



# Books Featuring Characters with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



## Books with Physically Disabled Characters

Title	Author	Suitable For
Mama Zooms (wheelchair)	Jane Cowen-Fletcher	2-5 year olds
Come Over to my House (disability)	Daniel Gray-Barnett	2-7 year olds
Splash (limb difference – arm)	Claire Cashmore	3-6 year olds
Hattie and Friends – A Day at the Zoo (wheelchair)	Lesley Berrington	3-7 year olds
Hattie and Friends – A Day at the Farm (crutches)	Lesley Berrington	3-7 year olds
What Happened to You? (limb difference - leg)	James Catchpole & Karen George	3-7 year olds
Amazing (wheelchair)	Steve Anthony	3-6 year olds
Emmanuel's Dream, the True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah (limb difference - leg)	Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls	4-8 year olds
Hello Goodbye Dog (wheelchair)	Maria Gianferrari	4-8 year olds
My Friend Suhana (cerebral palsy)	Shaila Addullah	4-8 year olds
Awesomely Emma (limb differences)	Amy Webb	4-9 year olds
When Charley Met Emma (limb differences)	Amy Webb	4-9 year olds
Seal Surfer (mobility aids)	Michael Foreman	5-8 year olds
Rescue and Jessica, a life changing friendship (service dog)	Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes	5-9 year olds
An Alien in the Jam Factory (cerebral palsy)	Chrissie Sains	7-9 year olds
Break the Mould (range of disabilities)	Sinead Burke	7-13 year olds
Me and Mister P: Joe's New World (wheelchair)	Maria Farrer	7+ year olds
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus (limb difference - arms)	Dusti Bowling	8-12 year olds
The Thing About Georgie (dwarfism)	Lisa Graff	8-12 year olds
How to Roller Skate with One Leg (limb difference – leg)	Ella Dove	9-12 year olds
Cyborg cat: Rise of the Parsons Road Gang (mobility aid)	Ade Adepitan	9-12 year olds
Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest (limb difference)	Susan Brownrigg	9-12 year olds
Roll with it (wheelchair)	Jamie Sumner	10+ year olds
Out of my Mind (cerebral palsy)	Sharon M Draper	10-13 year olds
The War that Saved my Life (club foot)	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	10-14 year olds
The Running Dream (limb difference - leg)	Wendelin Van Draanen	12-14 year olds
Lizzie! (paralysed/wheelchair)	Maxine Kumin	12-14 year olds
I Have No Secrets (cerebral palsy)	Penny Joelson	12-14 year olds
Eye Can Write: A Memoir of a Child's Silent Soul Emerging (cerebral palsy)	Jonathan Bryan	12-14 year olds
One in a Hundred Thousand (rare medical condition)	Linni Ingemundsen	12-15 year olds
A Curse so Dark and Lonely (cerebral palsy)	Brigid Kemmerer	12-18 year olds
Sing if You Can't Dance (medical condition)	Alexia Casale	12+ year olds

## Books with Hard of Hearing/Deaf Characters

Ling Ling Bird Hears with his Magic Ears	Tanya Saunders	0-3 year olds
At the Bottom of My Garden	Sue Searle	0-4 year olds
Leo the Lion's Birthday Party	Mark Mitchell	0-4 year olds
Elephant and the Lost Blanket	Alex Naidoo	0-5 year olds

