

WINTER BREAK READING LIST



BOOKS BY AUTHORS WITH DISABILITIES

BOOKS FEATURING CHARACTERS WITH DISABILITIES

REPRESENTATION MATTERS!

*This display uses both identity-first and people-first language to be mindful of the way various authors and disability communities prefer to be identified.

BOOKS WRITTEN BY DISABLED AUTHORS

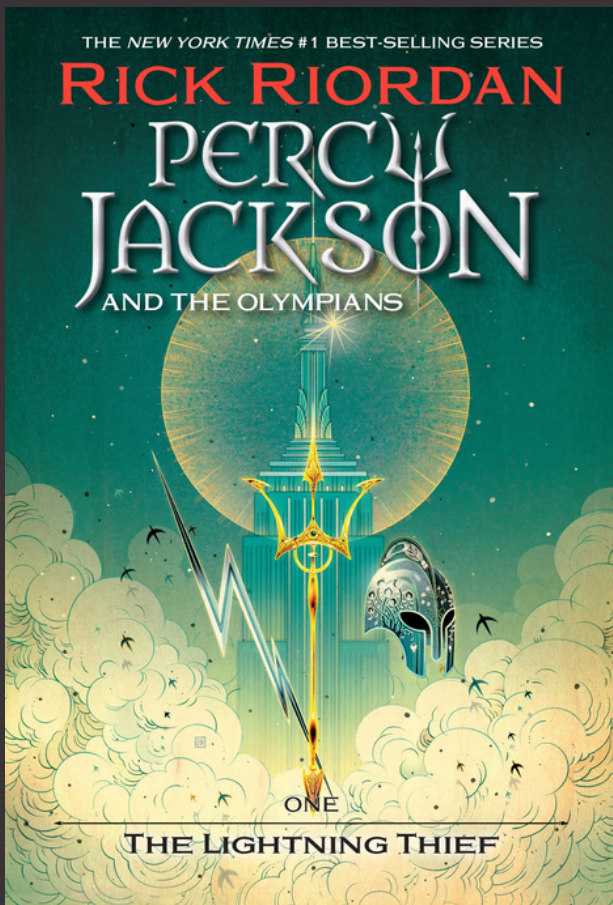


WHEN AN AUTHOR USES THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES IN A BOOK, THEY CAN ADD DETAILS AND DESCRIPTIONS THAT HELP THE READER CONNECT WITH THE CHARACTERS IN A MORE MEANINGFUL WAY. BY READING BOOKS WRITTEN BY AUTHORS WITH DISABILITIES, WE CAN LEARN ABOUT DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE TRUTH OF HOW THEY LIVE THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THEY CAN TELL STORIES ABOUT THEMSELVES OR CHARACTERS LIKE THEM IN THEIR OWN WORDS.

BOOKS FEATURING DISABLED CHARACTERS



IT'S ESTIMATED THAT 26% OF PEOPLE IN THE US HAVE DISABILITIES, BUT ONLY 3.4% OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS HAVE DISABLED MAIN CHARACTERS. THAT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE! MANY PEOPLE WE KNOW AND LOVE HAVE DISABILITIES AND IT MAKES US BETTER FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHEN WE CAN LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR LIVES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO SEE PEOPLE LIKE THEM IN BOOKS- THAT'S CALLED REPRESENTATION!



PERCY JACKSON SERIES

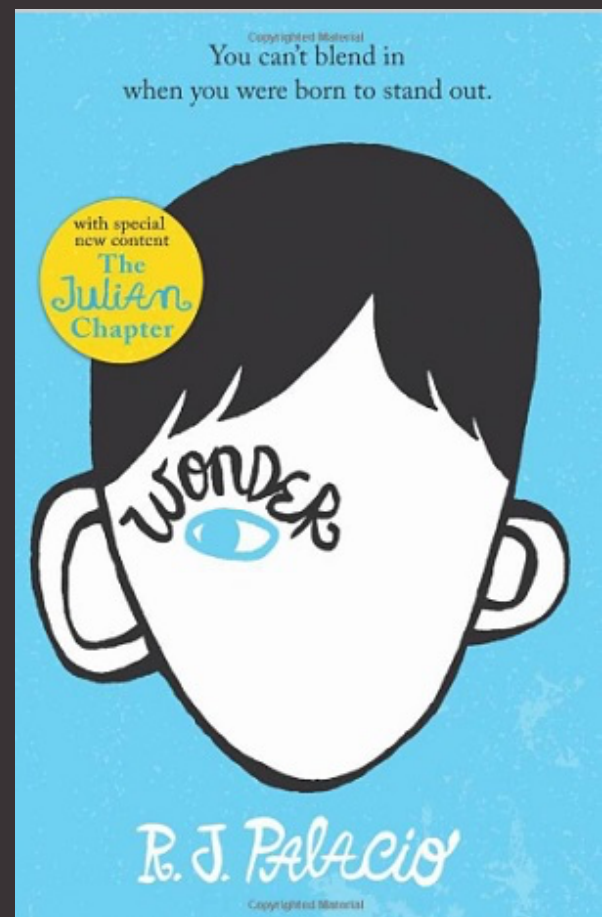
BY RICK RIORDAN
(ADHD, DYSLEXIA)

