

Specially Me Picture Books



Youth Services

E/Fiction
Alexander

Back to Front and Upside Down by Claire Alexander

While the rest of the class makes birthday cards for the principal, Stanley struggles with his words and letters.

E/Fiction
Anderson

Erik the Red Sees Green by Julie Anderson

When Erik begins having problems at school and in soccer, he discovers he's color blind.

E/Fiction
Best

My Three Best Friends by Cari Best

Zulay is a blind girl longing to be able to run in the race on field and track day at her school.

E/Fiction
Cocca-Leffler

Janine by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Janine is one of a kind. She focuses on the positive while navigating life with disabilities. She makes a difference just by being herself.

E/Fiction
Elliott

Just Because by Rebecca Elliott

A younger brother describes all the fun he has with the big sister he loves so much but who has special needs, and he delights in telling about everything they do together.

E/Fiction
Khan

King for a Day by Rukhsana Khan

Even though he is confined to a wheelchair, a Pakistani boy tries to capture the most kites during Basant, the annual spring kite festival, and become "king" for the day.

E/Fiction
Lears

Nathan's Wish: A Story About Cerebral Palsy by Laurie Lears

A boy with cerebral palsy helps out at a raptor rehabilitation center and is inspired himself when an owl that cannot fly finds another purpose in life.

E/Fiction
Lyon

The Pirate of Kindergarten by George Ella Lyon

GINNY'S eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double, but when she goes to vision screening at school, she learns that her double vision can be cured.

E/Fiction
Peete

My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete

Young Callie tells what it is like living with her autistic twin brother who sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words, but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy.

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Petrillo
Keep Your Ear on the Ball by Genevieve Petrillo
Davey, a blind student, refuses all help from his new classmates, even while playing kickball at recess, until they find a way to help without doing everything for him.
- E/Fiction
Polacco
The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco
A class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be “junkyard wonders.”
- E/Fiction
Ries
Aggie Gets Lost by Lori Ries
Ben and Aggie are playing in the park when she chases a ball and does not return, but after looking for and worrying about her, Ben speaks with his blind friend, Mr. Thomas, who suggests a different approach.
- E/Fiction
Reynolds
I'm Here by Peter H. Reynolds
In a crowded park, a boy makes an airplane out of a piece of paper carried to him by a gentle breeze, sends it on its way, and watches a new friend bring it back to him.
- E/Fiction
Rudolph
All My Stripes: A story for Children with Autism by Shania Rudolph
Zane rushes home to tell his mother about problems he faced during his school day, and she reminds him that while others may only see his "autism stripe," he has stripes for honesty, caring, and much more.
- E/Fiction
Shirley
Best Friend on Wheels by Debra Shirley
A young girl relates all of the ways she and her best friend, Sarah, are alike, in spite of the fact that Sarah uses a wheelchair.
- E/Fiction
Tupper Ling
My Sister, Alicia May by Nancy Tupper Ling
Rachael and Alicia are like any sisters, but Rachel knows her sister is very different and very special because she has Down syndrome.
- Easy Reader
Suen
Helping Sophia by Anatasia Suen
When Sophia's helper is absent, her fellow third-graders help out by learning how to push her wheelchair.
- Nonfiction:**
- J/616.858842
PAR
I Know Someone with Down Syndrome by Victoria Parker
Presents basic information about what Down syndrome is, what might cause it, how people deal with it, and what it is like to have a friend with Down syndrome.
- J/617.033
BAR
I Know Someone Who Uses a Wheelchair by Sue Barraclough
Introduces readers to wheelchairs, how using a wheelchair affects people, and how to be a good friend to someone who uses a wheelchair.