Ada and the Helpers	Travis Peterson	0-6 year olds
The Visible Sounds	Yin Jianling and Yu Rong	0-7 year olds
Moses Goes to School	Isaac Millman	2-6 year olds
Come Over to my House	Daniel Gray-Barnett	2-7 year olds
Freddie and the Fairy	Julia Donaldson	3-6 year olds
What the Jackdaw Saw	Julia Donaldson	3-6 year olds
Gracie's Ears	Debbie Blackington	3-6 year olds
Hattie and Friends -A Day at the Park	Lesley Berrington	3-7 year olds
Bessie Needs Hearing Aids	Jenna Harmke	3-7 year olds
Dachy's Deaf	Jack Hughes	3-8 year olds
Mighty Mila: An Inclusive Children's Book about an Unstoppable Deaf Girl	Katie Petruzzello	3-8 year olds
The Adventures of Billie BAHA and her Super HEARO friends!	Jessica Jordan-Hogan	3-8 year olds
C.I Quest	Tanya Saunders	3-8 year olds
Some Fairies Wear Hearing Aids	Penny Gill	3-8 year olds
I've Never Sawn That Before	Kristin Blakely	3-8 year olds
I'm Deaf and That's OK	Emily Bisby	4-6 year olds
JoJo's Tiny Ear	Stefania Munzi-Logus	4-6 year olds
I am Deaf	Jennifer Moore-Mallinos	4-7 year olds
Daisy and Ted's Awesome Adventures	Alex Naidoo	4-7 year olds
Jake and Jasmine to the Rescue	Karen Harlow	4-7 year olds
Fairy Magic	Cerrie Burnell	4-8 year olds
A Button in Her Ear	Ada Bassett Litchfield	4-8 year olds
I Have a Sister, My Sister is Deaf	Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson	4-8 year olds
Rivers Walk	Nathalie Johnson	4-8 year olds
Super Kena	Becky Cymbaluk	4-8 year olds
Can Bears Ski?	Raymond Antrobus	4-8 year olds
Boy	Phil Cummings	4-8 year olds
Listening to the Quiet	Cassie Silva	5+ year olds
Proud to be Deaf	Ava Beese	5-7 year olds
Lucy: Loud and Clear	Laila Lavan	5-7 year olds
The William Hoy Story	Nancy Churnin	5-7 year olds
Harriet Versus the Galaxy	Samantha Baines	5-10 year olds
Ranvir Cannot Hear	Genevieve Yusuf	5-10 year olds
Dodger Dog Meets Shea	Karen Gee	5-10 year olds
Ling Ling Bird Seen and Heard	Tanya Saunders	6-8 year olds
Major and Mynah	Karen Owen	6-8 year olds
Lizzie and Lucky: The Mystery of the Missing Puppies	Megan Rix	6-8 year olds
Swop, The Satsuma-Sized Secret	Lucy Noguera	6-10 year olds
Song for a Whale	Lynne Kelly	6-11 year olds
Harriet Versus the Galaxy	Samantha Baines	6-11 year olds
The Quest for the Cockle Implant	Maya Wasserman	7-11 year olds
The Boy in the Jam Jar	Joyce Dunbar	7-11 year olds
Max and the Millions	Ross Montgomery	8-11 year olds
Now Hear This, Harper Soars with her Magic Ears	Valli and Harper Gideons	8-12 year olds
The Ear Fairy	W G White	9+ year olds
Hello Universe	Erin Entrada Kelly	9-12 year olds
Deaf Children Crossing	Marlee Matlin	9-12 year olds
Nobody's Perfect	Marlee Matlin	9-12 year olds
Hurt Go Happy	Ginny Rorby	9-12 year olds

War of the Wind	Victoria Williamson	9-12 year olds
River of Ink: Genesis	Helen Dennis	9-13 year olds
Echo Come Home	Megan Rix	9-14 year olds
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Feathers	Jacqueline Woodson	10-12 year olds
T4	Ann Clare LeZotte	10-12 year olds
Max and the Millions	Ross Montgomery	10-14 year olds
Signs and Voices – A Deaf Fantasy Comic Series (Kindle)	Zamurrad Naqvi	11+ year olds
Future Girl	Asphyxia	12+ year olds
The Silent Striker	Pete Kalu	13+ year olds
Ketchup Clouds	Annabel Pitcher	14+ year olds
A quiet Kind of Thunder	Sara Barnard	15-18 year olds
The Salt-Stained Boat	Julia Jones	15-19 year olds
There will be Lies	Nick Lake	15-25 year olds
Dark Pines	Will Dean	19-25 year olds

### Books with Visually Impaired/Blind Characters

Off to the Park!	Stephen Cheetham	0-5 year olds
The seeing Stick	Jane Yolen	2-6 year olds
The Secret Code	Dana Meachen Rau	2-7 year olds
Sense of Play	Dana Meachen Rau	2-7 year olds
Hattie and Friends – A Day at the Seaside	Lesley Berrington	3-7 year olds
The Black Book of Colours	Menena Cottin	3-8 year olds
I Can't See, But...I Can Imagine	Patricia Wilson	4+ year olds
My Travelin' Eye	Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	4-7 year olds
Cinnamon	Neil Gaiman	4-8 year olds
Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum	Robert Andrew Parker	4-8 year olds
Yuko-Chan and the Daruma Doll	Sunny Seki	4-8 year olds
Knots on a Counting Rope	Bill Martin	4-8 year olds
The Pirate of Kindergarten	George Ella Lyon	4-8 year olds
Luna and the Big Blur	Shirley day	4-8 year olds
The Patch	Justine Chen Hadley	5-6 year olds
My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay	Cari Best	5-8 year olds
Toto the Ninja Cat	Dermot O'Leary	5-8 year olds
Grady Gets Glasses	Dede Rittman	6-8 year olds
Lucy's Picture	Nicola Moon	6-11 year olds
White Cane Day	Kristen Grendner	6-12 year olds
Keep Your ear on the Ball	Genevieve Petrillo	7-10 year olds
The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree	Paola Peretti	8-12 year olds
The View from Under the Pew	Diane Winters-Johnson	8-12 year olds
As Brave as You	Jason Reynolds	9-12 year olds
The Sound of Colours	Jimmy Liao	9-12 year olds
Blindsided	Priscilla Cummings	10+ year olds
Blind	Rachel Dewoskin	11-14 year olds
Things the Eye Can't See	Penny Joelson	12+ year olds
Not if I See You First	Eric Lindstrom	12+ year olds
What We All saw	Mike Lucas	12+ year olds
The Heart of Applebutter Hill	Donna W Hill	12+ year olds