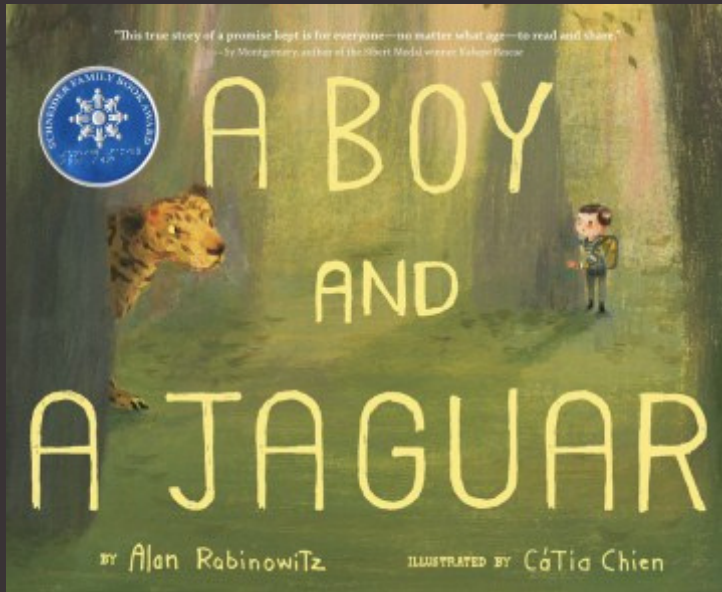
PERCY JACKSON IS JUST A "NORMAL TEENAGER" UNTIL HE DISCOVERS HE IS THE SON OF A GREEK GOD. HE SETS OUT ON AN EPIC QUEST TO SETTLE AN ANCIENT CONFLICT. ALONG THE WAY, HE FACES MYTHICAL CHARACTERS AND BECOMES A HERO.

WONDER

BY R.J. PALACIO
(CRANIOFACIAL DIFFERENCE)

AUGUST PULLMAN IS JUST AN ORDINARY 10 YEAR OLD WHO LOVES XBOX AND STAR WARS, BUT, HE HAS BEEN IN HOMESCHOOL DUE TO HIS FACIAL DIFFERENCES AND MANY SURGERIES. AUGUST ENTERS 5TH GRADE AT A LOCAL SCHOOL WHERE, AFTER SEVERAL CHALLENGES, HE BECOMES AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF HIS SCHOOL COMMUNITY.





A BOY AND A JAGUAR

BY DR. ALAN RABINOWITZ
(STUTTERING)

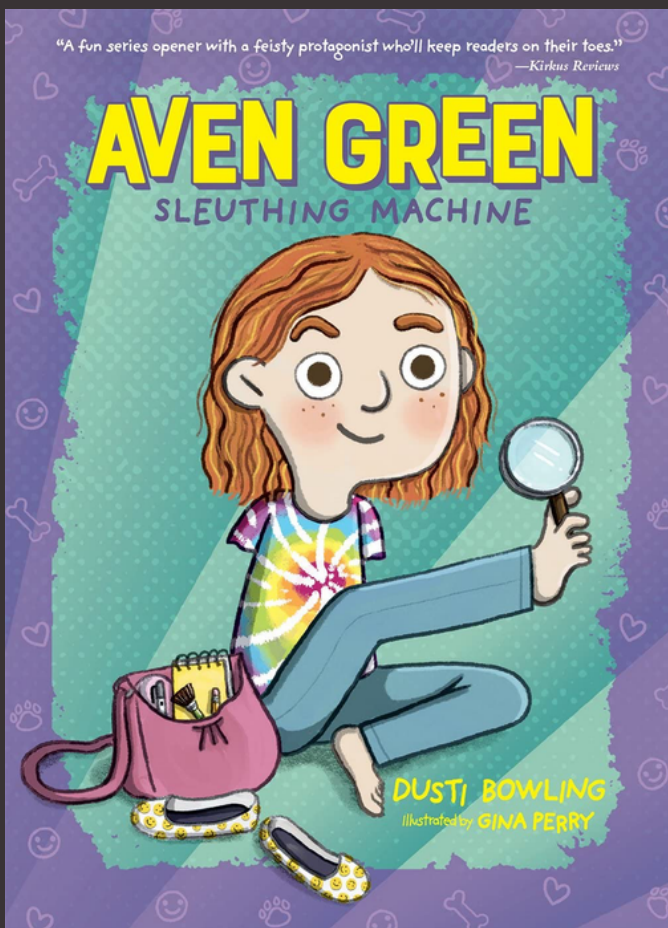
THE AUTHOR OF THIS STORY TELLS THE TALE OF A CHILD WHO FEELS OUT OF PLACE BECAUSE OF THE WAY HE SPEAKS. DR. RABINOWITZ USES HIS OWN EXPERIENCES WITH COMMUNICATION TO RELATE TO ANIMALS AND BECOME A CONSERVATIONIST.

