No Matter the Distance
by Cindy Baldwin
JF Baldwin
Finding a dolphin stranded in the creek behind her house as her cystic fibrosis flares up, Penny forms a connection with the stranded creature she names Rose and must get Rose back to her pod.

A Perfect Mistake
by Melanie Conklin
JF Conklin
To remember the events on the night that left his friend Will in a coma, Max enlists the help of a classmate and aspiring journalist, but not everyone wants the truth to be revealed.

Figure It Out, Henri Weldon
by Tanita S. Davis
JF Davis
New seventh-grader Henri expects her learning disability to give her problems, but she doesn’t expect a feud with her sister over her new friends, joining the girls’ soccer team, and discovering poetry.

Will on the Inside
by Andrew Eliopulos
JF Eliopulos
After Will is sidelined from the soccer season and his friend group due to complications from his newly diagnosed Crohn’s disease, he finds himself figuring out who he really is on the inside.

Flipping Forward Twisting Backward
by Alma Fullerton
JF Fullerton
Claire is the best gymnast on her team, but she cannot read. Now Claire must tackle her reading challenges so that she doesn’t jeopardize her spot in the qualifiers.

Hummingbird
by Natalie Lloyd
JF Lloyd
Twelve-year-old Olive, who is seen as fragile due to brittle bone disease, searches for a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that could possibly make her most desperate, secret wish come true.

Hannah Sharpe Cartoon Detective
by Janet Tashjian
JF Tashjian
Hannah, an 11-year-old cartoonist with autism spectrum disorder, uses her curiosity, creativity, and amazing memory to investigate her family’s newest Airbnb resident.

Catastrophe
by Sherri Winston
JF Winston
Amateur sleuths Wednesday and her service dog Woof must employ their keen skills of detection when Mrs. Winters’ cat goes missing right before her big trip to Paris.

Books for children that help build understanding and compassion on disabilities and inclusion
Juvenile Picture Books

I Am a Masterpiece!
by Mia Armstrong
Down syndrome makes Mia a masterpiece. She helps others understand friends, classmates, and family members who may also be neurodivergent.

Different: A Great Thing To Be!
by Heather Avis
Macy points to a kinder world where differences are celebrated.

Big Truck Playdate
by Laurie Carmody
When his school hosts a semi-truck event, the crowd quickly leaves Corey feeling overwhelmed.

What Happened to You?
by James Catchpole
Constantly seen first for his disability, Joe is fed up with people only ever asking about his leg. All he wants to do is play pirates.

Charlie Makes a Splash!
by Holly Robinson Peete
Showing the world that even though he has autism, autism doesn't have him, Charlie finds solace and empowerment in water as he has many adventures.

Ninja Nate
by Markette Sheppard
Adopting a ninja alter ego to cope with a new disability, Ninja Nate wears his costume to hide his robotic leg and learns that he can be part boy, part robot, and all Nate.

Lost Inside My Head
by Vigg
Inspired by growing up with ADHD. Follow Vincent as he struggles to focus and concentrate then discovers he just has to learn how to see things in his own way.

Juvenile Nonfiction

Different Kinds of Minds: A Guide To Your Brain
by Temple Grandin
The author, with her knack for making science easy to understand, explains different types of thinkers and how all minds need to work together to create solutions to help solve real-world problems.

We Want To Go to School!
by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
Recounts the true story of a landmark case that led to laws ensuring children with disabilities would receive a free, appropriate, public education.

Disability Etiquette
by Nicole Evans
Authored by writers with disabilities, this book explores the do's and don'ts of disability etiquette and how to talk about disability.

Juvenile Early Reader

Henry, Like Always
by Jenn Bailey
Henry, a first grader on the autism spectrum, attempts to navigate friendships and sudden changes in classroom routines—like a parade on Friday instead of share time.

Crazy for Apples
by C.L. Reid
Loving everything about apple-picking season, from the crisp autumn weather and colorful leaves to the numerous treats that her family makes with ripe apples, Emma embarks on an adventure complemented by an ASL fingerspelling chart.