<b>Books with Characters with a Medical Need</b>		
Alexis has a Cleft Lip	Tracilyn George	0-12 year olds
Using a Colostomy Bag	Harriet Bundle	3+ year olds
These Lips (cleft)	Julie Cwir	3+ year olds
Beth and her Cleft	Dr Nicolas Bastidas & Natalia Scabusa	3+ year olds
See What I Can Do! (epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, asthma)	Jon Roberts	4-9 year olds
My Other Life (asthma)	Polly Ho-Yen	7+ year olds
When I see Blue (OCD)	Lily Bailey	9-11 year olds
Jayben and the Golden Torch (epilepsy)	Homas Leeds	9-11 year olds
The Tiger Who Sleeps Under my Chair (mental health, epilepsy)	Hannah Foley	9-12 year olds
Talking to Alaska (epilepsy)	Anna Woltz	10-13 year olds

### **Books on Gender Diversity and Identity**

It Feels Good to be Yourself	Theresa Thorn	4-8 year olds
I am Jazz	Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings	4-8 year olds
Gender Swapped Fairy Tales	Karrie Fransman and Jonathan Plackett	4-10 year olds

### **Books with Autistic/ADHD/Neurodivergent Characters**

Bear – a Story of Autism and Difference	Val Jones	2-7 year olds
This Beach is Loud! (sensory processing)	Samatha Cotterill	2+
The Zoo Inside Me (feelings)	Ruth Doyle	3-5 year olds
My Friend Manny (ADHD)	Jodie Adams	3-7 year olds
It was Supposed to be Sunny (autism)	Samantha Cotterill	3-7 year olds
My Brother Charlie (Autism)	Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete	4-8 year olds
A Friend like Simon (autism)	Kate Gaynor	4-8 year olds
Loud! (neurodivergent)	Rose Robbins	4-9 year olds
Through the Eyes of Us (autism)	Jon Roberts	5-7 year olds
The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: the Story of Dr Temple Grandin (autism)	Julia Finley Mosca	5-8 year olds
A Boy Called Bat (autism)	Elana K Arnold	6-10 year olds
A Whole New Ballgame (autism)	Phil Bildner	7-12 year olds
Leo and the Octopus (autism)	Chris Nixon & Isabelle Marinov	7+ year olds
Leah's Voice (autism)	Lori Demonia	8-12 year olds
Benji, the Bad Day and Me (neurodiversity)	Sally J PLa	9-10 year olds
The Infinite – Fight Crime Across Time (neurodiversity)	Patience Agbabi	9-12 year olds
Show Us Who You Are (autism)	Ellie Nicholl	9-12 year olds
Not if I Can Help It (sensory processing)	Carolyn Mackler	9-12 year olds
Frankie's World (autism)	Aiofe Dooley	9-14 year olds

A Different Sort of Normal (autism)	Abigail Balfe	9-14 year olds
The Boy with the Butterfly Mind (ADHD)	Victoria Williamson	10-12 year olds
All the Pieces of Me (autism)	Rebecca Westcott & Libby Scott	10-14 year olds
Anna (aspergers)	Laura Gutherie	12-14 year olds

### Books with Downs Syndrome Characters

The Abilities in Me – Down Syndrome	Gemma Keir	3+ year olds
Ellie	Ellie Goldstein	4-7 year olds
Hannah's Down Syndrome Superpowers	Lori Leigh Yarborough	5+ year olds
A Storm of Strawberries	Jo Coetterill	9-12 year olds
The Good Hawk	Joseph Elliott	12-14 year olds
Rosie Loves Jack	Mel Darbon	12-14 year olds

### Difference

We're All Wonders (Facial differences)	RJ Palacio	3-6 year olds
The Same but Different too	Karl Newson	4-8 year olds
Born Different (NFI – Facial differences)	Amit Ghose	4-10 year olds
Forget Me Not (Tourettes)	Ellie Terry	10-13 year olds

### Books with Characters who have Speech and Language Needs

Call Me Lion (reluctant talker)	Camilla Chester	7-10 year olds
I am Lenny Brown (mute)	Dan Freedman	8-9 year olds
Wilddoak (only talks to animals)	C C Harrington	9-12 year olds
A Quiet Kind of Thunder (reluctant talker)	Sara Barnard	12+ year olds

### Books with Characters who have Dyslexia

Thank You, Mr Falkner	Patricia Polacco	5-7 year olds
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	14-16 year olds