ALI AND THE SEA STARS

BY ALI STROKER
(WHEELCHAIR USER)

AWARD WINNING ACTRESS, ALI STROKER, USES HER OWN EXPERIENCES AS A THEATRE LOVING KID TO TELL THE STORY OF A LITTLE GIRL WHO ALSO USES A WHEELCHAIR AND LOVES TO DANCE AND SING! JOIN ALI AS SHE WORKS WITH HER FRIENDS TO PUT ON A MUSICAL PRODUCTION EVERYONE WILL LOVE!





AVEN GREEN SERIES

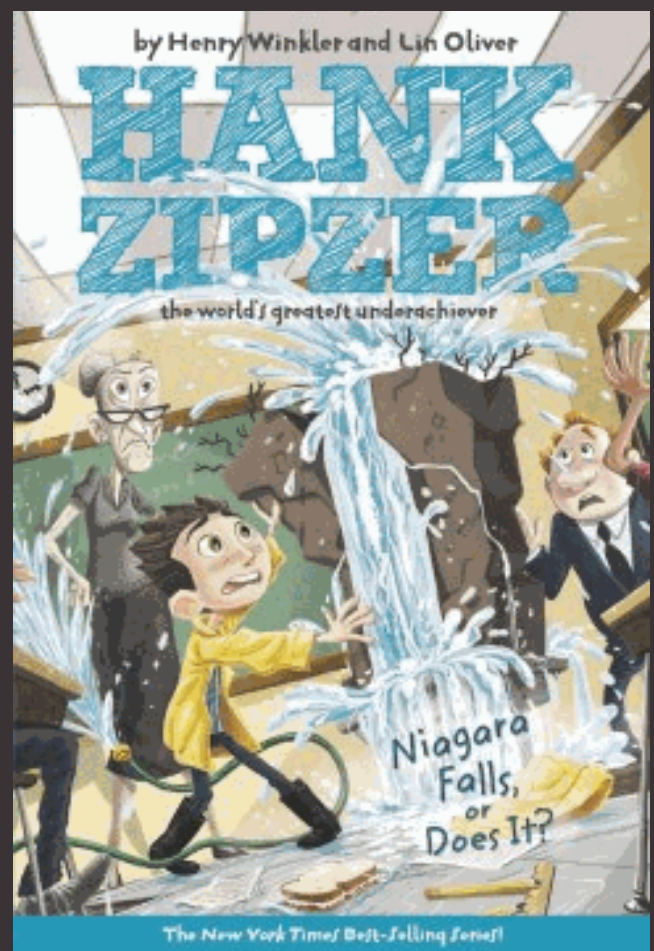
BY DUSTI BOWLING
(LIMB DIFFERENCE &
TOURETTE SYNDROME)

