Key to age group or grade level:

**AC** = Adult Read to Children. For Pre-K to Grade 3, ranging from 10 to 30 pages, with illustrations; typically designed for parents to read to their children.

**JE** = Juvenile Easy Reader. For children who are beginning to read on their own, such as those in Grades 1-2; ranging from 30 to 80 pages; illustrations are included to break up the text.

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

**YA** = Young Adult. For young adults in Grades 5-12; more complicated plots and topics of general interest to the young adult population.

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**AC**

**Title:** A.D.D. not B.A.D.
**Author:** Audrey Penn
**Publisher:** Child and Family Press, Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 440 First St. NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20001-2085; 2003
**Disability:** Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder
**Story Profile:** Jimmy Jumpingbean can't sit still, and his fellow students just can't understand why. With the help of their teacher, Mr. Jugador, Jimmy's classmates are able to put themselves into Jimmy's shoes—both literally and figuratively.
**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** All About My Brother
**Author:** Sarah Peralta
**Publisher:** Autism Asperger Publishing Co., PO Box 23173, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66283-0173; 2002
**Disability:** Autism
**Story Profile:** Eight-year-old Sarah Peralta demystifies autism by giving us insights into the world of her younger brother, who is nonverbal. Sarah encourages others to approach autism without fear or pity.
**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** All Kinds of Friends, Even Green!
**Author:** Ellen B. Senisi
**Publisher:** Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 2002
**Disability:** Spina Bifida
**Story Profile:** The teacher gives Moses and his class an assignment to write about a friend. His friend Katie has an iguana named Zaki who is missing toes, making it hard for her to climb. Moses writes about Zaki because he and Zaki both have special needs. More than just a story about friendship, this book looks at difference in a clever yet subtle way.

**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** A Very Special Friend  
**Author:** Dorothy Hoffman Levi  
**Publisher:** Gallaudet University Press, Kendall Green, 800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-3695; 1989  
**Disability:** Deafness

**Story Profile:** Frannie, a lonely little girl, discovers a new friend when a deaf girl moves in next door.

**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** Be Good to Eddie Lee  
**Author:** Virginia Fleming  
**Publisher:** Philomel Books, Putnam & Grosset Group, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016  
**Disability:** Down Syndrome

**Story Profile:** Eddie Lee, a young boy with Down syndrome, follows the neighborhood children into the woods to find frog eggs. They try to make him stay home.

**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** Eukee: The Jumpy Jumpy Elephant  
**Author:** Clifford L. Corman and Esther Trevino  
**Publisher:** Specialty Press; 1995  
**Disability:** Attention Deficit Disorder

**Story Profile:** Eukee is a smart little elephant who likes to chase butterflies, blow bubbles, and do cartwheels. He always feels jumpy inside, however, and can never finish the march at school.

**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** Happy Birthday Jason  
**Author:** C. Jean Cutbill and Diane Rawsthorn  
**Publisher:** IPI Publishing Ltd., 50 Prince Arthur Ave, #306, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1B5 Canada; 1984  
**ISBN #:** ISBN-0-920702-37-6 N/A  
**Disability:** Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability

**Story Profile:** A delightful story that will help children better understand their world by understanding that children with learning disabilities are more similar to other children than they are different.

**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism  
**Author:** Laurie Lears  
**Publisher:** Albert Whitman and Company, 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 1998  
**Disability:** Autism

**Story Profile:** Tara feels frustrated while taking a walk with her autistic brother, Ian. After she becomes separated from him, she learns to appreciate Ian’s world.

