

## The Canadian Children's Book Centre's List of Disability-Themed Books for Kids and Teens

### **Addy's Race**

#### **(Orca Young Readers)**

written by Debby Waldman  
Orca Book Publishers, 2011  
ISBN 978-1554699247  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-11

#### **Junior Fiction**

*main character is hearing impaired*

### **Are You Seeing Me?**

written by Darren Groth  
Orca Book Publishers, 2015  
ISBN 978-1459810792  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up

#### **Young Adult Fiction**

*main character's twin brother has unnamed brain condition that can cause him to feel anxious, have difficulty communicating and display inappropriate behaviours*

### **Better Than Weird**

written by Anna Kerz  
Orca Book Publishers, 2011  
ISBN 978-1554693627  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12

#### **Junior Fiction**

*main character has unspecified challenges — impulsive, has difficulty concentrating*

### **Boy in Motion:**

#### **Rick Hansen's Story**

written by Ainslie Manson  
illustrated by Renné Benoit  
Greystone Books, 2007  
ISBN 978-1553652526  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5-10

#### **Non-Fiction**

*biography of athlete with spinal injury*

### **Burn**

written by Alma Fullerton  
Dancing Cat Books, 2010  
ISBN 978-1897151952  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up

#### **Young Adult Fiction**

*main character's sister is autistic*

### **Camp Outlook**

Written by Brenda Baker  
Second Story Press, 2014  
ISBN 978-1927583357  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-13

#### **Junior Fiction**

*main character's brother has Down syndrome*

### **The Case of the Snack Snatcher (West Meadows Detectives, Book 1)**

written by Liam O'Donnell  
illustrated by Aurélie Grand  
Owlkids Books, 2015  
ISBN 978-1771470698  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 7-10

#### **Early Chapter Book**

*main characters have various special needs*

### **Emily Included**

written by Kathleen McDonnell  
Second Story Press, 2011  
ISBN 978-1926920337  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 8-12

#### **Non-Fiction**

*girl with cerebral palsy fights to attend school*

### **Encore Edie**

written by Annabel Lyon  
Puffin Canada, 2011  
ISBN 978-0143177418  
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14

#### **Intermediate Fiction**

*main character's cousin has Down syndrome*

### **The Encyclopedia of Me**

written by Karen Rivers  
Arthur A. Levine Books/  
Scholastic, 2012  
ISBN 978-0545310284  
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14

#### **Intermediate Fiction**

*main character's brother is autistic*

### **Fragile Bones: Harrison & Anna (One-2-One, Book 1)**

written by Lorna Schultz Nicholson  
Clockwise Press, 2015  
ISBN 978-0993935107

Grades 7-8 / Ages 13 and up

#### **Young Adult Fiction**

*one of two main characters has Asperger's syndrome*

### **Free as a Bird**

written by Gina McMurchy-Barber  
Dundurn Press, 2010  
ISBN 978-1554884476  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up

#### **Young Adult Fiction**

*main character has Down syndrome*

### **From Charlie's Point of View**

written by Richard Scrimger  
Tundra Books, 2005  
ISBN 978-0887766794  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 11-14

#### **Intermediate Fiction**

*main character is blind*

### **The Giant-Slayer**

written by Iain Lawrence  
Delacorte Press, 2009  
ISBN 978-0385733762  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12

#### **Junior Fiction**

*main and secondary characters have polio*

### **How to Be a Friend**

written by Nancy Wilcox Richards  
illustrated by Annabelle Métayer  
ISBN 978-1443104852  
Scholastic Canada, 2011  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-9

#### **Early Chapter Book**

*main character has epilepsy*

**Ink Me****(Seven the series)**

written by Richard Scrimger  
Orca Book Publishers, 2012  
ISBN 978-1459800168  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12-14

**Young Adult Fiction**

*main character has learning disabilities*

**The Kayak**

written by Debbie Spring  
Thistledown Press, 2010  
ISBN 978-1897235713  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up

**Young Adult Fiction**

*main character is paraplegic*

**Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War**

written by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch  
Pajama Press, 2011  
ISBN 978-0986949517  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 8-12

