# Building Bridges Recommended Texts

## Book Title and Author

Why Does That Man Have Such a Big Nose by Mary Beth Quinsey



#### Features

**Topic:** Physical appearance

Summary: Text and pictures of people who are "different"--short, tall, balding, wrinkled, fat, handicapped, etc.--invite discussion of the uniqueness and value of each person despite his/her appearance.

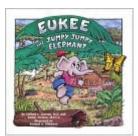
What's Wrong with Timmy? by Maria Shriver



Topic: Down Syndrome

Summary: Making friends with a mentally retarded boy helps Kate learn that the two of them have a lot in common.

Eukee: The Jumpy, Jumpy Elephant by Clifford Connie & Ester Trevino



Topic: ADD

Summary: An honest portrayal of the difficulties faced by young children with attention deficit disorder (ADD), this beautifully written and illustrated story follows Eukee, a young elephant who has trouble getting along with friends and family due to his hyperactivity and selfcontrol. Finding the help he needs, Eukee helps youngsters, parents, teachers, and service providers learn more about themselves and the disorder in this simple and entertaining read-aloud story.

# Book Title and Author Features Topic: Deafness A Very Special Sister by Dorothy Hoffman Levi Summary: Laura, who is deaf, is excited about becoming a big sister, but she worries that a new baby who can hear might get more love from their mother No image available than she does. Text and illustrations provide instructions for signing eight words. Knots on a Counting Rope Topic: Blindness by Bill Martin & John Archambault Summary: A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race. Having a Brother Like David Topic: Autism by Cindy Dolby Nollette Summary: Marty's brother, David, has autism. Marty explains that David looks a lot like other children but has special needs.

# Book Title and Author Features Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism Topic: Autism by Laurie Lears **Summary:** A young girl realizes how much she cares for her autistic brother Ian when he gets lost at the park. lan's Walk Topic: Celebration of Differences It's Okay to be Different by Todd Parr Summary: Illustrations and brief text describe all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as "It's Okay to be a different color," "It's Okay to need some help," "It's Okay to be adopted," and "It's Okay to have a Different nose." Topic: Deafness Dina the Deaf Dinsosaur by Carole Addabbon **Summary:** Because her parents would not learn sign language, Dina the deaf dinosaur runs away from home and becomes friends with an owl, a mole, and a chipmunk.

Book Title and Author	Features
Danny and the Merry Go Round	<b>Topic:</b> Physical Disabilities
by Nan Holcomb	
	Summary: Danny, who has cerebral
DANNY AND THE	palsy, is faced with another frustrating
MERRY-GO-ROUND (by Your Measure)	day at the playground watching the
	other children play, until a friendly
	gesture from another kid gives him an unexpected adventure and helps him feel
	better about himself.
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Happy Birthday Jason	Topic: Dyslexia
by C. Jean Cutbill	Topic: Dysiexia
by o. ocan carbin	Summary: This is a book written for
	learning disabled children. It follows the
	title character from breakfast to
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	help such children understand and
	accept themselves and their disabilities
(out of print)	by showing them that they are not alone
	or unique. The last page of the book lists
	some brief ideas for parents and
	educators to share Jason's story to
	enhance "self-understanding and self-
	acceptance for the learning disabled child."
A Very Special Friend	Topic: Deafness
by Dorothy Hoffman Levy	Topio: Ocarnoss
2, 33. 3, 1.3., 1	Summary: In search of a friend her
	own age, six-year-old Frannie meets
	Laura, who is deaf, and learns sign
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Book Title and Author	Features
A Smile From Andy by Nan Holcomb  No image available Sharr your own consomer image	Topic: Cerebral Palsy  Summary: A child with cerebral palsy is hindered in meeting new people by his shyness, until he discovers the special thing he can do to make people feel like talking to him.
Buddy's Shadow by Shirley Becker  Buddy's Shadow  By Shirky Becker  Blastroved by Tudd barge	Topic: Down Syndrome  Summary: Buddy, who is five, has Down Syndrome, and is in need of a friend all his own, saves his money and buys a puppy.
Patrick and Ima Lou by Nan Holcomb  No image available Sharr Your own customer image	Topic: Cerebral Palsy  Summary: Despite his excitement over walking with a new walker, three-year-old Patrick finds it isn't easy and becomes discouraged until his new friend, six-year-old Emma Lou who has spina bifida, helps him discover something important about himself.