**Reading Level:** AC
Title: Keith Edward's Different Days  
Author: Karen Melberg Schwier  
Publisher: Impact Publishers  
Disability: Down Syndrome; Physical Disabilities  
Story Profile: Keith meets a variety of people with differences, including Down syndrome and physical differences, and learns that being different is okay.  
Reading Level: AC

Title: Lee: The Rabbit with Epilepsy  
Author: Deborah M. Moss  
Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fisher's Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1989  
Disability: Epilepsy  
Story Profile: Lee is a young rabbit who experiences occasional blackouts and trances. After Dr. Bob, the wise owl, administers a series of tests, Lee is told she has epilepsy.  
Reading Level: AC

Title: Leo the Late Bloomer  
Author: Robert Kraus  
Publisher: Harper Collins, 1971  
Disability: Developmental Delays  
Story Profile: Leo is a tiger cub who just can't keep up with what the other animals are doing. He can't read, write, or speak, and he is a sloppy eater; he's a late bloomer.  
Reading Level: AC

Title: My Brother, Matthew  
Author: Mary Thompson  
Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1992  
Disability: Mental Retardation  
Story Profile: David is a young boy who describes life with his younger brother who was born with a mental disability.  
Reading Level: AC

Title: Rolling Along: The Story of Taylor and His Wheelchair  
Author: Jamee Riggio Heelan  
Publisher: Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Dixon Education and Training Center, 345 E. Superior Street, Suite 1641, Chicago, IL 60611; 2000  
Disability: Cerebral Palsy  
Story Profile: A young boy enjoys his new mobility with his first wheelchair.  
Reading Level: AC
Title: Russ and the Almost Perfect Day
Author: Janet Elizabeth Rickert
Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 2001
Disability: Down Syndrome
Story Profile: Recent book in a series about Russ, a boy with Down syndrome, who has a great day going to school and playing with friends. He takes responsibility for a mistake and feels good about himself.
Reading Level: AC

Title: Stretching Ourselves: Kids with Cerebral Palsy
Author: Alden R. Carter
Publisher: Albert Whitman and Company, 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 2000
Disability: Cerebral Palsy
Story Profile: Profiles three young students with cerebral palsy, showing how they live their lives like kids without cerebral palsy. It explains about cerebral palsy.
Reading Level: AC

Title: Talking to Angels
Author: Esther Watson
Publisher: Harcourt Brace, 525 B Street, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101-4495; 1996
Disability: Autism
Story Profile: Christa is a girl with autism who is described in this picture book by her sibling. She is described and illustrated in her favorite sounds and textures and interactions with others.
Reading Level: AC

Title: The ADDed Touch
Author: Robyn Watson
Publisher: Silver Star Publications, 2033 Linglestown Road, PMB 383, Harrisburg, PA 17110; 2000
Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder
Story Profile: Matthew is in first grade and has trouble paying attention, and making friends. He finds that he has attention deficit disorder, and learns strategies to help in class and with his friends.
Reading Level: AC

Title: Thomas Alva Edison: Great Inventor
Author: David A. Adler
Publisher: Holiday House
Disability: Deafness
Story Profile: Thomas Edison's life and his many inventions, despite his deafness, that shape our lives today.
Reading Level: AC
**Title:** What Do You Mean I Have a Learning Disability?  
**Author:** Kathleen M. Dwyer  
**Publisher:** Walker and Company, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019; 1991  
**Disability:** Learning Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** 10-year-old Jimmy is having problems at school and believes he is stupid. After a parent-teacher conference, he is tested and found to have a learning disability.  
**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** What It's Like to Be Me  
**Author:** Helen Exley  
**Publisher:** Friendship Press, 1984  
**Disability:** Various Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** Children from all over the world write about themselves and their disabilities. They tell us how they see themselves and how they want to be seen. All of the illustrations are created by the children.  
**Reading Level:** AC

**Title:** You Can Call Me Willy. A Story for Children about AIDS  
**Author:** Joan C. Verniero  
**Publisher:** Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 19 Union Square W, New York, NY 10003; 1995  
**Disability:** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)  
**Story Profile:** Willy is an 8-year-old girl with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Describing her life, she shares her hobbies, friends, family life, and aspects of her medical care. (Note: This was the only children's book selected by "Good Morning America" for its Millennium Time Capsule.)  
**Reading Level:** AC

**JE**

**Title:** Andy Finds a Turtle  
**Author:** Nan Holcomb  
**Publisher:** Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1988  
**Disability:** Physical Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** Andy is told he acts like a turtle with his legs and arms drawn in tight - but Andy doesn't know what a turtle is, so he goes in search of one and discovers something important about himself.  
**Reading Level:** JE

