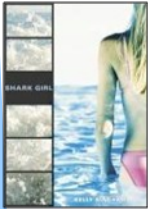


Life Outside the Lines: Characters with Disabilities

Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskins

YA BASKINS

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.



Shark Girl by Kelly Bingham

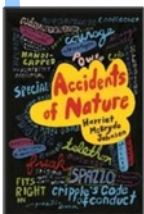
YA BINGHAM

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

YA BLOOR

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.



Accidents of Nature by Harriet M. Johnson

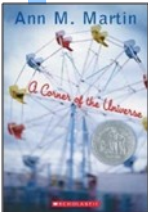
YA JOHNSON

Having always prided herself on blending in with “normal” people despite her cerebral palsy, seventeen-year-old Jean begins to question her role in the world while attending a summer camp for children with disabilities.

Stoner & Spaz by Ron Koertge

YA KOERTGE

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.



A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin

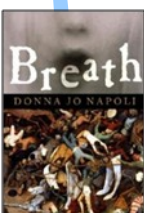
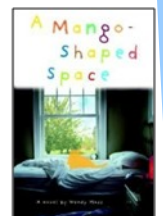
YA MARTIN

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

YA MASS

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her.



Breath by Donna Jo Napoli

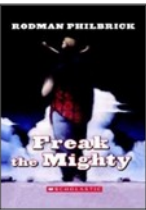
YA NAPOLI

Elaborates on the tale of "The Pied Piper." Told from the point of view of a boy who is too ill to keep up when a piper spirits away the healthy children of a plague-ridden town after being cheated out of full payment for ridding Hameln of rats.

A Small White Scar by K.A. Nazum

YA NUZUM

Fifteen-year-old Will Bennon leaves his family and begins life as a cowboy, but his mentally retarded twin brother follows him and joins the journey.



Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

YA PHILBRICK

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces, they make a powerful team.

Andromeda Klein by Frank Portman

YA PORTMAN

High school sophomore Andromeda, an outcast because she studies the occult, has a hearing impairment and other disabilities, overcomes grief over terrible losses by enlisting others' help in her plan to save library books-and finds a kindred spirit along the way.



After the Dancing Days by Margaret Rostkowski

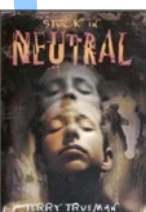
YA ROSTKOWSKI

A forbidden friendship with a badly disfigured soldier in the aftermath of World War I forces thirteen-year-old Annie to redefine the word "hero" and to question conventional ideas of patriotism.

Cruise Control by Terry Trueman

YA TRUEMAN

A talented basketball player struggles to deal with the helplessness and anger that come with having a brother rendered completely dysfunctional by severe cerebral palsy and a father who deserted the family. (Companion to Stuck in Neutral)



Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

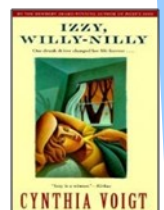
YA TRUEMAN

Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.

Izzy, Willy-Nilly by Cynthia Voigt

YA VOIGT

A car accident causes fifteen-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.



So B. It by Sarah Weeks

YA WEEKS

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

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