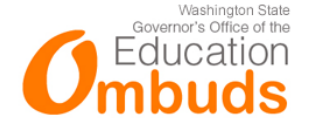


Book Resource Guide

Below is a list of forty fiction and nonfiction books compiled from [Diverse Book Finder](#), [The Schneider Family Book Awards](#), [Disability in KidLit](#), [Ramp Your Voice!](#), and recommendations from the Office of the Education Ombuds. There are a variety of picture books, chapter books, and novels listed for a range of reading levels and interests, organized by grade level.



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<i>Back to Front and Upside Down</i>	Claire Alexander	2012	It's the principal Mr. Slipper's birthday, and while the rest of the class gets busy writing cards for the occasion, Stan becomes frustrated when his letters come out all in a muddle. Stan is afraid to ask for help, until a friend assures him that nobody's good at everything. And after lots and lots of practice, Stan's letters come out the right way round and the right way up.	Learning Disability	Intro to Disability Allyship	K-3
<i>Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah</i>	Laurie Ann Thompson	2015	Born in Ghana with a physical disability, Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah experienced stigma as a result of his disability. Yeboah worked with Ghanaian legislation to uphold equal rights for people with disabilities.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	K-3
<i>My Brother Charlie</i>	Ryan Elizabeth Peete and Holly Robinson Peete	2016	Twins Callie and Charlie have a lot in common, but they are also very different: Charlie has autism and Callie does not. Callie narrates the story, describing what autism is and exploring the world with her brother.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	K-3
<i>A Splash of Red</i>	Jen Bryant	2013	Born in Pennsylvania in 1888, Horace Pippin loved to draw and paint as a child. Later wounded as a soldier in WWI, he never regained full use of his right arm. Back home, Pippin began painting again, using his left arm to guide his right. Painting subjects drawn mainly from observation, memory, family stories, and the Bible, this self-taught African American artist is an important figure in American history.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Disability History in the USA	1-4

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<i>Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille</i>	Jen Bryant	2016	This picture book biography of Louis Braille (1809–59) highlights Braille's determination to pursue an education. Readers will learn how he attended the Royal School in Paris and was frustrated by the lack of books for the blind, an obstacle that set him off on a long quest to invent an accessible reading system. Braille ultimately found success by simplifying a military coding technique that had earlier been introduced but was far too complex.	Blindness	Intro to Disability Disability History in the USA Allyship	1-4
<i>A Boy and a Jaguar</i>	Alan Rabinowitz	2014	Rabinowitz is a wildlife conservationist and spokesperson for the Stuttering Foundation of America. When he was a boy, he discovered that, despite severe speech challenges, he had a gift for communicating with animals. The book charts his story through college and his travels to the jungles of Belize.	Stutter	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	2-5
<i>A Dog Called Homeless</i>	Sarah Lean	2012	When Cally Fisher says she sees her dead mother, no one believes her. So Cally stops talking—what's the point if no one is listening? The only other living soul who sees Cally's mom is a mysterious wolfhound who always seems to be there when her mom appears. But without a voice, how will Cally convince anyone that her mom is still with them and that the huge silver-gray dog is their last link with her?	Selective Mutism	Intro to Disability Allyship	3-7
<i>El Deafo</i>	Cece Bell	2014	Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.	Deafness	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	3-7

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<i>Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome</i>	Robby Novak and Brad Montague	2016	In his Guide to Being Awesome, Kid President pulls together lists of awesome ideas to help the world, awesome interviews with his awesome celebrity friends (like Beyoncé, Michelle Obama, and Jeff Foxworthy!), more than 100 tips to make the world a better place, and a step-by-step guide to make pretty much everything a little bit awesomer. Grab a corndog and settle into your favorite comfy chair. Pretend it's your birthday! (In fact, treat everyone like it's THEIR birthday!)	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	3-7
<i>Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess</i>	Shari Green	2017	Through an intergenerational relationship with her neighbor, Iris, Macy learns to navigate friendships, family changes and school assignments. Iris learns to communicate with Macy through sign language, and Macy learns how Iris sends messages through the gift of cookies.	Deafness	Intro to Disability Allyship	3-7
<i>Silent Days, Silent Dreams</i>	Allen Say	2017	An imagined biography about James Castle, who was born deaf, autistic, and dyslexic, and was abused and bullied for his inability to speak or read. He was discouraged from creating art by his parents and principal, yet still created a huge and compelling body of work.	Deafness Autism Dyslexia	Intro to Disability Allyship	3-7
<i>The Real Boy</i>	Anne Ursu	2013	On an island on the edge of an immense sea there is a city, a forest, and a boy named Oscar. Oscar is a shop boy for the most powerful magician in the village, and spends his days in a small room in the dark cellar of his master's shop grinding herbs and dreaming of the wizards who once lived on the island generations ago. Oscar's world is small, but he likes it that way. The real world is vast, strange, and unpredictable. And Oscar does not quite fit in it. But now that world is changing. Children in the city are falling ill, and something sinister lurks in the forest. Oscar has long been content to stay in his small room in the cellar, comforted in the knowledge that the magic that flows from the forest will keep his island safe. Now even magic may not be enough to save it.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	3-7