**Title:** Anna Joins In  
**Author:** Katrin Arnold  
**Publisher:** Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37202  
**Disability:** Cystic Fibrosis  
**Story Profile:** Anna is a young girl who has a difficult pattern to her days because she has cystic fibrosis.  
**Reading Level:** JE
Title: Buddy's Shadow  
Author: Shirley Becker  
Publisher: Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1991  
Disability: Down Syndrome  
Story Profile: Buddy, a 5-year-old boy with Down Syndrome, purchases a puppy.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Charlie's Chuckle  
Author: Clara Widess Berkus  
Publisher: Woodbine House, 5615 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; 1992  
Disability: Down Syndrome  
Story Profile: Charlie, a 7-year-old with Down syndrome, likes riding a bike. On one bike ride he wanders into a disputatious city council meeting and brings humor and harmony to the argumentative adults.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Eddie Enough!  
Author: Debbie Zimmett  
Publisher: Woodbine House, 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 2001  
Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder  
Story Profile: Eddie has a rough day at school. He has trouble paying attention, bumps into things, and some kids in his class make fun of him. After he learns he has ADD, his parents and teachers help him come up with strategies for improving his days at school.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book about Understanding and Celebrating Each Other  
Author: Cindy Gainer  
Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 400 First Avenue North, Suite 616, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1724; 1998  
Disability: General Disabilities  
Story Profile: Children interact with people who are different from themselves; discover skills that make them unique; and explore the ways they are like and unlike others.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Joey and Sam  
Author: Illana Katz and Edward Ritvo  
Publisher: Real Life Story Books; 1993  
Disability: Autism  
Story Profile: Sam is 5 and has autism, and Joey is his 6-year-old brother. They describe an ordinary day at home and at school, showing how they are different and alike.  
Reading Level: JE
Title: Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope  
Author: Trudy Krisher  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co., 6340 Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053; 1992  
Disability: Cancer  
Story Profile: Kathy is a young girl who loses her hair as a result of chemotherapy.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Looking Out for Sarah  
Author: Glenna Lang  
Publisher: National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen St., Boston, MA 02115; 2001  
ISBN #: 0-88106-647-8  
Disability: Visual Impairments  
Story Profile: Told from a guide dog's perspective, this book shows the relationship between a guide dog and a young woman who is blind.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Sarah and Puffle: A Story for Children about Diabetes  
Author: Linnea Mulder  
Publisher: Henry Holt  
Disability: Diabetes  
Story Profile: Sarah feels resentful of the limitations the diabetes places on her activities until a stuffed animal (Puffle) comes to life and offers her encouraging rhymes on coping.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Sarah's Surprise  
Author: Nan Holcomb  
Publisher: Jason and Nordic Publishers, PO Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; 1990  
Disability: Articulation Impairments  
Story Profile: Six-year-old Sarah has used a picture board to communicate. With the help of her speech therapist she gives everyone a surprise at her mother's birthday party.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Sosu's Call  
Author: Meshack Asare  
Publisher: Kane/Miller Book Publishers, PO Box 8515, LaJolla, CA 92038-8515; 2002  
Disability: Physical disabilities  
Story Profile: Sosu is a young boy with a physical disability who lives in Ghana. He feels left out of many village activities until he is called upon to show his strength.  
Reading Level: JE

Title: Taking Dyslexia to School  
Author: Lauren E. Moynihan  
Publisher: JayJo Books, 135 Dupont St., PO Box 760, Plainview, NY 11803-0760; 2002  
Disability: Dyslexia/learning disabilities  
Story Profile: Matt explains his dyslexia and tells about strategies he uses.  
Reading Level: JE
Title: Taking Tourette Syndrome to School
Author: Tira Krueger
Publisher: JayJo Books, 135 Dupont St., PO Box 760, Plainview, NY 11803-0760, www.jayjo.com; 2002
ISBN #: ISBN-1-891383-12-4
Disability: Tourette Syndrome
Story Profile: An informative story about Tourette Syndrome, told from the point of view of a child who has Tourette syndrome.
Reading Level: JE