Book Title and Author	Features
Sarah's Surprise	Topic: Deafness
by Nan Holcomb	
·	Summary: Six-year-old Sarah, mobile
	but unable to talk, wants to sing "Happy
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	from her therapist and a new
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	augmentative communication device.
See You Tomorrow Charles	Topic: Blindness
by Miriam Cohen	ropie. Dillianess
by Milliani Conen	Summany: The first enders leave to
SEE VOU	Summary: The first graders learn to
CHARLES Ann Thursday	accept the new boy, who is blind, as
	just like themselves.
Silent Observer	Topic: Deafness
by Christy MacKinnon	1 55.6. 5 55.1.1555
by on 1319 Mackinion	Summary: Silent Observer is a
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Silent Observer	delightful memoir told as it was seen
	through the eyes of a lively child. It is
	also a meaningful record of life for a
	deaf child and her family in the far
	reaches of Canada at the end of an era.
	Silent Observer is a beautiful, sensitive
	story that is sure to be enjoyed by
	everyone.

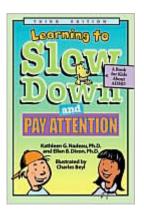
## Book Title and Author Features My Name is Brain Brian Topic: Dyslexia by Jeanne Betancourt Summary: This "outstanding" (School Library Journal) book for children is the sensitive portrayal of a boy who struggles to hide his dyslexia from his friends. Based on the author's personal experience as a dyslexic, this novel is "drawn from real insight." Keith Edward's Different Days **Topic:** Celebrating Differences by Karen Melberg Schweir Summary: Five-year-old Keith Edward, who takes a little longer to learn new things, has an interesting day as he meets a woman in a wheelchair No image available Share your own customer image and other people who are different from him in various ways. Looking for Louis Topic: Autism by Lesley Ely **Summary**: This upbeat look at mainstreaming is told from the point of view of a little girl who sits next to an autistic boy. With her teacher's help, the child comes to realize that sometimes it's OK to "break rules for

special people." the main focus is on the development of sensitivity in the other

students.

## Book Title and Author Features The Autism Acceptance Book Topic: Autism by Ellen Sabin Summary: The Autism Acceptance LOOK INSIDE! Book is an interactive, educational, and the AUTISM character-building book that introduces children to the challenges faced by people with autism while also supporting their personal journey toward appreciating and respecting people's differences. Andy and His Yellow Frisbee Topic: Autism by Mary Thompson Summary: Like many children with autism, Andy displays a fascination for objects in motion. He spins thingscoins, dinner plates, and when at school, his yellow frisbee. It's Andy's special talent, combined with a new student's curiosity about his behavior that sets this story in motion. Rosie, the watchful and protective sister supplies background information about Andy and autism, as well as a sibling's perspective. ADHD Topic: ADHD by Philippa Pigache **Summary:** Provides an overview of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, describing what it is, the history of the disorder, what it is like No image available to live with ADHD, and some of the available treatments.

Learning to Slow Down by Kathleen Nadeau



#### Features

Topic: ADHD

Summary: Packed with practical tips, know-how, and fun, this friendly workbook just for kids has solutions for every situation -- at home, at school, and with friends.

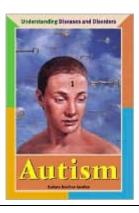
# Dad and Me In The Morning by Patricia Lakin



#### Topic: Deafness

Summary: In a special morning interlude, a young boy awakens his father, and they go down to the beach to watch the sunrise. The young boy is deaf, but he and his father have many ways of communicating. Dealt with simply, as part of the reality of their relationship, the boy's deafness is unobtrusively woven into this story about a father and child sharing a moment in time.

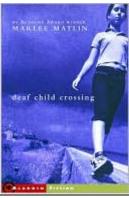
### *Autism* by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen



#### Topic: Autism

Summary: Other than the odd statement in the first book that Kaposi's sarcoma is usually a "harmless skin cancer," the author adequately discusses the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and research related to autism.

Deaf Child Crossing
by Marlee Matlin



#### Features

Topic: Deafness

Summary: Despite the fact that Megan is deaf and Cindy can hear, the two girls become friends when Cindy moves into Megan's neighborhood, but when they go away to camp, their friendship is put to the test.

*Epilepsy* by Hayley Mitchell Haugen



**Topic**: Epilepsy

Summary: The Epilepsy Foundation in America reports that 2.3 million Americans are affected by epilepsy. This book explains what happens to the body during an epileptic seizure. It highlights a number of the causes of epilepsy, and it gives young readers insight into what it is like to live with this condition. The text closes with a discussion of the latest treatments available to people with epilepsy.

The Flight of a Dove by Alexandra Day



Topic: Autism

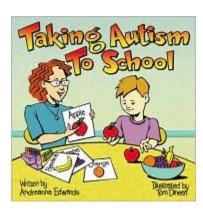
Summary: A bright, happy baby for the first year or so of her life, Betsy soon begins to withdraw from everything around her, eating very little food, avoiding touch, and making hissing or clicking sounds instead of words. Placed in a special preschool, Betsy's autistic condition continues until she startles a dove and responds to the bird's movement. Continued contact with the dove gradually breaks through Betsy's autism.