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<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	2005	Naomi Soledad Leon Outlaw has had a lot to contend with in her young life, her name for one. Then there are her clothes (sewn in polyester by Gram), her difficulty speaking up, and her status at school as "nobody special." But according to Gram, most problems can be overcome with positive thinking. And with Gram and her little brother, Owen, Naomi's life at Avocado Acres Trailer Rancho in California is happy and peaceful...until their mother reappears after seven years of being gone, stirring up all sorts of questions and challenging Naomi to discover and proclaim who she really is.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	4-7
<i>Rain Reign</i>	Ann M. Martin	2014	Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different. When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	4-7
<i>The War That Saved My Life</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	2016	Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Disability History in the USA Allyship	4-7
<i>Wonderstruck</i>	Brian Selznick	2011	Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline in the newspaper, both children set out alone on desperate quests to find what they are missing.	Deafness	Intro to Disability Allyship	4-7

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<i>Anything But Typical</i>	Nora Raleigh Baskin	2010	Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a neurotypical world. Most days it's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. But Jason finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across PhoenixBird, who posts stories to the same online site as he does. Jason can be himself when he writes and he thinks that PhoenixBird could be his first real friend.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	5-9
<i>As Brave As You</i>	Jason Reynolds	2017	Genie's summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. Thunderstruck and—being a curious kid—Genie peppers Grandpop with questions about how he covers it so well (besides wearing way cool Ray-Bans).	Blindness	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	5-6
<i>Close to Famous</i>	Joan Bauer	2012	When twelve-year-old Foster and her mother land in the tiny town of Culpepper, they don't know what to expect. But folks quickly warm to the woman with the great voice and the girl who can bake like nobody's business. Soon Foster - who dreams of having her own cooking show one day - lands herself a gig baking for the local coffee shop, and gets herself some much-needed help in overcoming her biggest challenge - learning to read . . . just as Foster and Mama start to feel at ease, their past catches up to them. Thanks to the folks in Culpepper, though Foster and her mama find the strength to put their troubles behind them for good.	Learning Disability	Intro to Disability Allyship	5-6
<i>Fish in a Tree</i>	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	2017	Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities.	Dyslexia	Intro to Disability Allyship	5-6

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<i>After Ever After</i>	Jordan Sonnenblick	2010	Jeffrey isn't a little boy with cancer anymore--he's a teen in remission, but the aftereffects of treatment have left him somewhat disabled; his older brother, Steven, who had always been his support and someone he looked to for advice, took off for Africa to find himself--meanwhile, his best friend Tad is hatching a plan that involves a California girl who thinks he's cute.	Cancer	Intro to Disability Allyship	6-8
<i>Handbook For Dragon Slayers</i>	Merrie Haskell	2013	Political upheaval sends Princess Tilda fleeing from her kingdom in the company of two hopeful dragon slayers. The princess never had any interest in chasing dragons. The pain from her foot was too great, and her dream was to write a book. But the princess finds herself making friends with magical horses, facing the Wild Hunt, and pointing a sword at fire-breathing dragons. While doing things she never imagined, Tilda finds qualities in herself she never knew she possessed.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Allyship	6-8
<i>Mia Lee is Wheeling Through Middle School</i>	Melissa Shang	2016	Mia Lee is a stop-motion filmmaker with a wheelchair and a lot of sass, trying to survive her new middle school. Which doesn't seem so easy when she's running for Video Production Club President against certified Middle School Mean Girl, Angela Vanover. Things get weird when Angela starts being nice to her - well, when other people are around, at least. But when Mia's campaign posters for VP Club President mysteriously vanish - no tape, no poster, no nothin' - the presidential race gets real. With the help of her brain files, an awesome aide with keys to the whole school, and her friends, Rory, Daniela, and Caroline, Mia finds herself on a mission to prove Angela isn't just an ordinary middle school mean girl, she's a thief!	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	6-8
<i>A Time to Dance</i>	Padma Venkatraman	2015	Veda, a classical dance prodigy in India, lives and breathes dance—so when an accident leaves her a below-knee amputee, her dreams are shattered. For a girl who's grown used to receiving applause for her dance prowess and flexibility, adjusting to a prosthetic leg is painful and humbling. But Veda refuses to let her disability rob her of her dreams, and she starts all over again, taking beginner classes with the youngest dancers. Then Veda meets Govinda, a young man who approaches dance as a spiritual pursuit.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	7-9