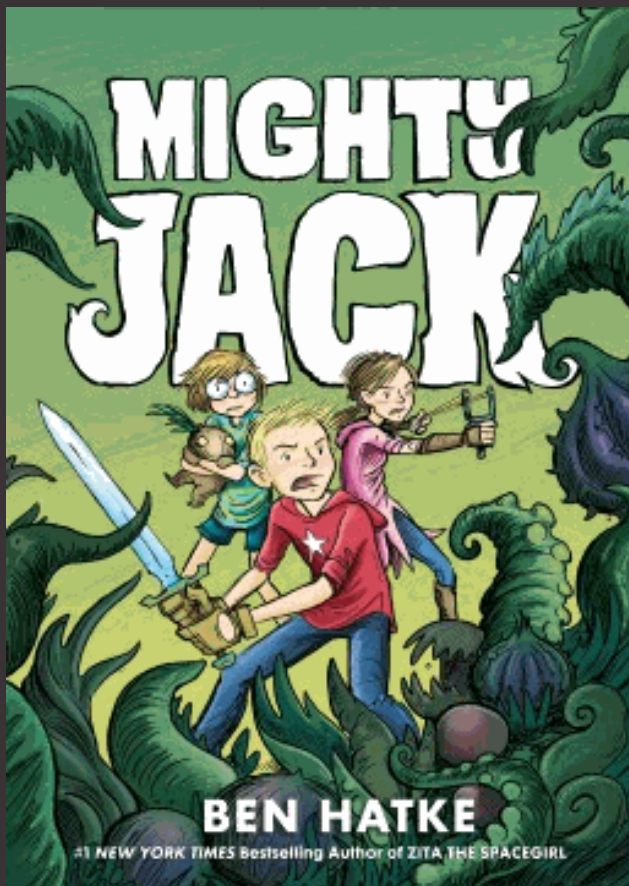
THIRD GRADER, AVEN GREEN, IS A SELF APPOINTED DETECTIVE WHO IS NOW TASKED WITH SOLVING TWO CASES AT THE SAME TIME! WILL SHE FIND OUT WHERE HER TEACHER'S LUNCH BAG WENT? WHERE IS HER GREAT GRANDMA'S DOG? JOIN AVEN AS SHE (HILARIOUSLY) SAVES THE DAY!

HANK ZIPZER SERIES

BY HENRY WINKLER & LIN
OLIVER
(DYSLEXIA)

ACTOR, HENRY WINKLER, USES HIS OWN EXPERIENCES WITH DYSLEXIA TO TELL THE STORY OF A KID WHO WANTS TO DO WELL IN SCHOOL, BUT STRUGGLES TO HAVE THINGS GO HIS WAY. WHEN HIS FOURTH GRADE TEACHER ASSIGNS A LONG WRITING ASSIGNMENT ON NIAGARA FALLS, HANK DECIDES TO RECREATE IT INSTEAD!





MIGHTY JACK SERIES

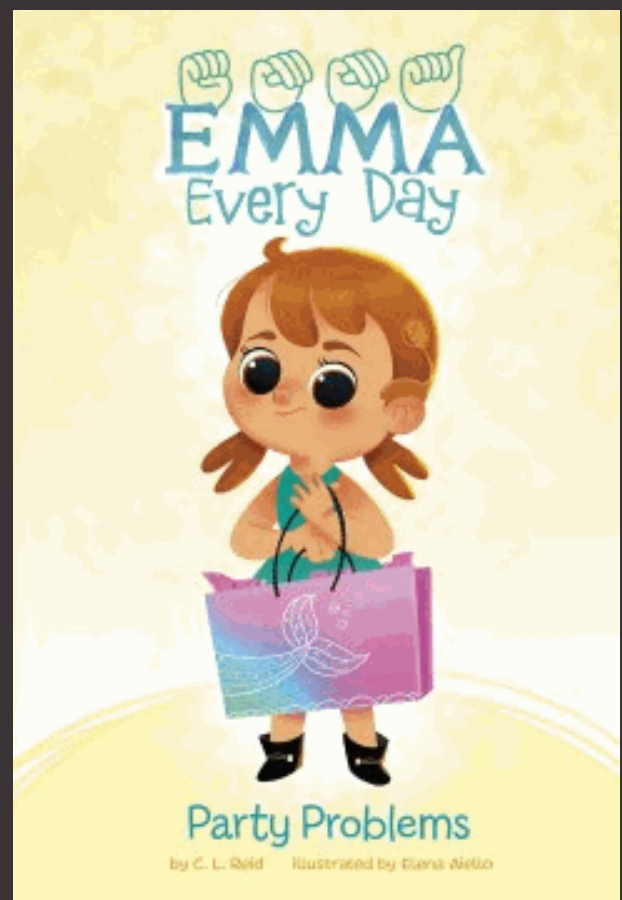
BY BEN HATKE
(AUTISM)

