

Books About Dyslexia & Print Disabilities

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Believe the Heart: Our Dyslexic Days, by Elizabeth Fleming

DB 21123

Personal account of one family, a mother and her five children, all of whom inherited dyslexia, and all of whom have gone on to success. Each member of the family gives his or her own version of growing up with prejudices and problems confronting dyslexics, and offers advice to those raising dyslexic children.

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants, by Malcolm Gladwell

BRG 03437

DB 77646

Author challenges common assumptions about obstacles and advantages. Illustrates the ways having a learning disability such as dyslexia forces some students to develop other skills that help them to succeed.

The Dyslexic Advantage: Unlocking the Hidden Potential of the Dyslexic Brain, by Brock & Fernet Eide

DB 73775

Scientists reveal the benefits of having a dyslexic brain--one that has a unique pattern of organization and information processing. They employ the MIND model to detail the strengths in material, interconnected, narrative, and dynamic reasoning in dyslexics and to discuss ways assistive technology can put those strengths to use.

Helping your Dyslexic Child, by Eileen Marie Cronin

DB 38717

Dr. Cronin defines dyslexia as a dysfunction of the part of the brain that processes linear information and explains that those with dyslexia remain concrete learners. After describing how to identify dyslexia, Cronin provides exercises and advice for parents helping their child learn how to do what comes naturally to others.

Must Love Cowboys

DB 103982

When Beau Montgomery is left in charge of Rancho Cañada Verde, he's afraid that his dyslexia is going to be a problem. He asks the town librarian for tutoring, but he's had a crush on the book-loving beauty for years.

My Dyslexia, by Philip Schultz

DB 74846

Memoir of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet who was labeled a failure in school because of his undiagnosed dyslexia. Schultz describes his efforts to read and write, the way his brain works, and the effects of his disability on his social and emotional life.

Normal Sucks: How to Live, Learn, and Thrive Outside the Lines, by Jonathan Mooney

DB 112157

A writer diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD as a child explores the toll the system takes on kids who are not "normal" and advocates for a revolution in the way society thinks about diversity, abilities, and disabilities.

Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science-Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level, by Sally E. Shaywitz

DB 116505

Yale neuroscientist and physician specializing in learning disorders explains the biological basis for difficulties in reading. Synthesizes the latest research and explains how dyslexic children can be taught to become good readers. Includes a grade-by-grade program and activities for parents to implement, and suggests ways to raise a child's self-esteem.

Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain, by Maryanne Wolf

DB 67928

Discusses the evolution of our human brain's capacity to learn to read. Begins with the origins of writing, proceeds to the development of the reading brain and its pathways to acquisition, and ends with questions about potential transformations due to digital technology. Examines reading difficulties of children with dyslexia.

Reader's Block: a History of Reading Differences, by Matthew Rubery

DB 116333

This alternative history of reading tells the stories of atypical readers and the impact had on their lives by neurological conditions affecting their ability to make sense of the printed word: from dyslexia, hyperlexia, and alexia to synesthesia, hallucinations, and dementia. The book's focus on neurodiversity aims to transform our understanding of the very concept of reading. Matthew Rubery contends that there is no single activity known as reading. Instead, there are multiple ways of reading despite the ease with which we use the term in conversation and act as if everyone does it in essentially the same fashion.

Reversals: A Personal Account of Victory Over Dyslexia, by Eileen B. Simpson

DB 14545

A practicing psychotherapist offers an account of life as a victim of dyslexia. She describes the ruses she resorted to as a child in school trying to pretend to read, and the frustrated behavior of her teachers, who accused her of indolence and stupidity.

The Spy Who Couldn't Spell: a Dyslexic Traitor, an Unbreakable Code, and the FBI's Hunt for America's Stolen Secrets, by Yudhijit Bhattacharjee

DB 86615

In the early twenty-first century, one of the largest thefts of government secrets was committed by an ingenious traitor named Brian Regan, whose intricate espionage scheme and complex system of coded messages were made even more baffling by his dyslexia. The author recounts Regan's escapades and the hunt to catch him.