**Non-Fiction**

*main character has polio*

**Lily and the Mixed-Up Letters**

written by Deborah Hodge  
illustrated by France Brassard  
Tundra Books, 2007  
ISBN 978-0887767579  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-9

**Picture Book**

*main character has reading disability*

**The Losers' Club**

written by John Lekich  
Annick Press, 2002  
ISBN 978-1550377521  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 13 and up

**Young Adult Fiction**

*main character has cerebral palsy*

**The Manager**

written by Caroline Stellings  
Cape Breton University Press, 2013  
ISBN 978-1927492475  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up

**Young Adult Fiction**

*main character has some sort of learning disability*

**Maxed Out****(Orca Currents)**

written by Daphne Greer  
Orca Book Publishers, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554699810  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 10-14

**Middle Years Fiction (Hi-Lo)**

*main character's brother is special needs*

**The Moon Children**

written by Beverley Brenna  
Red Deer Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-0889953789  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 10-13

**Intermediate Fiction**

*fetal alcohol spectrum disorder*

**One Step at a Time: A Vietnamese Child Finds Her Way**

written by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch  
Pajama Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1927485026  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 8-12

**Non-Fiction**

*main character has polio*

**My Name Is Blessing**

written by Eric Walters  
illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes  
Tundra Books, 2013  
ISBN 978-1770493018  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-12

**Picture Book**

*main character has a physical disability*

**Out of Darkness:****The Jeff Healey Story**

written by Cindy Watson  
Dundurn, 2010  
ISBN 978-1554887064  
Grades 7-8 / Ages 12 and up

**Non-Fiction**

*biography of blind musician*

**Prove It, Josh**

written by Jenny Watson  
Sono Nis Press, 2013  
ISBN 978-1550392111  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12

**Junior Fiction**

*main character has dyslexia*

**Rain Shadow**

written by Valerie Sherrard  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2014  
ISBN 978-1554553419  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12

**Junior Fiction**

*main character has special needs and her sister dies of polio*

**Rick Hansen: A Life in Motion (Larger Than Life)**

written by Don Quinlan  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2013  
ISBN 978-1554551965  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12

**Non-Fiction**

*biography of athlete with spinal injury*

**Roll On: Rick Hansen Wheels Around the World**

written by Ainslie Manson  
illustrated by Ron Lightburn  
Greystone Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1771002684  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-12

**Non-Fiction**

*biography of athlete with spinal injury*

**Run****(Puffin Classics)**

written by Eric Walters  
Puffin Canada, 2013 ©2003  
ISBN 978-0143187905  
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14

**Intermediate Fiction**

*main character encounters Terry Fox*

**Sandbag Shuffle**

Written by Kevin Marc Fournier  
Thistledown Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-1897235225  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13 and up

**Young Adult Fiction**

*one of two main characters uses a wheelchair*

**The Smart Princess and Other Deaf Tales**

edited by the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf  
Second Story Press, 2006  
ISBN 978-1896764900  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-9

**Picture Book**

*stories by and about deaf people*

### Something To Hang On To

written by Beverley Brenna  
ThistleDown Press, 2009  
ISBN 978-1897235577  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*short stories; characters have variety of disabilities*

### Stupid (SideStreets)

written by Kim Firmston  
ISBN 978-1459406117  
Grade 4 / Ages 13 and up  
**Teen Fiction (Hi-Lo)**  
*main character is judged to be ADHD but has undiagnosed dyslexia*

### Waiting for No One

written by Beverley Brenna  
Red Deer Press, 2010  
ISBN 978-0889954373  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*main character has Asperger's syndrome*

### What Happened to Ivy

written by Kathy Stinson  
Second Story Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1926920818  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*main character's sister has severe disabilities*

### The White Bicycle

written by Beverley Brenna  
Red Deer Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-0889954830  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 12 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*main character has Asperger's syndrome*

### The Wolf and Me (The Seven Sequels)

written by Richard Scrimger  
Orca Book Publishers, 2014  
ISBN 978-1459805316  
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*main character has some sort of learning disability*

### Wild Orchid

written by Beverley Brenna  
Red Deer Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-0889953307  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 12 and up  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
*main character has Asperger's syndrome*

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