Title: The Hangashore
Author: Geoff Butler
Publisher: Tundra Books, PO Box 1030, Plattsburgh, NY 12901; 1998
Disability: Down Syndrome/Mental Retardation
Story Profile: Newfoundland story of a young man with Down syndrome who displays courage and kindness towards a judgmental government official.
Reading Level: JE

Title: The Bob (Butterbean) Love Story
Author: Terry Page and Bob Love
Publisher: Boo Books, Inc., PO Box 201128, Chicago, Illinois 60620-1128; 1995
Disability: Speech Impairments
Story Profile: The autobiography of a basketball player with a speech impediment.
Reading Level: JE

Title: Thumbs Up, Rico!
Author: Maria Testa
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co., 6340 Oakton Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723; 1990
Disability: Down Syndrome
Story Profile: Rico is a boy with Down syndrome who loves basketball. The story describes his relationship with a neighborhood boy named Caesar, his older sister Nina, and his art class.
Reading Level: JE

Title: We Can Do It!
Author: Laura Dwight
Publisher: Checkerboard Press, Inc., 30 Vesey St., New York, NY 10007; 1992
Disability: Disabilities
Story Profile: The daily activities of five children with different kinds of disabilities. Color photographs show the children at home and at school, with family members and with peers.
Reading Level: JE

Title: We'll Paint the Octopus Red
Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 1998
Disability: Down Syndrome
Story Profile: Emma is a little girl who has a new baby brother with Down syndrome.
Reading Level: JE
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<th>Title: What About Me? When Brothers and Sisters Get Sick</th>
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<td>Author: Allan Peterkin, M.D.</td>
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<td>Publisher: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 19 Union Sq. West, New York, NY 10003; 1992</td>
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<td>Disability: Chronic Illness</td>
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<td>Story Profile: Laura is a young girl trying to cope with her brother Tom's illness and the disruption of family life. The story describes her wide range of emotions.</td>
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<td>Disability: Tourette Syndrome; Cerebral Palsy</td>
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<td>Story Profile: Adam, Chris and Matt are often harassed by bullies until they discover a magic marble.</td>
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<td>Author: Kathy Hoopmann</td>
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<td>Publisher: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106; 2001</td>
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<td>Disability: Asperger Syndrome</td>
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<td>Story Profile: Ben and his friend, Andy, discover a mystery after finding a blue bottle. As they work out the mystery, Ben is diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. His diagnosis makes it easier for him, his father, and his teacher to understand why Ben sometimes has problems at home and at school.</td>
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<td>Author: Jaye Andras Caffrey</td>
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<td>Publisher: Verbal Images Press, 19 Fox Hill Drive, Fairport, NY 14450; 1997</td>
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<td>Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder</td>
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<td>Story Profile: Paige is a young girl with ADD who is trying to win a school writing contest.</td>
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<td>Author: Joan Fassler</td>
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<td>Publisher: Albert Whitman &amp; Co.; 1975</td>
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<td>Disability: Cerebral Palsy</td>
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<td>Story Profile: Howie has cerebral palsy. He gets around in a wheelchair, or rather, other people get him around in his wheelchair. More than anything, Howie wants to move that chair himself.</td>
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How Many Days Until Tomorrow?
Caroline Janover
Woodbine House
Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability
Story Profile: Josh is a 12-year-old who has dyslexia. When he spends a summer on an island with his grandparents, he develops strengths and discovers new talents.
Reading Level: JF

I'm Joshua and "Yes I Can"
Joan Lenett Whinston
Vantage Press, Inc., 516 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001; 1989
Disability: Cerebral Palsy
Story Profile: Joshua, a young boy with cerebral palsy, describes his fears and insecurities about his disability on his first day in first grade.
Reading Level: JF

