

## Special Needs Bibliography

Sorted by Call Number / Author.

- 362.1 GIL Gilman, Laura Anne. Coping with cerebral palsy. New York : Rosen Pub. Group, 2001.  
This book describes cerebral palsy, tells how it is diagnosed and treated, and provides strategies for coping with the disorder.
- 362.4 RAT Ratto, Linda Lee. Coping with a physically challenged brother or sister. 1st ed. New York : Rosen Pub. Group, 1992.  
Young people talk about how they feel as siblings of the physically handicapped.
- 362.4 SAN Sanders, Pete. People with disabilities. Brookfield, Conn. : Copper Beech Books, 1998.  
Discusses what it means to have a physical impairment or learning disability and the effects of such challenges on the disabled person and those around him.
- 371.9 CLA Clayton, L. (Lawrence). Coping with a learning disability. 1st ed. New York : Rosen Pub. Group, 1992.  
Discusses learning disabilities and what can be done to overcome the special problems associated with them.
- 616.85 GIR Girod, Christina M. Down syndrome. San Diego, Calif. : Lucent Books, 2000.  
This book explains Down syndrome, a genetic disorder, including information on the overall development of children with Down syndrome from infancy through the adult years.
- 617.8 TAY Taylor, Barbara, 1938-. Living with deafness. New York : F. Watts, 1989.  
Discusses various forms and degrees of deafness, how it may be caused and how it can be treated, and how individuals cope with it.
- 618.3 SHN Shniderman, Nancy. Drugs and birth defects. 1st ed. New York : Rosen Pub. Group, 1993.  
Explains the dangers that various drugs can pose to pregnant women and their unborn children, discussing birth defects such as fetal alcohol syndrome and the effects of cocaine and heroin.
- 811 ABE Abeel, Samantha, 1977-. Reach for the moon : stories and poems. Duluth, Minn. : Pfeifer-Hamilton, c1994.  
Stories and poetry, written by a girl with learning disabilities, reflects her feelings and experiences.
- 921 HAW Ferguson, Kitty. Stephen Hawking : quest for a theory of the universe. New York : Franklin Watts, c1991.  
Presents the life of the British theoretical physicist who has taken the study of cosmology farther than most in his field, despite the need for a wheelchair and computer in order to travel and communicate.
- 921 HAW Henderson, Harry, 1951-. Stephen Hawking. San Diego, CA : Lucent Books, c1995.
- 921 KEI Wisniewski, David. Sundiata : lion king of Mali. New York : Clarion Books, c1992.  
The story of Sundiata, who overcame physical handicaps, social disgrace, and strong opposition to rule Mali in the thirteenth century.
- 921 KEL Kudlinski, Kathleen V. Helen Keller : a light for the blind. New York : Puffin Books, 1991.  
Blind and deaf from infancy, Helen Keller works to prove to herself and others, that there are no limits to what can be achieved by handicapped people.

- 921 KEL Nicholson, Lois, 1949-. Helen Keller : humanitarian. New York : Chelsea House Publishers, c1996.  
The life story of Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf, but was able to find her way out of a world of darkness and silence to become a best-selling author, popular lecturer, political activist, and renowned humanitarian.
- 921 KEL Norwich, Grace. I am Helen Keller. New York : Scholastic, c2012.  
A biography of deaf and blind human rights activist Helen Keller.
- 921 KEL Thompson, Gare. Who was Helen Keller? New York : Grosset & Dunlap, c2003.  
Tells Helen Keller's life story, describing her loss of her sight and hearing in childhood, her learning of language skills with the help of Annie Sullivan, her work to earn her college degree, her fame, and her efforts to help others with disabilities.
- 921 KEL Wepman, Dennis. Helen Keller. New York : Chelsea House, c1987.  
Describes how a woman left blind and deaf from a childhood illness overcame her handicaps to become a noted writer and humanitarian.
- AUD FIC DEA De Angeli, Marguerite. The door in the wall. New York : BDD Audio, p1998.  
Read by Roger Rees. Robin wants to become a knight like his father, but suffers from a crippling disease. He is bitter until a kind monk shows him the door in the wall.
- AUD FIC PHI Philbrick, W. R (W. Rodman). Freak the Mighty. Old Greenwich, CT : Listening Library, p1998.  
Read by Elden Henson. At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.
- FIC ALP Alpert, Mark, 1961-. The Six. Naperville, Ill. : Sourcebooks Fire, [2015].  
Adam, crippled by muscular dystrophy, and five other terminally ill teenagers sacrifice their bodies and upload their minds into weaponized robots to battle a dangerously advanced artificial intelligence program bent on destroying humanity.
- FIC AND Anderson, Rachel, 1943-. The bus people. 1st American ed. New York : Holt, [1992].  
The lives of the passengers on Bertram's "fruit-cake bus" are shaped by the experiences and problems each has faced because of different disabilities.
- FIC AVI Avi, 1937-. Prairie school. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2001.  
In 1880, Noah's aunt teaches the reluctant nine-year-old how to read as they explore the Colorado prairie together, Noah pushing Aunt Dora in her wheelchair.
- FIC BAN Bang, Molly. Tiger's fall. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, 2001.  
After eleven-year-old Lupe is partially paralyzed in an accident in her Mexican village, other handicapped people help her realize that her life can still have purpose.
- FIC BAN Banks, Sara H., 1942-. Under the shadow of wings. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1997.  
During 1944, life in rural Alabama brings changes for eleven-year-old Tattnell as she realizes that she cannot always protect her older, brain-damaged cousin.
- FIC BAS Baskin, Nora Raleigh. Anything but typical. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2009.  
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.

