

Books About Dyslexia and Print Disabilities

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[Aaron Slater, Illustrator, by Andrea Beaty](#)

BR 25066

When Miss Greer asks each child in the class to write a story, second-grader Aaron, who loves to draw but struggles with reading, creates a story using pictures. For grades K-3.

[Adam Zigzag, by Barbara Barrie](#)

DB 48215

A little boy calls himself "Adam Zigzag" because of the way words on paper look to him. Adam has dyslexia and learning disorders that lead to emotional problems. After years of ineffectual schools and tutors, Adam agrees to try a boarding school, where he finally finds the help he needs. For grades 5-8.

[The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia, by Diane Burton Robb](#)

DB 58858

Adam likes school but cannot learn to read. In third grade he is diagnosed with dyslexia. With hard work and his teacher's expert help, Adam gains self-confidence and masters the task of deciphering words. For grades 2-4.

[At School with Dyslexia: a Study Guide for Dyslexic Learners, by Sascha Roos](#)

DB 128182

Discover tools and strategies that help you thrive at school and in your exams. Dyslexia is a learning difference with its own challenges and strengths. Conventional study techniques do not always suit the dyslexic learner. This book will help you realise your potential, and use your creative and innovative ways of seeing the world and learning to your advantage. It will reveal clever ways of organising your study and provide reassuring tips and advice from fellow dyslexic learners that show it is possible to study and achieve as a dyslexic learner. For junior and senior high and older readers.

Ben and Emma's Big Hit, by Gavin Newsom

DB 108461

Ben loves baseball. He loves the lines of the diamond-shaped field and the dome of the pitcher's mound. What Ben doesn't like is reading. Ben has dyslexia, which means letters and sounds get jumbled up in his brain, and then the words don't make sense. But when Ben starts looking at reading like he looks at baseball, he realizes that if he keeps trying, he can overcome any obstacle that comes his way. For grades K-3.

Coping with Dyslexia, by Karen J. Donnelly

DB 56890

Discusses what is known about dyslexia and related language problems. Offers advice to students with this condition on learning strategies and ways of preparing for college or a career. For grades 6-9.

Dying to Know You, by Aidan Chambers

DB 75634

When his girlfriend Fiorella asks eighteen-year-old Karl, who is dyslexic, to write a letter revealing his inner secrets, Karl approaches a novelist for help. But Karl's inability to be honest with Fiorella has unintended consequences. For senior high and older readers.

Fish in a Tree, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

BR 21151

DB 80497

Bullied and moved among different schools, sixth-grade student Ally creatively distracts anyone from discovering that she has problems reading. But one teacher, Mr. Daniels, helps her understand that she has dyslexia. He encourages Ally to understand her feelings in a new way. For grades 4-7 and older readers.

Josh: A Boy with Dyslexia, by Caroline Janover

DB 53876

Josh has just moved to New Jersey and is worried about starting fifth grade because he has a learning disability and will be in a special class. Josh's dyslexia causes teasing and bullying, but he gains respect and friendship for characteristics that really count. For grades 4-7.

Maggot Moon, by Sally Gardner

BR 19938

Standish Treadwill, who lives in the oppressive Motherland, is bullied and dismissed because of his dyslexia. But when hype of the impending moon landing hits the news, Standish discovers the depth of Motherland's deception. For senior high and older readers.

My Name is Brain Brian, by Jeanne Betancourt

DB 43123

Brian and his friends decide to make the sixth grade interesting by having a joke contest. Secretly Brian also hopes to do better in school. Instead, he begins by misspelling his own name, and his teacher suggests special help. Suddenly Brian's friends' jokes seem cruel to him. For grades 4-7.

Trout and Me, by Susan Richards Shreve

DB 55170

Ben, who has attention deficit disorder and dyslexia, has always hated school. In fifth grade, Trout, a new boy with learning disabilities, becomes his best friend. The two boys cause such problems that the school's parents want Trout transferred even though Ben and his family defend him. For grades 4-7.

Why Can't I Learn Like Everyone Else? Youth with Learning Disabilities, by Shirley

Brinkerhoff

DB 60838

Fictional eighth-grader Charlie Begay describes his reading problems and his feelings of being inferior to other classmates. His account alternates with facts about dyslexia and information on dealing with it. Discusses diagnoses of learning differences, success stories, and resources. For grades 5-8.

The Worst Speller in Jr. High, by Caroline Janover

DB 46687

After just a few days in the seventh grade, thirteen-year-old Katie Kelso wishes she were back in elementary school where her teachers understood about her dyslexia. But that is only one of Katie's problems. She wants to become one of the P.K.s (popular kids) this year, but has to babysit her younger brothers too often and her mother may have cancer. For grades 6-9.

Yours Turly, Shirley, by Ann M. Martin

DB 32564

Fourth-grader Shirley Basini has a poor self-image due largely to her dyslexia. She copes with her reading difficulties by being the class clown, but her teacher is not impressed and makes it clear that she must either improve or be held back. When her parents adopt an eight-year-old Vietnamese girl, Shirley's role as a big sister helps her gain confidence, until she becomes resentful of Jackie's reading skills. For grades 3-6.

The Vicar of Nibbleswicke, by Roald Dahl

DB 37941

Robert Lee had dyslexia as a child. But, guided by some very good teachers, he largely overcame this disability. Then Robert Lee became Reverend Lee and received his first important job--as vicar of Nibbleswicke. Anxiety triggered a peculiar problem related to his old dyslexia--he would say backwards the most important words in the sentence: hence, God became dog--not a good thing for a preacher. For grades 3-6.