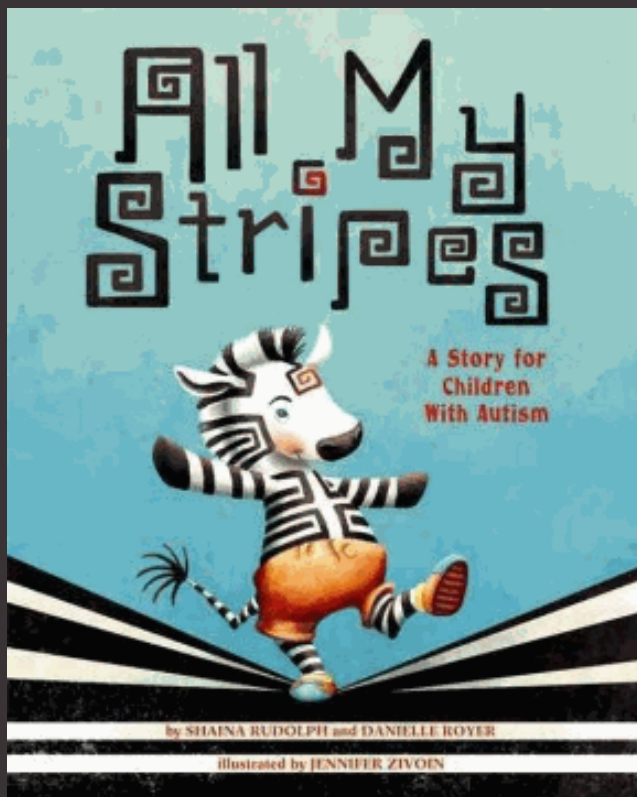
JACK'S SUMMER SEEMS TO BE PRETTY BORING UNTIL HE ENDS UP DISCOVERING SOME MYSTERIOUS SEEDS ARE CAPABLE OF GROWING INTO A MAGICAL GARDEN. JOIN JACK, HIS SISTER MADDY AND THEIR NEIGHBOR LILLY, AS THEY BEGIN A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DANGEROUS WORLD OF VINES AND STALKS IN JACK'S BACKYARD!

EMMA EVERY DAY SERIES

BY C.L. REID
(DEAFNESS/ HEARING LOSS)

EMMA LOVES SWIMMING, BIKING AND TACOS. LIKE THE AUTHOR, EMMA IS ALSO DEAF AND USES A COCHLEAR IMPLANT AND SIGN LANGUAGE TO COMMUNICATE. EMMA KNOWS EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH NEW EXPERIENCES AND CHANCES TO HAVE FUN! THIS BOOK ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION ON ASL.





ALL MY STRIPES

BY SHAINA RUDOLPH &
DANIELLE ROYER
(AUTISM)

ZANE THE ZEBRA FEELS DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF HIS CLASS AND WORRIES THEY'LL NOTICE HIS "AUTISM STRIPE" ON HIS FOREHEAD. ZANE'S MOM HELPS HIM LEARN TO APPRECIATE ALL HIS STRIPES AS HE DISCOVERS HIS UNIQUENESS IS WHAT MAKES HIM GREAT!

WHAT STARS ARE MADE OF

BY SARAH ALLEN
(TURNER SYNDROME)

LIBBY, LIKE THE AUTHOR, HAS TURNER SYNDROME AND SOMETIMES STRUGGLES TO SIT STILL OR SAY THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME. BUT, SHE LOVES SCIENCE AND DECIDES TO HELP HER SISTER'S FAMILY THROUGH THEIR FINANCIAL STRUGGLES BY TRYING TO WIN A SCIENCE COMPETITION GRAND PRIZE AND DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE STARS.



LOUIS SACHAR

Author of the *New York Times* #1 bestseller **HOLES**

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SMALL STEPS

BY LOUIS SACHAR
(CEREBRAL PALSY)

IN THIS SEQUEL TO THE NOVEL, *HOLES*, ARMPIT GETS A JOB AT THE AUSTIN MAYOR'S OFFICE. THERE, HE MEETS REX AND GETS WRAPPED UP IN A TICKET SELLING SCHEME FOR TICKETS TO POP STAR, KAIRA DELEON'S, CONCERT. READ THE STORY OF ARMPIT, REX, KAIRA AND GINNY (ARMPIT'S NEIGHBOR) AS THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN TROUBLE AND LEARN LESSONS ALONG THE WAY.

I FUNNY SERIES

BY JAMES PATTERSON &
CHRIS GRABENSTEIN
(WHEELCHAIR USER)

JAMIE GRIMM WAS INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT AND IS NOW LIVING WITH HIS AUNT'S GRUMPY FAMILY IN NEW YORK. JAMIE HAS A GIFT FOR MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH, MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL BUDDIES! CHUCKLE ALONG WITH JAMIE AS HE ENTERS THE PLANET'S FUNNIEST KID COMIC CONTEST!