- FIC BLO Bloor, Edward, 1950-. Tangerine. New York : Scholastic, [1998].  
Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.
- FIC BLO Bloss, Joan W. Brothers of the heart : a story of the old Northwest, 1837-1838. 2nd Aladdin Books ed. New York : Aladdin ;, 1993.  
Shem spends six months in the wilderness alone with a dying Indian woman, who helps him, not only to survive, but to mature to the point where he can return to his family and the difficulties of life as a person with a physical handicap in a frontier village.
- FIC BUC Buchanan, Dawna Lisa. The falcon's wing. New York : Orchard Books, c1992.  
After her mother's death, twelve-year-old Bryn tries to make a new life when her taciturn father moves them to a rural community in Canada to live with her elderly aunt and her cousin Winnie, a loving girl with Down syndrome.
- FIC BYA Byars, Betsy Cromer. The summer of the swans. New York, N.Y. : Puffin Books, 1981, c1970.  
A teen-age girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.
- FIC CHO Choldenko, Gennifer, 1957-. Al Capone does my homework. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013.  
"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"--.
- FIC CHO Choldenko, Gennifer, 1957-. Al Capone does my shirts. New York : Putnam's, c2004.  
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.
- FIC CHO Choldenko, Gennifer, 1957-. Al Capone shines my shoes. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2009.  
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.
- FIC CON Conly, Jane Leslie. Crazy lady! 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, 1993.  
As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.
- FIC CRU Crutcher, Chris. The crazy horse electric game. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1987.  
A high school athlete, frustrated at being handicapped after an accident, runs away from home and is helped back to mental and physical health by a black benefactor and the people in a special school where he enrolls.
- FIC CUM Cummings, Priscilla, 1951-. Blindsided. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2010.  
After years of failing eyesight, fourteen-year-old Natalie reluctantly enters a school

for the blind, where in spite of her initial resistance she learns the skills that will help her survive in the sighted world.

- FIC CUR Curtis, Marci Lyn. The one thing. Los Angeles ; : Disney-Hyperion, 2015.  
After losing her sight--and the future she dreamed of--seventeen-year-old Maggie meets the one person with the ability to help her see all the possibilities life still holds.
- FIC DEA De Angeli, Marguerite, 1889-. Door in the wall. New York : Scholastic Book Services, c1949.  
A crippled boy in fourteenth-century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the King.
- FIC DEA De Angeli, Marguerite, 1889-. The door in the wall. New York : Doubleday, 1989, c1949.  
A crippled boy in fourteenth-century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the King.
- FIC DEN Denenberg, Barry. Mirror, mirror on the wall : the diary of Bess Brennan. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic, 2002.  
In 1932, a twelve-year-old girl who lost her sight in an accident keeps a diary, recorded by her twin sister, in which she describes life at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts.
- FIC DEW DeWoskin, Rachel. Blind. New York, N.Y. : Viking, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), 2014.  
After a horrific accident leaves her blind, fifteen-year-old Emma, one of seven children, eagerly starts high school as a sophomore, and finds that nearly everything has changed--sometimes for the better.
- FIC DOW Dowell, Frances O'Roark. Dovey Coe. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2000.  
Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a stronged-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.
- FIC DRA Draper, Sharon M. (Sharon Mills). Out of my mind. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2010.  
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.
- FIC FER Ferris, Jean, 1939-. Of sound mind. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001.  
Tired of interpreting for his deaf family and resentful of their reliance on him, high school senior Theo finds support and understanding from Ivy, a new student who also has a deaf parent.
- FIC FLE Fleischman, Paul. Mind's eye. 1st ed. New York : Holt, 1999.  
A novel in play form in which sixteen-year-old Courtney, paralyzed in an accident, learns about the power of the mind from an elderly blind woman who takes Courtney on an imaginary journey to Italy using a 1910 guidebook.
- FIC HAM Hamilton, Virginia. Bluish : a novel. New York : Blue Sky Press, c1999.  
Ten-year-old Dreenie feels both intrigued and frightened when she thinks about the girl nicknamed Bluish, whose leukemia is making her pale and causing her to use a wheelchair.

