

# Childhood Issues: Disabilities

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Alexander, Sally Hobart. **Do You Remember The Color Blue? And Other Questions Kids Ask About Blindness.** (IMC CBC 306.87 A1277d 2000)

Children ask questions of an author who lost her vision at the age of twenty-seven, including “How did you become blind?” “How can you read?” and “Was it hard to parent when you couldn’t see your kids?”

Apel, Melanie Ann. **Let’s Talk About Being in a Wheelchair.** (IMC CBC 617.03 Ap223l 2002)

Discusses wheelchairs, including why they might be needed, who uses wheelchairs, and wheelchair sports.

Bloor, Edward. **Tangerine.** (IMC CBC Fic B6234t 2001)

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.

Brown, Tricia. **Someone Special, Just Like You.** (IMC CBC 362.4 B8157s)

In dispelling the fear of the unknown and showing our common needs for physical affection, community, skills, and independence, this book should do much to help the disabled [child] gain acceptance from other children.

Calvert, Patricia. **Picking up the Pieces.** (IMC CBC Fic C139p 1993)

A girl who has suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury begins the process of emotional healing.

Carter, Alden. **Big Brother Dustin.** (IMC CBC E C2452b 1997)

A boy with Down syndrome helps his parents and a grandparent get ready for the birth of his baby sister and chooses the perfect name for her.

Carter, Alden. **Dustin’s Big School Day.** (IMC CBC E C2452d 1999)

Second-grader Dustin, who has Down syndrome, anticipates the arrival of two very special guests at his school one day.

Clifton, Lucille. **My Friend Jacob.** (IMC CBC E C6135m)

A young boy tells about Jacob, who, though older and mentally slower, helps him a lot and is his very best friend.

Creech, Sharon. **Granny Torrelli Makes Soup.** (IMC CBC Fic C8615g 2003)

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

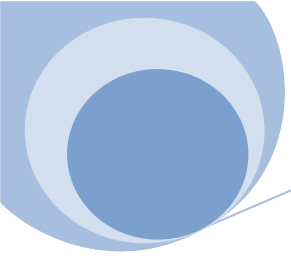
Davis, Patricia Anne. **Brian’s Bird.** (IMC CBC E D2967b 2000)

Eight-year-old Brian, who is blind, learns how to take care of his new parakeet and comes to realize that his older brother, while sometimes careless, is not so bad after all.

Fleming, Virginia. **Be Good To Eddie Lee.** (IMC CBC E F6295b 1993) Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her.

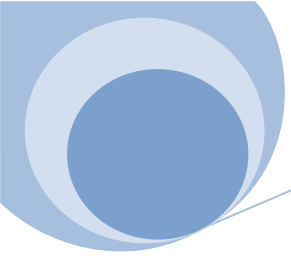
Greenfield, Eloise. **Darlene.** (IMC CBC E G8374d 1980)

Once she starts having fun with her uncle and cousin, a young girl, who is confined to a wheelchair, is no longer anxious to go home.



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- Hearn, Emily. **Good Morning Franny, Good Night Franny.** (IMC CBC E H3517g 1984)  
Franny has numerous adventures whizzing around town in her wheelchair with her friend Ting. One day Franny has to go to a hospital for some tests and when she returns home, Ting and her family have disappeared but Ting has left a message at the entrance to the park for Franny.
- Hermann, Helen and Bill. **Jenny's Magic Wand.** (IMC CBC E H4266j 1988)  
Having attended a school only for blind children, Jenny worries about starting regular classes in a public school until the day she proves she is "just one of the kids."
- Hirsch, Karen. **Becky.** (IMC CBC E B6158b)  
A deaf child lives with a hearing family while she attends school and enables them to become conscious of problems facing the deaf.
- Hirsch, Karen. **My Sister.** (IMC CBC 362.7 H6158m)  
A young boy describes his sometimes mixed feelings for his mentally handicapped sister.
- Keats, Ezra Jack. **Apt. 3.** (IMC CBC E K2252a 1999)  
On a rainy day two brothers try to discover who is playing the harmonica they hear in their apartment building.
- Keith, Lois. **Being In a Wheelchair.** (IMC CBC 362.4 K2693b 1999)  
Examines the challenges of being in a wheelchair, discussing why some people cannot walk and how those who use a wheelchair function at school, at home, in sports, and going to work.
- Konigsburg, E.L. **The View from Saturday.** (IMC CBC Fic K8367v 1996)  
Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
- Kroll, Virginia L. **Naomi Knows it's springtime.** (IMC CBC E K9197n 1993)  
A young blind girl experiences the first signs of spring.
- Lee, Jeanne M. **Silent Lotus.** (IMC CBC E L5134s 1991)  
Although she cannot speak or hear, Lotus trains as a Khmer court dancer and becomes eloquent in dancing out the legends of the gods.
- Martin, Bill. **Knots on a Counting Rope.** (IMC CBC E M3632k 1987)  
A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race.
- Millman, Isaac. **Moses Goes To a Concert.** (IMC CBC E M6234m 1998)  
Moses and his schoolmates, all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet.
- Okimoto, Jean Davies. **A Place for Grace.** (IMC CBC E Ok34p 1993)  
With the help of a hearing-impaired man, a little dog finally manages to graduate from a training school for hearing dogs.
- Philbrick, Rodman. **Freak the Mighty.** (IMC CBC Fic P5342f 2001)  
At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has



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affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

Prall, Jo. **My Sister's Special.** (IMC CBC 306.87 P8853m 1985)

Although Angie cannot walk, talk, or use her arms and hands because she is brain-damaged, she goes to school in a wheelchair and enjoys life in a loving family.

Reese, Bob. **Recess.** (IMC CBC E R2594r 1992) A young boy hesitates to join in at recess, until a girl on crutches gives him the confidence to play different games.

Rogers, Fred. **Extraordinary Friends.** (IMC CBC 362.4 R6316e 2000)

Focuses on people who are different, who might use equipment such as wheelchairs or special computers, who are more like you than you might think, and suggests ways to interact with them.

Seeger, Pete. **The Deaf Musicians.** (IMC CBC E Se328d 2006)

Lee, a jazz pianist, has to leave his band when he begins losing his hearing, but he meets a deaf saxophone player in a sign language class and together they form a snazzy new band.

Shiver, Maria. **What's wrong With Timmy?** (IMC CBC E Sh867ww 2001)

Making friends with a mentally retarded boy helps Kate learn that the two of them have a lot in common.

Smith, Doris Buchanan. **Kelly's Creek.** (IMC CBC Fic Sm542k)

An eight-year-old boy's struggle to cope with a special physical problem is relieved by daily visits to a marsh and learning about its marine life.

Tashjin, Janet. **Tru Confessions.** (IMC CBC Fic T1815t 1997)

Computer-literate, twelve-year-old Tru keeps an electronic diary where she documents her desire to cure her handicapped twin brother and her plan to create a television show.

Wells, Rosemary. **The Little Lame Prince.** (IMC CBC E W4627I 1990)

A young crippled prince must reclaim his kingdom from his evil uncle, with the help of a magic cape from his godmother. This adaptation of the story uses animal characters.