

Celebrate Disability Pride Month by reading a YA book featuring people with disabilities who don't allow societal expectations to define them.

Ask a librarian for additional recommendations.



You, Me, and Our Heartstrings by Melissa See

17-year-olds Daisy, a violinist with cerebral palsy, and Noah, a cellist with severe anxiety, plan to use the holiday concert to land a Julliard audition, but when they're chosen to play a duet, they worry differences will sink their chances.



The storm runner

by J. C. Cervantes

A contemporary adventure inspired by Maya mythology follows the experiences of an avid explorer with a disabled leg who discovers that the dormant volcano near his home in New Mexico is a gateway to another world.



The First Thing About You

by Chaz Hayden

Starting a new high school, Harris, a 15-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy, is armed with his favorite getting-to-know-you question and a new nurse by his side, who gives him the confidence to pursue the girl of his dreams.



The Words in My Hands

by Asphyxia

Near-future Australia is controlled by a company that produces synthetic meals that replace wild food, but Piper, 16 & deaf, begins to doubt the propaganda.



Unseelie

by Ivelisse Housman

An autistic changeling trying to navigate her unpredictable magic, Seelie finds it difficult to fit in with the humans around her, unlike her twin sister, until they both get caught up in a heist gone wrong that changes everything.



Love from A to Z

by S. K. Ali

Suspended for standing up against a teacher's hate speech, a Muslim teen visits her aunt in Qatar, where she bonds with a motherless young man who is attempting to hide his multiple sclerosis diagnosis from his grieving father.



The Spirit Bares Its Teeth

by Andrew Joseph White Shipped away in 1883 London to a Finishing School/Sanitorium after attempting to escape arranged marriage, 16-year-old autistic trans Silas decides to expose the school's dark secrets when ghosts of missing students beg for help.



Wild and Crooked

by Leah Thomas

Hiding her identity due to the murder her father committed years earlier, Kalyn bonds with Gus, a teen with cerebral palsy, until complicated truths emerge.



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Disability Pride YA Collection



Skyhunter

by Marie Lu

Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite fighting force that stands as the last defense for Mara, the only free nation in the world, but when a mysterious prisoner is brought from the front to Mara's capital, Talin senses there is more to him than meets the eye.



All the Right Reasons

by Bethany Mangle

When Cara and her mom are cast as the leads in a new reality dating show for single parent families, Cara falls for a boy who is off limits while helping her mom pick a suitor they both love.



Stars in Their Eyes

by Jessica Walton

Maisie is going to Fancon! She's looking forward to meeting her idol, the TV action hero who has a lower-leg amputation like Maisie. But she is stopped in her tracks by Ollie, a volunteer. As the day wears on, Maisie notices feelings for Ollie that she's never had before. Is this love?



You're welcome, universe

by Whitney Gardner

Creating a graffiti mural to cover up a nasty slur about her best friend written on their school for the deaf, Julia is expelled and sent to a mainstream school where she's an outcast. She continues to paint graffiti, and a mysterious artist adds creative touches to her work.



Where you see yourself

by Claire Forrest

Having her heart set on a college in NYC with a major in Mass Media & Society, disabled high school senior Effie learns that sometimes growing up means being open to a world of possibilities you never even dreamed of.



Conditions of a Heart

by Bethany Mangle

Suspended from school after trying to break up a fight, Brynn, who's been hiding a disability that's rapidly wearing her down, wonders if it's possible to reinvent her world by being the person she thought no one wanted: herself.



Unbroken : 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens

by Marieke Nijkamp

An inspirational anthology of stories featuring disabled and neurodiverse teen main characters includes contributions by leading authors with disabilities.



Reggie and Delilah's year of falling

by Elise Bryant

Pretending to be someone they're not, Delilah, who is unable to open up, and Reggie, a D&D Dungeon Master with dyslexia who is role-playing someone confident, fall for a version of each other that doesn't really exist.



The Weight of our Sky

by Hanna Alkaf

A music-loving teen with OCD works desperately to find her way back to her mother during the 1969 race riots in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



One for all

by Lillie Lainoff

Finally finding a place where she belongs, Tania de Batz, a girl with a chronic illness secretly training as a Musketeer, must decide where her loyalties lie when she is torn between duty and dizzying emotion.