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<i>Five Flavors of Dumb</i>	Antony John	2011	Piper is a seventeen-year-old high school senior, and she's just been challenged to get her school's super-popular rock band, Dumb, a paying gig. The catch? Piper is deaf. Can she manage a band with five wildly different musicians, nurture a budding romance, and discover her own inner rock star, though she can't hear Dumb's music?	Deafness	Intro to Disability Allyship	7-9
<i>Marcelo in the Real World</i>	Francisco X. Stork	2011	Marcelo Sandoval hears music that nobody else can hear — part of an autism-like condition that no doctor has been able to identify. But his father has never fully believed in the music or Marcelo's differences, and he challenges Marcelo to work in the mailroom of his law firm for the summer . . . to join "the real world." There Marcelo meets Jasmine, his beautiful and surprising coworker, and Wendell, the son of another partner in the firm. He learns about competition and jealousy, anger and desire. But it's a picture he finds in a file a picture of a girl with half a face that truly connects him with the real world: its suffering, its injustice, and what he can do to fight.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	7-9
<i>Somebody Please Tell Me Who I Am</i>	Harry Mazer and Peter Lerangis	2013	Ben lives a charmed life—effortlessly landing the lead in the high school musical, dating the prettiest girl in school. When he decides to enlist in the army after 9/11, no one thinks he'll be in real danger. But his decision has devastating consequences: His convoy gets caught in an explosion, and Ben ends up in a coma for two months. When he wakes up, he doesn't know where he is—or remember anything about his old life. His family and friends mourn what they see as a loss, but Ben perseveres.	Traumatic Brain Injury	Intro to Disability Allyship	7-9
<i>The Running Dream</i>	Wendelin Van Draanen	2012	Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. As she struggles to cope, Jessica feels that she's both in the spotlight and invisible. People who don't know what to say act like she's not there. Jessica's embarrassed to realize that she's done the same to a girl with cerebral palsy named Rosa. A girl who is going to tutor her through all the math she's missed. A girl who sees right into the heart of her.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Allyship	7-12

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<i>Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens</i>	Marieke Nijkamp	2018	This anthology explores disability in fictional tales told from the viewpoint of disabled characters, written by disabled creators. With stories in various genres about first loves, friendship, war, travel, and more, <i>Unbroken</i> will offer today's teen readers a glimpse into the lives of disabled people in the past, present, and future. The contributing authors are awardwinners, bestsellers, and newcomers including Kody Keplinger, Kristine Wyllys, Francisco X. Stork, William Alexander, Corinne Duyvis, Marieke Nijkamp, Dhonielle Clayton, Heidi Heilig, Katherine Locke, Karuna Riazzi, Kayla Whaley, Keah Brown, and Fox Benwell. Each author identifies as disabled along a physical, mental, or neurodiverse axis—and their characters reflect this diversity.	Mental Illness Physical Disability Sensory Disability Intellectual Disability	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	7-12
<i>Blind Spot</i>	Laura Ellen	2012	Seventeen-year-old Tricia Farni's body floated to the surface of Alaska's Birch River six months after the night she disappeared. The night Roz Hart had a fight with her. The night Roz can't remember. Roz, who struggles with macular degeneration, is used to assembling fragments to make sense of the world around her. But this time it's her memory that needs piecing together—to clear her name . . . to find a murderer. This unflinchingly emotional novel is written in the powerful first-person voice of a legally blind teen who just wants to be like everyone else.	Blindness	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12
<i>Girls Like Us</i>	Gail Giles	2015	Quincy and Bidy are both graduates of their high school's special ed program, but they couldn't be more different. When they're thrown together as roommates in their first "real world" apartment, it initially seems to be an uneasy fit. But as Bidy's past resurfaces and Quincy faces a harrowing experience that no one should have to go through alone, the two of them realize that they might have more in common than they thought — and more importantly, that they might be able to help each other move forward.	Intellectual Disability	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12