Margaret's Moves
Bernice Rabe
Dutton
Disability: Spina bifida
Story Profile: Margaret is 9-years-old and blames her wheelchair for slowing her down.
Reading Level: JF

My Friend Ben
Wanda Gilberts Kachur
Peytral Publications, PO Box 1162, Suite 976, Minnetonka, MN 55345; 1997
Disability: Head Injuries
Story Profile: Narrated through the eyes of a classmate, this story tells of Ben, a boy with traumatic brain injury who is included in a general education, third-grade class.
Reading Level: JF

My Name Is Brain Brian
Jeanne Betancourt
Scholastic Inc., 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003; 1993
Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability
Story Profile: Brian, a sixth-grade boy is diagnosed as having dyslexia. His initial trepidation at being singled out for attention is gradually replaced by enthusiasm for learning new ways of learning.
Reading Level: JF

Rosie: A Visiting Dog's Story
Stephanie Calmenson
Disability: Disabilities
Story Profile: Rosie, a Tibetan terrier who is trained to work as a visiting dog, provides therapeutic comfort and entertainment to children and adults who are hospitalized or in nursing homes.
Reading Level: JF
Title: Sara's Secret
Author: Suzanne Wanous
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books; 1995
Disability: Cerebral Palsy
Story Profile: Justin is five with cerebral palsy and mental retardation. He "can't walk or talk, or even sit up," but, he still makes his sister happy. She is not happy, when her teacher plans a unit on disabilities. She doesn't want people to know about her brother.
Reading Level: JF

Title: Sparky's Excellent Misadventures: My ADD Journal by me (Sparky)
Author: Phyllis Carpenter and Marti Ford
Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder
Story Profile: This is the imaginary journal of Sparky, a young boy with ADD. Sparky tells funny and not so funny stories about his life at school, at home, and with friends.
Reading Level: JF

Title: The Flying Fingers Club
Author: Jean F. Andrews
Publisher: Kendall Green
Disability: Deafness
Story Profile: Donald is a third grader who is bitter about repeating it when he meets Matt, who comes to class with an interpreter because he is deaf; they become fast friends.
Reading Level: JF

Title: Wrongway Applebaum
Author: Marjorie Lewis
Publisher: Coward
Disability: Learning Disabilities
Story Profile: Stanley is in fifth grade when his awkwardness and inability to tell left from right conflict with his family's interest in baseball.
Reading Level: JF

Title: Zipper, The Kid with ADHD
Author: Caroline Janover
Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; 1997
Disability: Attention Deficit Disorder
Story Profile: Zachary, a fifth-grader with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has trouble concentrating until a jazz musician recognizes his talent, and gives him the motivation to try to do better.
Reading Level: JF
YA

Title: A Thousand Lights
Author: Hope Benton
Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996
Disability: Hearing Impairments
Story Profile: Two brothers, one with a hearing impairment, climb Mt. Fuji in Japan.
Reading Level: YA

Title: Best Friends
Author: Hope Benton
Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996
Disability: Physical Disabilities
Story Profile: Kathryn, who uses a wheelchair, coaches her friend in coping with a broken leg.
Reading Level: YA

Title: Bus Girl
Author: Gretchen Josephson
Publisher: Brookline Books, PO Box 1047, Cambridge, MA 02238; 1997
Disability: Down Syndrome
Story Profile: Gretchen, through poetry, describes her emotional development toward independence and adult relationships.
Reading Level: YA

Title: Deaf Girls Rule
Author: Wendy Tiefenbacher, Ed.
Publisher: Gallaudet University Press, Washington, DC 20002; 2001
Disability: Hearing impairments
Story Profile: This book of photographs highlights the 1998-1999 women's basketball team at Gallaudet University. The story in pictures of a team of deaf women who advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.
Reading Level: YA

Title: Don't Stop The Music
Author: Robert Perske
Publisher: Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37202; 1986
Disability: Cerebral Palsy
Story Profile: Follow our teen hero and heroine (with cerebral palsy) through thrills, romance, and adventure all rolled into this "who-done-it".
Reading Level: YA

Title: Dyslexia My Life: One Man's Story of His Life with a Learning Disability
Author: Girard J. Sagmiller
Publisher: DML, PO Box 537, Smithville, MO 64089-0537; 1995
Disability: Reading Disability, Dyslexia, Learning Disability
**Story Profile:** Girard's autobiography dealing with dyslexia chronicles his struggles to overcome ignorance and prejudice to succeed in school, business, and life.