# Book Title and Author Features Topic: Prosthetic Devices Harry and Willy and Carrothead by Judith Caseley Summary: Three boys overcome prejudicial ideas about appearances and Hanny and Willy become friends. JUDITH CASELEY Hearing Dogs **Topic:** Animals With Jobs by Judith Persnall Summary: Exploration of how hearing dogs help people who are deaf or hard of hearing in everyday life. **Topic:** Wheelchairs and Paralysis Storm by Marc Harshman Summary: Though confined to a wheelchair, Jonathan faces the terror of a tornado all by himself and saves the lives of the horses on the family farm.

# Book Title and Author Taking ADD to School by Ellen Weiner



Taking Autism to School by Andreanna Edwards



Taking Cerebral Palsy to School by Mary Elizabeth Anderson



#### Features

Topic: ADD

Summary: Ben is having trouble concentrating in school. His teachers always tell him to pay attention, and he's having trouble learning cursive writing. A trip to the doctor reveals that Ben has Attention Deficit Disorder (A.D.D.). Designed to help kids better understand their classmates with A.D.D., this brightly illustrated picture book also educates families, teachers, and caregivers by discussing the complexities of A.D.D., including medication and behavior.

Topic: Autism

Summary: This is a fictional story about a girl named Angel and her friendship with Sam, a classmate who has Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Angel explains how Sam thinks and behaves in school and at home. She describes characteristics, such as sensory differences, repetition, and communication difficulties. Written in very positive language, this book also includes tips for teachers.

Topic: Cerebral Palsy

Summary: Even though Chad has cerebral palsy, he can still attend school and do many of the same things as his classmates. Children, teachers, school nurses, parents, and caregivers will learn about what cerebral palsy is, the different kinds of cerebral palsy, and special equipment that is available to help kids with cerebral palsy.

Taking Seizure Disorder to School by Kim Gosselin



#### Features

Topic: Epilepsy

Summary: This book is designed to dispel myths about epilepsy. It fills the need to explain seizures to classmates of children with epilepsy. A cheerful resource for kids with epilepsy, their families and teachers presented in a positive, upbeat and entertaining manner. An excellent learning tool!

Why Can't Jimmy Sit Still? By Sandra L. Tunis



Topic: ADHD

Summary: Jimmy behaves like a wiggle-worm. He squirms. He fidgets. He calls out in class, and just can't settle down. Designed to help and teach kids, parents, educators, and caregivers to open discussions about hyperactivity and other learning disorders, this comforting and charming rhyming story reassures youngsters with ADHD that they are not to blame for the "racing motors."

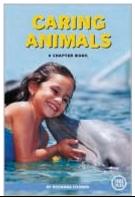
Wish on a Unicorn by Karen Hesse



**Topic:** Mental Retardation

Summary: Sixth grader Maggie feels burdened by her seven-year-old sister Hannie, who is slightly brain-damaged and believes that a toy unicorn has magical powers, until one afternoon a crisis shows her how special Hannie is.

Caring Animals
by Rosanna Hansen



#### Features

**Topic**: Epilepsy

Summary: Think seeing eye dogs are the only animals that can help people? Get to know the newest breed of caring animals--dogs that can shop for food, monkeys that can turn on lights, dolphins that can help children, and more.

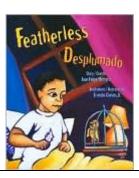
Elana's Ears
by Gloria Roth Lowell



Topic: Deafness

Summary: Lacey's luxurious life as an "only dog" changes the day Mom and Dad bring home a new baby. While Lacey goes through all of the confusion and upset that any child feels when presented with a new sister or brother, she eventually starts to like having baby Elana around, and even tries to teach her a favorite hobby: barking. But when Elana takes no notice of all the noise, Lacey realizes that Elana can't hear. First, she helps Mom and Dad figure it out, then she vows to become "Elana's ears"-and the best big sister in the world.

Featherless By Juan Felipe Herrera

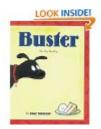


Topic: Spina Bifida

Summary: Although Tomasito's spina bifida keeps him in a wheelchair, where he often feels as confined as his flightless and featherless pet bird, he discovers that he can feel free when he is on the soccer field.

