAC**

Sachar, Louis

**Small Steps**

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.

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### Deafness

**J AME** McDonald, Megan **Changes for Julie (American Girl)**

Julie is in school detention for passing a note to Joy, a deaf student who has trouble understanding what their teacher is saying. Indignant, Julie decides to run for student body president so she can make changes to the detention system. But the other students are put off by Joy, her choice for vice president, and Julie worries that she'll have little chance of winning if she partners with someone who seems so different. With persistence and creative campaigning, Julie wins the students over--and wins the election without compromising her principles.

**J DOW** Dowell, Frances O'Roark **Dovey Coe**

When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Cove, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother.

**J MAT** Matlin, Marlee **Nobody's Perfect**

Megan, a popular and outgoing fourth-grader, is sure that the "perfect" new girl dislikes her because she is deaf, but persistence and a joint science fair project help Megan see that the two girls have something in common after all.

**J MAT** Matlin, Marlee **Deaf Child Crossing**

Despite the fact that Megan is deaf and Cindy can hear, the two girls become friends when Cindy moves into Megan's neighborhood, but when they go away to camp, their friendship is put to the test.

**J SEL** Selznick, Brian **Wonderstruck**

Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

**J WOO** Woodson, Jacqueline **Feathers**

Frannie doesn't know what to make of the poem she's reading in school. She hasn't thought much about hope. There are so many other things to think about. Each day, her friend Samantha seems a bit more "holy." There is a new boy in class everyone is calling the Jesus Boy. And although the new boy looks like a white kid, he says he's not white. Who is he? During a winter full of surprises, good and bad, Frannie starts seeing a lot of things in a new light - her brother Sean's deafness, her mother's fear, the class bully's anger, her best friend's faith and her own desire for "the thing with feathers."

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### Down Syndrome

**J GAL**

Galante, Cecelia

**Willowood**

Eleven-year-old Lily has trouble leaving her best friend behind and moving to the city when her mother changes jobs, but she makes some very unlikely friends that soon become like family members.

**J HOB**

Hobbs, Valerie

**The Last Best Days of Summer**

During a summer visit, twelve-year-old Lucy must come to terms with both her grandmother's failing memory and how her mentally-challenged neighbor will impact her popularity when both enter the same middle school in the fall.

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### Learning Disabilities

**J HUN**

Hunt, Lynda

**Fish in a Tree**

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

**J MAR**

Martin, Ann M.

**Best Kept Secret**

In 1977 in Princeton, Dana's daughter, seven-year-old Francie, is struggling to keep her dyslexia a secret from her teachers and family, and even the thought of high school and college is part of the remote and unattainable future.

**J WIN**

Winkler, Henry

**Niagara Falls, or Does It?**

Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show.

**SERIES  
HERE'S  
HANK**

Winkler, Henry

**Bookmarks Are People, Too!**

Hoping to land the lead in the class play, Hank freezes during his audition and is only able to buzz like a fly, inspiring his teacher to create a special role for him as a silent bookmark that saves the show when a rival suffers an attack of stage fright.

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### Mental Disabilities

**SERIES FRED** Bowen, Fred      **Perfect Game**

Isaac is a perfectionist, especially when it comes to baseball, and is unable to cope when things go wrong until his coach asks him to help out with a Unified Sports basketball team on which intellectually-disabled and other children play together.

**NEWBERY** Byars, Betsy      **The Summer of the Swans**  
1971

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally challenged brother gets lost.

**J KIN** Kinsey-Warnock,      **True Colors**  
Natalie

In 1952 Vermont, ten-year-old Blue decides to set out in the middle of her town's sesquicentennial celebration to find the mother who abandoned her as a baby, but a series of events reminds her that she already has everything she needs.

**J MAR** Martin, Ann M.      **A Corner of the Universe**

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

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### Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

**J LAM** Lambert, Mary E. **Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes**

Seventh-grader Annabelle's mother is a hoarder, and their whole house is full of canned goods, broken toys, fabric, and old newspapers. When a pile of newspapers (organized by weather reports) falls on Annabelle's younger sister Leslie and their mother is more concerned about the newspapers, it sets off a chain of events that brings their fix-it-all grandmother in.

**J PLA** Pla, Sally **The Someday Birds**

Charlie, twelve, who has autism and obsessive compulsive disorder, must endure a cross-country trip with his siblings and a strange babysitter to visit their father, who will undergo brain surgery.

**J THO** Thompson, Lisa **The Goldfish Boy**

Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew Corbin rarely leaves his room on a cul-de-sac in London, and he passes the day observing and writing down his neighbors doings from his window--but when a toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving a mystery and possibly saving a child's life...if he can manage to expose himself, and his secret guilt to the outside world.

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### Physical Disabilities

**J AME** Casanova, Mary **McKenna, Ready to Fly! (American Girl)**

When Seattle fourth-grader McKenna Brooks' cast comes off she dives back into gymnastics training in hopes of making the competitive team, but after volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding center, she considers broadening her interests

**J BUR** Burnett, Frances Hodgson **The Secret Garden**

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

**J CHR** Christopher, Matt **The Great Quarterback Switch**

Twelve-year-old Michael, confined to a wheelchair after an accident, uses mental telepathy to communicate football plays to his quarterback twin brother Tom, then suddenly finds himself on the field in his brother's place.

**J LEA** Leal, Ann Haywood **Also Known as Harper**

Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care for her brother while their mother works, and things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly disabled woman.

**J SHR** Shreve, Susan Richards **The Lovely Shoes**

In 1950s Ohio, ninth-grader Franny feels isolated and self-conscious at high school because of her deformed leg and feet, but her irrepressibly high-spirited mother is determined to find shoes for Franny to wear at the school dances.

**NEWBERY** DeAngeli, Marguerite **The Door in the Wall**  
**1950**

While the plague and war with the Welsh rage through fourteenth-century London, ten-year-old Robin, son of a great lord, comes of age. He finds Lindsey Castle, where he travels to become a knight, besieged by the Welsh--and he alone can save it.

**NEWBERY** Konigsburg, E.L. **The View from Saturday**  
**1997**

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

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