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<i>History is All You Left Me</i>	Adam Silvera	2017	When Griffin's first love and ex-boyfriend, Theo, dies in a drowning accident, his universe implodes. Even though Theo had moved to California for college and started seeing Jackson, Griffin never doubted Theo would come back to him when the time was right. But now, the future he's been imagining for himself has gone far off course. To make things worse, the only person who truly understands his heartache is Jackson. But no matter how much they open up to each other, Griffin's downward spiral continues. He's losing himself in his obsessive compulsions and destructive choices, and the secrets he's been keeping are tearing him apart.	OCD	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	8-12
<i>Not Otherwise Specified</i>	Hannah Moskowitz	2015	Etta is tired of dealing with all of the labels and categories that seem so important to everyone else in her small Nebraska hometown. Everywhere she turns, someone feels she's too fringe for the fringe. Not gay enough for the Dykes, her ex-clique, thanks to a recent relationship with a boy; not tiny and white enough for ballet, her first passion; not sick enough to look anorexic (partially thanks to recovery). Etta doesn't fit anywhere—until she meets Bianca, the straight, white, Christian, and seriously sick girl in Etta's therapy group. Both girls are auditioning for Brentwood, a prestigious New York theater academy that is so not Nebraska. Bianca might be Etta's salvation...but can Etta be saved by a girl who needs saving herself?	Eating Disorder	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	8-12
<i>Queens of Geek</i>	Jen Wilde	2017	Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger and actress promoting her first movie at SupaCon, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought. Taylor likes to blend in. Her brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie—no matter how much she may secretly want it to. But when she hears about a fan contest for her favorite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe.	Autism	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12

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<i>Rose Under Fire</i>	Elizabeth Wein	2013	While flying an Allied fighter plane from Paris to England, American ATA pilot and amateur poet, Rose Justice, is captured by the Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious women's concentration camp. Trapped in horrific circumstances, Rose finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery and friendship of her fellow prisoners.	Physical Disability	Intro to Disability Disability History in the USA Allyship	
<i>Skim</i>	Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki	2010	"Skim" is Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan goth who goes to a private girls' school in the early '90s. When her classmate Katie Matthews is dumped by her boyfriend, who then dies by suicide — the entire school goes into mourning overdrive. Suicide, depression, love, homosexuality, crushes, cliques of popular, manipulative peers — the whole gamut of teen life is explored in this poignant glimpse into the heartache of being 16.	Depression	Intro to Disability Intersectionality Allyship	8-12
<i>The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B</i>	Teresa Toten	2015	Hazel and Augustus meet in a group setting for those affected by obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). Each group member takes on a superhero persona for sessions at the urging of their psychologist. Through Adam, Toten examines what it means to have OCD. Adam also deals with the usual teenage problems of love, friendships, school, and divorced parents.	OCD	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12
<i>Two Girls Staring at the Ceiling</i>	Lucy Frank	2014	Chess, the narrator, is sick, but with what exactly, she isn't sure. And to make matters worse, she must share a hospital room with Shannon, her polar opposite. Where Chess is polite, Shannon is rude. Where Chess tolerates pain silently, Shannon screams bloody murder. Where Chess seems to be getting slowly better, Shannon seems to be getting worse. How these teenagers become friends, helping each other come to terms with their illness, makes for a dramatic and deeply moving read.	Crohn's Disease	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12
<i>When We Collided</i>	Emery Lord	2017	17 year-old Jonah Daniels has lived in Verona Cove, California, his whole life, and only one thing has ever changed: his father used to be alive, and now he is not. With a mother lost in a deep bout of depression, Jonah and his five siblings struggle to keep up their home and the restaurant their dad left behind. But at the start of summer, Vivi Alexander, the new girl in town arrives.	Mental Illness	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12

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<i>You're Welcome, Universe</i>	Whitney Gardner	2017	Julia is an artist; her medium graffiti. She thrives on the thrill of creating and the risk of getting caught. When she is expelled from her school for the deaf, Julia seeks to find balance between feeling invisible and her desire to be seen. Her friendship with "hearie" YP unexpectedly enhances her life and art.	Deafness	Intro to Disability Allyship	8-12