

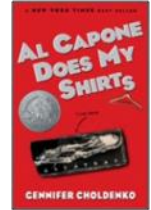
Understanding Others: Characters with Disabilities

Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Jennifer Choldenko

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

J CHOLDENKO



Crazy Lady

by Jane Leslie Conly

As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her mentally challenged son.

J CONLY

6th Grade Can Really Kill You

by Barthe DeClements

Helen fears that lack of improvement in her reading may leave her stuck in the sixth grade forever, until a good teacher recognizes her reading problem.

J DECLEMENTS



The London Eye Mystery

by Siobhan Dowd

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together-Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat-to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

J DOWD

Out of My Mind

by Sharon M. Draper

Considered by many to be mentally challenged, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

J DRAPER



Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

by Jack Gantos

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

J GANTOS

The Thing About Georgie

by Lisa Graff

Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

J GRAFF



Comfort

by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

In 1945 Hickory, North Carolina, Ann Fay's father is back from the war but she must still rely on her own strength and determination as she faces the problems of her polio-induced disability and her father's failure to get a job. Includes facts about the disability rights movement.

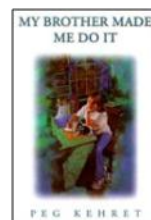
J HOSTETTER

My Brother Made Me Do It

by Peg Kehret

J KEHRET

In letters to an elderly pen pal, eleven-year-old Julie describes how her mischievous younger brother is always getting her in trouble, how she is dealing with painful juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and how she struggles to finish a fund-raising race on crutches.



Rules

by Cynthia Lord

J LORD

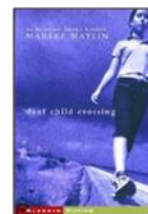
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Deaf Child Crossing

by Marlee Matlin

J MATLIN

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.



Ellie's Chance to Dance

by Alexandra Moss

J MOSS

After moving from Chicago to Oxford, England, ten-year-old Ellie worries about making new friends at school and caring for her mother who has multiple sclerosis, while also preparing to audition for the resident dancers training program at London's Royal Ballet School.

Colder Than Ice

by David Patneaude

J PATNEAUDE

Josh Showalter, an insecure and overweight sixth-grader, hopes for a new start when he transfers to a school in northern Idaho, but he and his new friends are soon the target of a cold-hearted bully.



Trout and Me

by Susan Shreve

J SHREVE

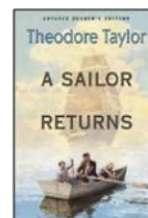
Ben's troubles at school get progressively worse when he starts hanging around Trout, a new boy in his fifth grade class, who is also labeled as learning disabled.

A Sailor Returns

by Theodore Taylor

J TAYLOR

Evan, an eleven-year-old boy in 1914 whose strict father has little time for him, is delighted when his long-lost grandfather returns, relates his many sea adventures, and hobbles around like Evan who has a club foot.

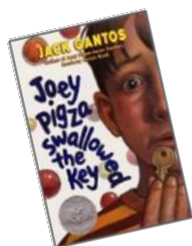


Hannah

by Gloria Whelan

J WHELAN

Hannah, a blind girl living in Michigan in the late nineteenth century, doesn't go to school until a new teacher tells her about the Braille method of reading for the blind.



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