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Disability Book List

JUNIOR FICTION (suitable for all ages)



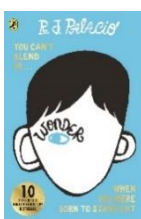
The Secret of Haven Point by Lisette Auton –In this magical adventure, Haven Point is a refuge for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong, but their existence is under threat from Outsiders. The diverse cast includes a variety of disabled characters.



The Good Hawk by Joseph Elliott –In a mythic Scotland, two unlikely heroes must make a treacherous journey to save their people. Agatha, the heroine, has Down's Syndrome.



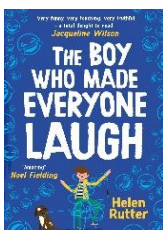
Things The Eye Can't See by Penny Joelson –Life is uneventful for visually impaired artist and photographer Libby until the day she is accosted by a former classmate. She and her guide dog Samson become drawn into a strange mystery, finding clues and unravelling facts.



Wonder by RJ Palacio – Born with a significant facial abnormality, Auggie has always been homeschooled but is about to start school for the first time. Can he convince his classmates that he's just like them, underneath? The main character has Treacher-Collins syndrome.



The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell –A quartet of children set out to right a wrong in this fantastic adventure story set in 1930s New York. The main character is a polio survivor who has chronic pain in her legs and feet.



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter – The hilarious yet moving story of a boy who is desperate to make it as a stand-up comic, despite the fact that he has a pronounced stammer. The author wrote the book for her son, who has a stammer.

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS (Year 8 and above, year 7 with parental permission)



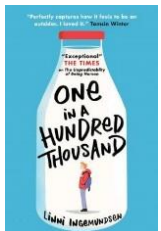
Future Girl by Asphyxia – A deaf teenager comes of age against the backdrop of a near-future Melbourne on the brink of environmental catastrophe. Her mum wants her to ‘pass’ as hearing but a new friend reveals a world where deafness is to be celebrated, rather than hidden.



A Quiet Kind of Thunder by Sara Barnard – Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life. When Rhys, a deaf boy, joins her school she is assigned to look after him due to her knowledge of sign language. A love story about finding your voice.



Rosie Loves Jack by Mel Darbon – When circumstances separate Rosie from her boyfriend she runs away to London in search of him. A formidable mission for anyone, even more so for Rosie who has Down's Syndrome.



One in a Hundred Thousand by Linni Ingemudsen – Sander has Silver-Russell syndrome which means he is smaller than other kids in school, a place where the biggest and the loudest get all the attention. A coming-of-age story about friendship, fitting in and standing out.



The World Between Us by Sarah Ann Juckes – Bed-bound from an unnamed virus since she was 10, Alice experiences the world through StreamCast video games. Everything changes when she is introduced to a new streamer...



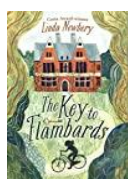
A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer – Cursed by an enchantress to repeat the autumn of his 18th year, Prince Rhen can only be saved by a girl falling in love with him. A dark fantasy retelling of Beauty and the Beast stars Harper, a heroine with cerebral palsy.



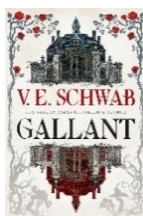
There Will Be Lies by Nick Lake –Shelby has lead a incredibly sheltered life until she and her mother set out on a winding road trip to the Grand Canyon, running from dangers only her mother understands. A taut, twisting thriller in which the main character is deaf.



Truly, Wildly, Deeply by Jenny McLachlan – Feisty, passionate Annie has cerebral palsy and is starting college, determined to be independent. And then she meets Fab. A funny, heart-warming teen romance.



The Key to Flambards by Linda Newbery – When 14 year-old Grace is hit by a car whilst out running she must adjust to life as an amputee, at Flambards, the historical old house where her mother works.



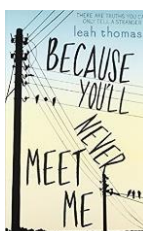
Gallant by VE Schwab –A girl is summoned to a mysterious estate where she must follow two rules: don't stay out after dusk and stay away from the border wall. Beyond it lies an ancient magical realm that is calling to her... The main character is mute.



She is Not invisible by Marcus Sedgwick – A 16 year-old blind girl and her brother cross the Atlantic in search of their father. A twisty, action-packed mystery offering subtle insight into experiencing the world without sight.

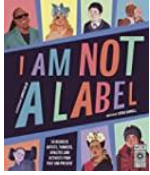


You, Me and Our Heartstrings by Melissa See – this thought-provoking teen romance stars a heroine with cerebral palsy and a boy with severe anxiety. When their music performance goes viral, their newfound fame exposes them to patronising ableism.

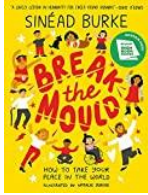


Because You'll Never Meet Me by Leah Thomas – Two boys with life-limiting illnesses begin an unlikely friendship that will change their lives forever. Ollie has a severe allergy to electricity and Moritz's weak heart requires a pacemaker.

NON-FICTION BOOKS



I Am Not a Label by Cerrie Burnell – An anthology of profiles of 34 disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists from the past and present. Subjects range from Beethoven and Frida Kahlo to modern Paralympians and those with hidden disabilities.



Break the Mould by Sinead Burke – Activist, author and little person Sinead Burke draws on her own experiences and encourages young readers to believe in themselves, have pride in who they are and use their voice to make the world a fairer, more inclusive place.

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