

Disabilities

Bunnett, R. Friends at School. A portrait of children with different abilities busily working together at school. Text and photos illustrate the true meaning of the word inclusion, showing that given the opportunity, children readily accept one another's differences. j 371.9 B

Carter, A. Big Brother Dustin. A boy with Down Syndrome helps his parents and grandparents get ready for the birth of his baby sister and chooses the perfect name for her. j PAR PIC Carter

Carter, A. Dustin's Big School Day. Second-grader Dustin, who has Down Syndrome, anticipates the arrival of two very special guests at his school one day. j PAR PIC Carter

Cowen-Fletcher, J. Mama Zooms. A boy's wonderful mama takes him zooming everywhere with her, because her wheelchair is a zooming machine. j PAR PIC Cowen-Fletcher

Fleming, V. Be Good to Eddie Lee. Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's Syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her. j PAR PIC Flemming

Foreman, M. Seal Surfer. Although he is on crutches, a boy goes to the beach with his grandfather, where they watch a seal being born, and over the following seasons, the boy and the seal develop a special bond. j PAR PIC Foreman

Klein, A. Max Learns Sign Language. Max takes a class in sign language so that he can talk with his friend, Susan, who cannot hear. jE Klein

Lang, G. Looking Out For Sarah Describes a day in the life of a seeing eye dog, from going with his owner to the grocery store and post office, to visiting a class of school children, and playing ball. j PAR PIC Lang

Moore-Mallinos, J. I am Deaf. This book describes challenges that hearing-impaired children face, and how one child overcomes them to live a normal, happy life. Following the story are four pages of suggested activities that relate to the book's theme. A final two-page section offers advice to parents. (On order December 2016)

Moore-Mallinos, J. It's OK to Be Me: Just Like You, I Can Do Almost Anything. The child in this story must stay in a wheelchair. Sometimes, he feels bad because he is left out of things by his classmates. One day, watching his friends play basketball, he has an idea. He decides that even while remaining in his wheelchair, he too can learn to play the game. Four pages presenting activities

for children appear at the back of each book, followed by a two-page section for parents, with tips on explaining the subject in more detail. (On order December 2016)

Petrillo, G. Keep Your Ear on the Ball. Everybody wants to help Davey. "Let me open that." "Do you want to hold my hand?" Davey has one answer for all, "Thanks, but no thanks." Davey is blind--and he is perfectly capable of doing everything on his own. His well-meaning classmates stop offering help when they see how able Davey is. They respect his self-reliance--until he tries to play kickball. After several missed kicks and a trampled base keeper, no one wants Davey on his team. Working together, the children figure out a way to offer help that respects Davey's unique abilities and his desire for freedom.
j PAR PIC Petrillo

Scattarella, C. The Boy Who Learned Upside Down. Alex, a kid with learning disabilities, is miserable at school. When he tries to read, the letters sprout arms, legs, skateboards even stiletto heels and escape off the page. "I give up!" he says, "Why can't I just be like everyone else?" Then his teacher challenges Alex and something amazing happens! j PAR PIC

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Are Blind. Simple text and photographs describe children who are blind, their challenges and adaptations, and their similarities with others.
jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Are Deaf. Simple text and photographs describe the condition of deafness and some of the everyday activities of children who are deaf. jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Use Wheelchairs. Simple text and illustrations discuss the challenges of being in a wheelchair, why some children cannot walk, and how those who use a wheelchair function at school and at play. jE Schaefer

Schaefer, L. Some Kids Wear Leg Braces. Describes some of the reasons children might be required to wear leg braces and how they are helpful.
jE Schaefer

Testa, M. Thumbs Up, Rico! In three separate stories, a boy with Down syndrome makes a new friend, helps his sister with a difficult decision, and finally draws a picture he likes. j Testa

Thompson, M. My Brother, Matthew. Though David knows frustration and resentment at times, he feels he understands his disabled little brother even better than his parents; and together the two boys experience a great deal of joy.
j 362.3 Thompson

Tupper Ling, N. My Sister, Alicia May. Older sister Rachel tells the story of her relationship with Alicia, her younger sister who is very different and very special because she has Down syndrome. j PAR PIC Tupper