Out of My Mind
by Sharon M. Draper
Possessing a photographic memory in spite of an inability to walk or speak, Melody is mistaken as mentally challenged, impelling her to find a way to communicate.

Roll with It
by Jamie Sumner
Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer’s Disease.

Wonderstruck
by Brian Selznick
An awe-inspiring journey that tells the story of 12-year-old Ben, who leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and there meets Rose, who is also longing for something that is missing from her life.

El Deafo
by Cece Bell
The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her “superpower.”

Al Capone Does My Shirts
by Gennifer 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.

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.

Rules
by Cynthia 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.

Reaching for Sun
by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer
Josie, who lives with her mother and grandmother and has cerebral palsy, befriends a boy who moves into one of the rich houses behind her old farmhouse.

Planet Earth is Blue
by Nicole Panteleakos
Autistic and nearly nonverbal, twelve-year-old Nova is happy in her new foster home and school, but eagerly anticipates the 1986 Challenger launch, for which her sister, Bridget, promised to return.

Jacky Ha-Ha
by James Patterson
Jacky Hart tries to turn over a new leaf and end her reign as class clown, even though being funny helps distract her from her mother’s deployment and her father’s increased absence from home.

Each Tiny Spark
by Pablo Cartaya
A young girl who struggles with attention-deficit challenges finds her world further complicated when her father returns from deployment and shuts himself away from their family.

Song for a Whale
by Lynne Kelly
Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris’s plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.
Handbook for Dragon Slayers
by Merrie Haskell
Yearning for life in a cloistered scriptorium, Princess Matilda escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her friends in hunting dragons and writing about them.

Girls Like Us
by Gail Giles
Graduating from their school’s special education program, Quincy and Biddy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things they have in common in the face of past challenges and a harrowing trauma.

The Collectors
by Jacqueline West
Overlooked in class, a hearing-impaired boy who collects lost or discarded trinkets discovers a dangerous underground world full of stolen wishes and the people who collect them.

Fish in a Tree
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Sixth-grader Ally excels at covering the fact that she cannot read, but at her seventh school in as many years she is challenged to admit she needs help.

A Dog Called Homeless
by Sarah Lean
Fifth-grader Cally Louise Fisher stops talking, partly because her father and brother never speak of her mother who died a year earlier, but visions of her mother, friendships with a homeless man and a disabled boy, and a huge dog ensure that she still communicates.

The Truth as Told By Mason Buttle
by Leslie Connor
As he grieves his best friend Benny’s death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.

The War That Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Wonder
by R. J. Palacio
Born with a facial deformity that initially prevented his attendance at public school, Auggie Pullman enters the fifth grade at Beecher Prep and struggles with the dynamics of being both new and different, in a sparsely written tale about acceptance and self-esteem.

Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World
by Sy Montgomery
An authorized portrait about the co-author’s life with autism and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities includes photographs from Gradin’s personal collection and describes how she overcame key disabilities through education and the support of her mother.

This Kid Can Fly: It’s About Ability Not Disability
by Aaron Philip
An uplifting memoir by the 14-year-old creator of the Tumblr blog "Aaronverse" traces his remarkable experiences that demonstrate how his abilities and achievements have defined him more than the challenges of his cerebral palsy.

Spaceman
by Jane Cutler
Gary suffers from learning problems and does not fit in well among others at school because he can never keep up with the rest, but when he is transferred to a special school, his new teacher shows him that he is unique, not different.