## Book Title and Author Features Moses Goes to School Topic: Deafness and Sign Language by Isaac Millman Summary: Moses and his friends enjoy the first day of school at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk to each other. Nathan's Wish **Topic:** Cerebral Palsy by Laurie Lears Summary: Nathan struggles with cerebral palsy. The plot centers around Nathan's a wounded owl that ends up in the care of the boy's neighbor, Miss Sandy, a Raptor Rehabilitator. The bird, named Fire because of her bright yellow eyes, fails to regain the use of her broken wing, and both she and Nathan take the defeat extremely hard. However, the youngster comes up with the idea of allowing Fire to care for orphaned baby owls, and the plan eventually works. Fire finds renewed interest in life while showing Nathan that even with physical limitations, there are important ways to help. Peg **Topic:** Missing Limbs by Maddie Stewart Summary: Peg the hen, who has only one leg, becomes an unusual but much loved mother.

# Book Title and Author Buster the Very Shy Dog by Lisze Bechtold



#### Features

Topic: Deafness and Sign Language

Summary: These three stories about a puppy searching for his strengths will bring smiles of recognition to the beginning-reader set. In the first, Buster is new to the household, trying to find his niche among bossy pets and intimidating guests during his owner's birthday party. Next, he tries to search and catch like fellow-canine Phoebe, but learns that his less-flashy ability to listen is just as valued. It is this quality that enables him to assist Phoebe in solving the mystery of the garbage bandits in the last piece.

Sam Uses a Wheelchair by Jillian Powell



Topic: Wheelchairs and Spina Bifida

Summary: Chronicles a day in the life of Sam, who due to spina bifida must use a wheelchair to travel and for sports, highlighting the many things she is able to do and how she does them.

Some Kids Use Wheelchairs by Lola M. Schaefer



Topic: Wheelchairs

Summary: Simple text and photographs discuss the challenges of using a wheelchair, why some children cannot walk, and the everyday activities of children who use wheelchairs.

Zoom! by Robert Munsch



#### Features

Topic: Wheelchairs

Summary: Strong-willed and quick-thinking Lauretta insists on the fastest, most souped-up wheelchair available. While her mother tries to persuade her to choose something a little more sensible, the girl prevails and she gets a 92-speed, dirt-bike model. Her love of speed gets her into some trouble with the police, but in the end, after her brother cuts his finger, she saves the day by whisking him off to the hospital.

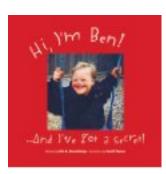
Be Good to Eddie Lee by Virginia Fleming



Topic: Down Syndrome

Summary: Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's Syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her.

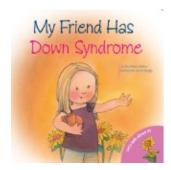
Hi, I'm Ben! by Julie Bouwkamp



Topic: Down Syndrome

Summary: This is the story of Ben, a young boy who has a secret. Before revealing his secret, Ben shares much about his life and likes. All readers find they have much in common with this charming boy with Down syndrome.

My Friend Has Down Syndrome by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos



My Friend Isabelle
by Eliza Woloson and Bryan Gough



A is for Autism, F is for Friend by Joanna L. Keating-Velasco



#### Features

Topic: Down Syndrome

Summary: When Tammy, who has Down syndrome, comes to summer camp, Ms. Theresa has prepped her group by talking about her condition and how it affects some children. The young narrator has been asked to be Tammy's special friend and she is a bit nervous. But soon the two are best of friends, and Tammy teaches the girl many things and helps her with her stage fright at Talent Night.

Topic: Down Syndrome

Summary: Isabelle has Down syndrome, but that doesn't matter to her friend Charlie. "I am tall. Isabelle is short. I run fast. Isabelle takes her time." He describes all the things they do, how sometimes they're the same and sometimes different. "Mommy says," Charlie explains, "that differences are what make the world so great," and each page follows this theme of inclusion and acceptance.

Topic: Autism

Summary: In this book, Chelsea, a young girl with severe autism, walks us through her day, including trips to the playground and park, and explains that although she sees other kids playing and wants to join them, social interaction can be tricky for her. In sharing some of her other behaviors and challenges, Chelsea compares them with issues that all kids face such as playing at recess.

## Book Title and Author Features All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! Topic: Spina Bifida by Ellen B. Senisi **Summary:** In a school assignment, seven-year-old Moses, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, reflects that his neighbor's disabled iguana resembles him because they both have figured out how to get where they want to be in different ways than those around them. The Don't-give-up Kid and Learning **Topic:** Learning Disabilities Differences by Jeanne Gehret Summary: In this story, Alex, a child with learning disabilities, is inventing a LOOK INSIDE cookie snatcher, but his lack of reading skills and impatience means that he needs extra help. There are new discussion starters for parents and professionals, and positive solutions are presented to help build a positive image for the learning-disabled child

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