**Reading Level:** YA

**Title:** Extraordinary People with Disabilities  
**Author:** Deborah Kent and Kathryn A. Quinlan  
**Publisher:** Children's Press, 1996  
**Disability:** Various Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** Nearly 50 men and women with mental or physical disabilities are profiled in this collection including well-known figures as: Thomas Edison, Harriet Tubman, Tom Cruise, and Chris Burke.  
**Reading Level:** YA

**Title:** Franklin D. Roosevelt: Gallant President  
**Author:** Barbara Feinberg  
**Publisher:** Lothrop, Lee & Shepard  
**Disability:** Poliomyelitis  
**Story Profile:** A biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
**Reading Level:** YA

**Title:** Idea Man  
**Author:** Karen Melberg Schwier  
**Publisher:** Diverse City Press, 1997  
**ISBN #:** ISBN-1-896230-09-1  
**Disability:** Down Syndrome  
**Story Profile:** Erin is angry when her parents leave her overnight with family friends, whose son, has Down syndrome. Erin doesn't want to be seen with him but realizes she misjudged him after he helps her with a homework assignment.  
**Reading Level:** YA

**Title:** Probably Still Nick Swansen  
**Author:** Virginia Euwer Wolff  
**Publisher:** Holt  
**Disability:** Learning Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** Sixteen-year-old Nick has a learning disability and other kids make fun of him. He has to take special classes, his date for the prom makes an excuse not to go out with him, and he is not sure about his place in the world.  
**Reading Level:** YA

**Title:** Reach for the Moon  
**Author:** Samantha Abeel  
**Publisher:** Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 210 West Michigan, Duluth, MN 55802; 1997  
**Disability:** Learning Disabilities  
**Story Profile:** Samantha, a 13-year-old girl with a learning disability, provides a collection of illustrated poems and stories. She writes about her difficulties in school and the encouragement of her English teacher to develop her writing talent.  
**Reading Level:** YA
Title: Stevie Wonder  
Author: John Swenson  
Publisher: Harper & Row  
Disability: Blindness  
Story Profile: Stevie Wonder’s life from his birth in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1950 through his rapid rise as a Motown artist in the early 1960s and up to his present-day work.  
Reading Level: YA  

Title: The Baby-sitters Club #32: Kristy and the Secret of Susan  
Author: Ann M. Martin  
Publisher: Scholastic Inc., 555 Broadway, New York, New York, 10012; 1990  
Disability: Autism  
Story Profile: Kristy babysits a child with autism after school and is fascinated to learn about autism and other disabilities. She deals with her own assumptions, other students’ perceptions of children with special needs, and other disability issues.  
Reading Level: YA  

Title: Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs  
Author: Donald Meyer, Ed.  
Publisher: Woodbine House, Inc., 6510 Bells Mill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; 1997  
Disability: Disabilities  
Story Profile: 45 siblings share their experiences. The children whose essays are featured range in age from 4 to 18 with a variety of disabilities.  
Reading Level: YA  

Title: Whoa, Nellie!  
Author: Hope Benton  
Publisher: Open Minds, Inc., PO Box 21325, Columbus, OH 43221-0325; 1996  
Disability: Physical Disabilities  
Story Profile: A story of a young girl, Kathryn, who happens to have a physical disability and uses a wheelchair, her friends, and their experiences at summer camp as they search for a favorite horse.  
Reading Level: YA

Excerpted from a list published by CEC, Council for Exceptional Children. For the full list go to:  
http://ericec.org/fact/kidbooks.html

For other resources on children’s books about disability go to:  
http://www.kidsource.com/NICHCY/literature.html