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Cognitive and Physical Challenges Bibliography
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Cognitive Challenges

362.4 S

Senisi, Ellen B. Just Kids: Visiting a Class for Children With Special Needs.
Second-grader Cindy is assigned to spend part of each day in a class for students with special needs, where she finds out that even though some kids may learn differently or have different abilities, they are all "just kids."

E FLEMING

Flemming, Virginia. Be Good to Eddie Lee.
Before Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's Syndrome, follows her into the woods, Christy considered him a pest, but after he shares several special discoveries with her, she begins to see him in a new light.

E POLACCO

Polacco, Patricia. Thank you Mr. Falker.
At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.

F BYARS

Byars, Betsy Cromer. The Summer of the Swans.
A teen-age girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally disabled brother gets lost.

F DECLEMENTS

DeClements, Barthe. 6th Grade Can Really Kill You.
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.

F GANTOS

Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key.
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.

F GILSON

Gilson, Jamie. Do Bananas Chew Gum?
Able to read and write at only a second grade level, sixth-grader Sam Mott considers himself dumb. But when he begins to cooperate with those who think something can be done about his problem he finds a new sense of self worth.

F KING-SMITH

King-Smith, Dick. Spider Sparrow.
Spider, a baby abandoned on an English farm, grows up to be mentally a slower learner than other children but displays a remarkable talent for communicating with animals as he comes of age during World War II.

E BUNNETT

Bunnett, Rochelle. Friends at School.

Text and photographs follow a group of children with different nationalities, abilities, and disabilities through a happy, cooperative day at school.

Physical Challenges

306.874

Bernstein, Joanne E. Special Parents, Special Children.

Young and old members of four families discuss what it is like when a parent has a physical disability.

362.1 B

Bergman, Thomas. Going Places: Children Living with Cerebral Palsy.

Describes the home life, schooling, and physiotherapy of children with cerebral palsy from birth.

362.1 M

McMahon, Patricia. Summer Tunes: a Martha's Vineyard Vacation.

Ten-year-old Conor, who has cerebral palsy, spends a summer vacation with his family on Martha's Vineyard in this photographic essay.

362.4 D

Dwight, Laura. We Can Do It!

Five special children explain what they can do even though they have special problems to overcome.

362.4 R

Ring, Elizabeth. Assistance Dogs: In Special Service.

Describes the work of dogs that are specially trained to assist blind, deaf, or disabled people.

759.13 G

Greenberg, Jan. Chuck Close, Up Close.

A biography of the artist who achieved prominence the late 1960s for enormous, photographically realistic, black and white portraits of himself and his friends, and who, later in life, continued painting despite enormous physical challenges.

E CARLSON

Carlson, Nancy L. Arnie and the New Kid.

When an accident requires Arnie to use crutches, he begins to understand the limits and possibilities of his new classmate, who has a wheelchair.

E CASELEY

Caseley, Judith. Harry and Willy and Carrothead.

Three boys, one with a prosthetic arm, overcome prejudicial ideas about appearances and become friends.

E DAMRELL

Damrell, Liz. With the Wind.

When a boy who spends most of his time in a wheelchair rides a horse, he finds freedom, power, joy, and strength.

E FASSLER

Fassler, Joan. Howie Helps Himself.

Though he enjoys life with his family and attends school, Howie, a child with cerebral palsy, wants more than anything else to be able to move his wheelchair by himself.

E MUNSCH

Munsch, Robert. Zoom!

When Laretta tried out a 92-speed, silver and gold, dirt-bike wheelchair, she gets a speeding ticket, but also helps out her brother.

E OSOFSKY

Osofsky, Audrey. My Buddy.

A young boy with muscular dystrophy tells how he is teamed up with a dog trained to do things for him that he can't do for himself.

F KONIGSBURG

Konigsburg, E. L. The View from Saturday.

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.

F PAULSEN

Paulsen, Gary. The Monument.

Thirteen-year-old Rocky, self-conscious about the braces on her leg, has her life changed by the remarkable artist who comes to her small Kansas town to design a war memorial.

Blindness

E BARRETT

Barrett, Mary Brigid. Sing to the Stars.

When Ephram becomes friends with a blind man in his neighborhood and finds out that Mr. Washington was a famous pianist who hasn't touched a piano for a long time, he resolves to get the man back on stage.

E CLEMENTS

Clements, Andrew. Brave Norman: a True Story.

Norman, a blind Labrador retriever, saves a girl from drowning in the ocean.

E KADIM

Karim, Roberta. Mandy Sue Day.

Using her senses of taste, hearing, touch, and smell, a blind girl enjoys a special day on the farm.

E KROLL

Kroll, Virginia L. Naomi Knows It's Springtime.

Spring has arrived and, through she is blind, Naomi knows the season by its familiar sounds, tastes, and smells.

E MACLACHLAN

MacLachlan, Patricia. Through Grandpa's Eyes.

A young boy learns a different way of seeing the world from his blind grandfather.

E MARTIN

Martin, Bill. Knots on a Counting Rope.

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.

E MCMAHON

McMahon, Patricia. Listen for the Bus: David's Story.

Photographs and text follow David, a boy who is blind, through his first day at kindergarten.

F DORRIS

Dorris, Michael. Sees Behind Trees.

A Native American boy, with a special gift to "see" beyond his poor eyesight, journeys with an old warrior to a land of mystery and beauty.

Deafness

362.4 P

Peterson, Jeanne Whitehouse. I Have a Sister--My Sister is Deaf.

A young girl describes how her deaf sister experiences everyday things.

E LITCHFIELD

Litchfield, Ada Bassett. A Button in Her Ear.

A little girl relates how her hearing deficiency is detected and corrected with the use of a hearing aid.

E MILLMAN

Millman, Isaac. Moses Goes to a Concert.

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.

E MILLMAN

Millman, Isaac. Moses Goes to School.

Moses and his friends enjoy the first day of class at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk to each other.