

Disability in Fiction

Compiled and with comments by Annie Carl of The Neverending Bookshop in Edmonds, WA					
Title	Author	ISBN	Age	Genre	Disability
A Story About Cancer (With A Happy Ending)	India Desjardins Marianne Ferrer (illus.)	9781786039774	12-Adult	YA	A teen has potentially fatal cancer. She deals with all of the emotions of possibly dying young.
In The Country	Mia Alvar	9780804171496	Adult	FIC	Short stories set in the Philippines. Several stories are based around characters with physical disabilities and how they cope in the small towns they live in.
The Arcadia Project Trilogy: Borderline	Mishell Baker	9781481429788	Adult	FANTASY	Millie has borderline personality disorder. She is also a double amputee from a failed suicide attempt. Her whole life is turned on its head (again) when she is recruited for the Arcadia Project, a group that regulates fairies and their passage in our world.
The Arcadia Project Trilogy: Phantom Pains	Mishell Baker	9781481451925		FANTASY	
The Arcadia Project Trilogy: Imposter Syndrome	Mishell Baker	9781481451949		FANTASY	
El Deafo	Cece Bell	9781419712173	7-Adult	CHILD	Cece is deaf and starting at a new school where pretty much everyone can hear.
The War That Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	9780147510488	10-Adult	CHILD	Ada was born with a twisted foot. Set during WWII, Ada and her brother escape their cruel mother for the English countryside during the war.
The War I Finally Won	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	9780147516817		CHILD	
Beauty Queens	Libba Bray	9780439895989	12-Adult	YA	A plane full of beauty pageant contestants crash lands on a "deserted" island. Sosie Simmons, one of the beauty queens, is deaf. This book also features a trans beauty queen and a relationship between Sosie and another of the girls from the plane.
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling	9781454932994	8-Adult	CHILD	Aven Green was born without arms. Her family moves across the country to operate a run down theme park in Arizona. She deals with endless questions about her arms, or lack thereof, and befriends Conner, a young man with his own disabilities.
Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling	9781454943358	8-Adult		
Stuck in the Mud (Out of Print)	Simon Calcavecchia	9781940598949	Infant-Teenager	CHILD	Frank the dachshund uses a wheeling device for his missing legs. He and his friend Mustard embark on unexpected adventures in these picture books.
Differently Awesome (Out of Print)	Simon Calcavecchia	9781945271632		CHILD	
Wheels & Waves (Out of Print)	Simon Calcavecchia	9781948963077		CHILD	
Out Of My Mind	Sharon Draper	9781416971719	12-Adult	CHILD	Melody has cerebral palsy and can't walk or talk. However, she's whip smart and has a photographic memory. She is in an integrated classroom and has to deal with classmates who think she's mentally challenged. She desperately wants to speak for herself to prove them all wrong.
How We Roll	Natasha Friend	9780374305666	14-Adult	YA	Quinn is diagnosed with alopecia in high school. Most of her friends abandon her, and she befriends Nick. Nick is a former football star who is a paraplegic caused by a freak accident. The two become friends after being ostracized by their classmates.
The Cuckoo's Calling (<i>I fully acknowledge that JK Rowling has said really awful, heinous things about the trans community. A community I support wholeheartedly. She has also, frustratingly, created an amazing main character who is an amputee. I'm still on the fence if I want to keep stocking these books, so I leave that decision up to you.</i>)	Robert Galbraith	9780316206853	Adult	MYS	Private detective Cormoran Strike is an amputee after serving in the British military. Throughout all of the books, Strike deals with his missing leg with varying degrees of success, but Career of Evil really focuses on the amputee community.
The Silkworm	Robert Galbraith	9780316206891		MYS	
Career of Evil	Robert Galbraith	9780316349895		MYS	
Lethal White	Robert Galbraith	9780316422772		MYS	

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Brave Enough	Kati Gardner	9781635830200	13-Adult	YA	Cason thinks she's suffering from a ballet-related injury, but it turns out to be cancer. Davis is a cancer survivor and recovering addict. They meet while Cason is at the hospital and Davis is serving community service at the same hospital.
So Lucky	Nicola Griffith	9780374265922	Adult	FIC	Mara Tagarelli is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis right as her life is taking a nose dive. An autobiographical fictional account of some of Nicola's experiences with her own fight with MS.
The Kiss Quotient	Helen Hoang	9780451490803	Adult	ROMANCE	Stella Lane has Asperger's and lives in a world of numbers. She thinks human contact is loathsome, but wants to practice being close with a man. She hires a professional escort to help with her discomfort.
The Bride Test	Helen Hoang	9780451490827	Adult	ROMANCE	Khai Diep does not feel. His mother worries he will never find love and travels to Vietnam to find him a wife. Esme dropped out of school to work and support her grandmother, mother, and daughter. She travels to the US to meet Khai and spend a summer with him. Khai is revealed to have Autism, which makes him think he has no feelings.
This Is Not a Love Scene	S.C. Megale	9781250190499	13-Adult	YA	Maeve is an 18 year old dedicated to her friends, filmmaking, and possibly making falls in love. But she has a rare form of muscular dystrophy that most guys find a major turn-off. Until Cole comes along. Maeve and Cole have amazing chemistry, but is he willing to be with a girl in a wheelchair?
Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens	Marieke Nijkamp	9780374306502	13-Adult	YA	This book features 13 stories starring disabled teens written by Own Voices disabled authors.
Wonder	RJ Palacio	9780375869020	10-Adult	CHILD	August Pullman was born with differences in his facial structure. He's been homeschooled up until 5th grade, when he enters a mainstream school.
Planet Earth is Blue	Nicole Pantelakos	9780525646600	10-Adult	CHILD	Nova, 12, has extreme autism and is nonverbal because of it. She and her sister bounce around foster homes until Bridget disappears. Nova is obsessed with all things space, and is looking forward to the launch of the Challenger. She and Bridget were planning to watch it together before Bridget disappeared. Foster families and teachers overlook Nova's intelligence, but as the book continues, they start to become aware that Nova knows more than she can express.
Clockbreakers: Asterion's Curse	Kate Ristau	9780990850755	10-Adult	CHILD	Charlie's disability isn't specified except as a muscular disability that requires her to be in a wheelchair. Much more interesting, she is part of a family of time travelers. Midway into the book, she loses her wheelchair and has to cope with the loss.
Clockbreakers: Morrigan's Revenge	Kate Ristau	9780990850779	10-Adult	CHILD	