- FIC HER Hermann, Spring. Seeing lessons : the story of Abigail Carter and America's first school for blind people. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, 1998.  
When ten-year-old Abby Carter attends the newly established school for the blind in Boston in 1832, she proves that blind people can learn and be independent.
- FIC HUN Hunt, Irene. The everlasting hills. New York : Scribner, c1985.  
When a bitter mountain man cannot accept his twelve-year-old son's mental retardation, the boy wanders into the wilderness and finds in a stranger the father he has never had.
- FIC JOR Jordan, Sherryl. The raging quiet. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1999.  
Suspicious of sixteen-year-old Marnie, a newcomer to their village, the residents accuse her of witchcraft when she discovers that the village madman is not crazy but deaf and she begins to communicate with him through hand gestures.
- FIC KEH Kehret, Peg. My brother made me do it. New York : Pocket Books, c2000.  
In letters to an elderly pen pal, eleven-year-old Julie describes how her mischievous younger brother is always getting her in trouble, how she is dealing with painful juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and how she struggles to finish a fund-raising race on crutches.
- FIC KEY Keyes, Daniel. Flowers for Algernon. Bantam ed. New York : Bantam, 1975, c1966.  
After being mentally retarded for all of his thirty-two years, Charlie Gordon undergoes an operation designed to change his life.
- FIC LAW Lawrence, Iain, 1955-. The giant-slayer. 1st ed. New York : Delacorte Press, c2009.  
When her eight-year-old neighbor is stricken with polio in 1955, eleven-year-old Laurie discovers that there is power in her imagination as she weaves a story during her visits with him and other patients confined to iron lung machines.
- FIC LIK Likhanov, Al'bert Anatol'evich. Shadows across the sun. 1st American ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1983.  
A disabled girl and a lonely boy discover first love in their small neighborhood in Moscow.
- FIC LOR Lord, Cynthia. Rules. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2006.  
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 an young paraplegic.
- FIC LOW Lowry, Lois. The silent boy. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2003.  
Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a retarded boy.
- FIC MAR Martin, Ann M., 1955-. A corner of the universe. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2002.  
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.
- FIC MET Metzger, Lois. Ellen's case. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1995.  
When sixteen-year-old Ellen Gray finds herself attracted to the lawyer in charge of the malpractice case related to her four-year-old brother's cerebral palsy, she

becomes involved in the trial and gains a new perspective on her own life and options for her future.

- FIC MIK      Mikaelson, Ben, 1952-. Petey. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1998. In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.
- FIC PAL      Palacio, R. J. Auggie & me : three wonder stories. 1st omnibus ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, [2015].  
Three previously-published novellas that shed further light on the world of Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, set before he entered Beecher Prep and during his first year there and told from other characters' points of view. "The Julian Chapter" reveals why the bully dislikes Auggie so much. "Pluto" is about the lifelong friendship between Auggie and Christopher. And, finally, "Shingaling" offers a view of how the girls at Beecher Prep see Auggie when he first comes on the scene.
- FIC PAL      Palacio, R. J. Wonder. 1st ed. New York : Knopf, c2012.  
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- FIC PHI      Philbrick, W. R (W. Rodman). Freak the mighty. New York : Scholastic, c1993.  
At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.
- FIC POL      Polacco, Patricia. The junkyard wonders. New York : Philomel Books, c2010.  
Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."
- FIC SAC      Sachar, Louis,. Small steps. New York : Delacorte Press, 2006.  
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.
- FIC SAC      Sachar, Louis, 1954-. The cardturner : a novel about a king, a queen, and a joker. 1st ed. New York : Delacorte Press, c2010.  
When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative. Includes appendix by Syd Fox with information about bridge.
- FIC SEL      Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck : a novel in words and pictures. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic, 2011.  
Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

- FIC STE Steele, Allen M. Apollo's outcasts. Amherst, NY : Pyr, 2012.  
Jamey Barlowe, who has been in a wheelchair since his childhood, has been sent to the Moon after coups d'état has toppled the American government. He soon finds that one of his fellow refugees is more important than she first seemed.
- FIC TRU Trueman, Terry. Stuck in neutral. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2000.  
Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.
- FIC VAN Van Draanen, Wendelin. The running dream. 1st ed. New York : Knopf, c2011.  
When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.
- PB FIC VAN Van Draanen, Wendelin. The running dream. 1st Ember ed. New York : Ember, 2012, c2011.  
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