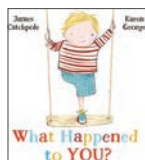


## Differing Abilities

### What Happened To You?

**Catchpole, James**

Every time Joe goes out, the questions are the same... what happened to his leg? But is this even a question Joe has to answer if he doesn't want to?



### Benny Doesn't Like To Be Hugged

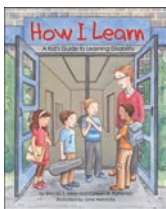
**Elliott, Zetta**

A little girl describes the unique traits of her autistic friend. Benny likes trains and cupcakes without sprinkles but he can also be fussy sometimes. She doesn't mind, however, because "true friends accept each other just the way they are."

### How I Learn: A Kid's Guide to Learning Disability

**Miles, Brenda**

When a child struggles in school, it's difficult to find the words to ask for help. This book introduces learning disabilities in simple terms, emphasizing that they are capable of learning, just in a different way.



### Dancing with Daddy

**Schulte, Anitra**

Elsie can't wait for her first father-daughter dance. She picked out the perfect dress and has been practicing swirling and swaying in her wheelchair. But when a winter storm approaches, Elsie wonders if her dream will come true.

### Just Ask!

**Sotomayor, Sonia**

Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be tough. But different types of people make our world more wonderful. As these kids work together to build a community garden, asking each other questions along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same.



## LGBTQIA+

### My Sister, Daisy

**Karlsson, Adria**

Daisy's older brother is thrilled when he gets a new sibling. They do everything together but in kindergarten, things change. His sibling tells him she is a girl and wants to be called Daisy. Daisy's brother must adjust to the change and what it means for their relationship.

### Harrison Dwight, Ballerina and Knight

**MacFarlane, Rachael**

Harrison Dwight smiles when he's happy and cries when he's sad. He loves the color pink and loves climbing trees. He is both a ballet dancer and a knight. This book empowers kids to confidently express their emotions and play in whatever way they choose.



### Mommy, Mama, and Me (Board Book)

**Newman, Lesléa**

A simple day in the life of a toddler with their mommy and mama. From hide-and-seek to dress up to bath time, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.

### My Maddy

**Pitman, Gayle**

Most mommies are girls. Most daddies are boys. But some parents are neither a boy nor a girl like this young girl's Maddy. An introduction to gender identity with Maddy identifying with things that are in-between like sunrise, neither day or night, and sporks, neither a spoon nor a fork.



### Stella Brings the Family

**Schiffer, Miriam**

Stella has a problem. Her class is having a Mother's Day celebration. So, what's a girl with two daddies supposed to do? Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.



## Race & Culture

### Paletero Man

**Diaz, Lucky**

Follow a young boy through his busy neighborhood in search of the Paletero Man. When he finally catches up with him though, his pockets are empty! His dinero is gone! How will he get his tasty treat now?



### Red Shoes

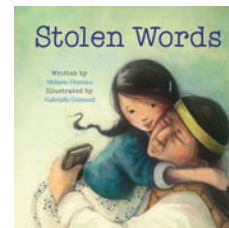
**English, Karen**

Malika is delighted when her Nana surprises her with some beautiful new shoes. Wherever Malika goes, the shoes go. But when she outgrows them, the shoes go on a journey half way across the world to make another little girl just as happy.

### Stolen Words

**Florence, Melanie**

A little girl and her grandfather relearn their native language. Cree after it was stolen in his youth by the American school system of that time and the separation of young Indigenous children from their families.



### Little Messy Marcy Su

**Fu, Cherie**

Marcy Su couldn't help making messes and staining her dresses. But Waipo and Waigong are visiting today and Marcy's room is a disgrace! What will her grandparents think? Her Mama sets her on a mission to clean up her mess and Marcy Su more than delivers.

### The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh

**Kelkar, Supriya**

Harpreet Singh has a different color for every mood and occasion. He likes to make sure his patka (turban) always matches his outfit. But when Harpreet's family has to move to a new city, everything feels gray. Will he find a way to make life bright again?



# Socioeconomic

## Those Shoes

**Boelts, Maribeth**

All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes like all the other kids. But Grandma says they only have room for "need," not "want." When his old shoes fall apart, he's even more determined, especially when he finds a smaller pair at a thrift shop. Sure feet aren't fun though. What will he do now?

## Fly Away Home

**Bunting, Eve**

A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal trying not to be noticed, is given hope when a trapped bird finally finds its freedom.



## Saturday at the Food Pantry

**O'Neill, Diane**

Molly and her mom don't always have enough food, so one Saturday, they visit their local food pantry. She runs into her classmate Caitlin, who's embarrassed to be there. Can Molly help Caitlin realize that everyone needs help sometimes?



## The Paper Kingdom

**Rhee, Helena Ku**

Without a babysitter, Daniel must join his parents downtown at their nighttime job as office cleaners. His dad weaves a wondrous story turning the deserted office building into a magnificent kingdom with dragons and encourages Daniel to be its king one day.

## Lulu and the Hunger Monster

**Talkin, Erik**

When Lulu's mother's van breaks down, money for food becomes tight and the Hunger Monster enters their lives. He makes it hard for Lulu to concentrate in school among other things. How will Lulu help defeat this monster when she promised never to speak of it?



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## Body Image

## Eyes That Speak To the Stars

**Ho, Joanna**

A young Asian boy notices that his eyes look different from his peers. After talking to his father, he realizes his eyes are visionary and hold the strength of his ancestors.



## Beautifully Me

**Noor, Nabela**

With her family and friends critical of their own bodies, young Zubi grows increasingly worried about being "too big" and learns what it means to be truly beautiful.

## What's Silly Hair Day with No Hair?

**Paulson, Norene**

Bea has alopecia - that means she doesn't have any hair. So when it's time for silly hair day at school, Bea and her best friend, Shaleah are determined to find a way for everyone to take part.

