

## Rose and Bayan's recommended booklist 1

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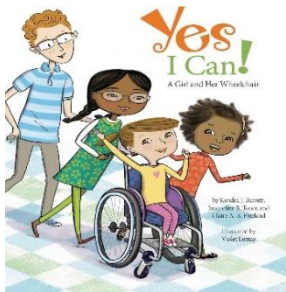
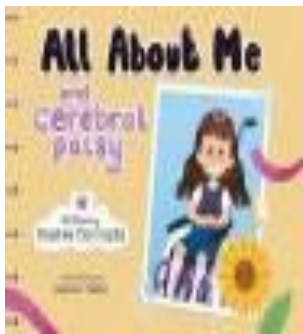


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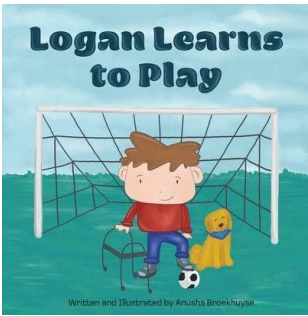
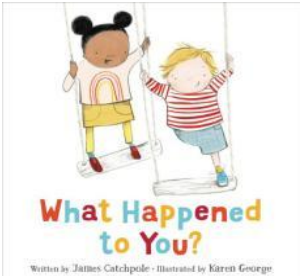
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Welcome to our first children's booklist for parents and educators wanting to share books that celebrate inclusion. We will be adding to it over the coming months. If you would like to share your favourite books, please send us an email at [projectinclusion@hollandbloorview.ca](mailto:projectinclusion@hollandbloorview.ca)

Children's titles	Publishers' descriptions
	<p><i>We Move Together</i> by Kelly Fritsch, Anne McGuire, Eduardo Trejos</p> <p><i>We Move Together</i> follows a mixed-ability group of kids as they creatively negotiate everyday barriers and find joy and connection in disability culture and community. A perfect tool for families, schools, and libraries to facilitate conversations about disability, accessibility, social justice, and community building. Includes a kid-friendly glossary.</p> <p>Learning Guide: <a href="https://wemovetogether.ca/">https://wemovetogether.ca/</a> Adaptive tools, mobility equipment, and communication devices in <a href="#">Picture Symbols</a></p>

	<p><i>Yes I Can! A Girl and Her Wheelchair</i> by Kendra J. Barrett</p> <p>Carolyn is a happy, energetic, caring first-grader who just happens to be in a wheelchair. She's excited to start her new year of school and make new friends. <i>Yes, I Can</i> follows Carolyn on a typical day at home, at school, and even on a field trip. She can do almost everything the other kids can, even if sometimes she has to do it a little differently.</p>
	<p><i>All About Me and Cerebral Palsy</i> by Desiree Da Costa</p> <p><i>All About Me and Cerebral Palsy</i> is based on Da Costa's own lived experience with cerebral palsy. During her time at her new school, which she started in Grade 2, Da Costa was the only student with a physical disability. Her hope for <i>All About Me and Cerebral Palsy</i> is that other children with cerebral palsy can identify with it and use it as a teaching tool for those with and without cerebral palsy.</p> <p>Colouring pages: <a href="https://www.allaboutmeandcerebralpalsy.ca/">https://www.allaboutmeandcerebralpalsy.ca/</a></p>
	<p><i>Three</i> by Stephen Michael King</p> <p>Three is a homeless three-legged dog who loves life and is thankful for his three legs. When Three meets a loving family, they become a perfect four.</p>
	<p><i>See Me for Me</i> by Dana Geall</p> <p>Dana, the author, is a mother of a triplet with cerebral palsy. This book can start important dialogues about empathy and inclusion.</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://seemeforme.ca/">https://seemeforme.ca/</a></p>

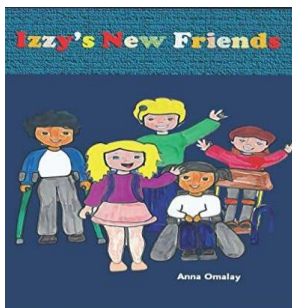
	<p><i>It's OK to Be Different by Sharon Purtill</i></p> <p>Every child is unique! Whether they are big or small, short or tall, like to swim, dance, sing, or bike. Perhaps they have a special need or disability or have a different ethnic background. Maybe they wear glasses, talk differently, or require a wheelchair to get around. The truth is that all children are different, and their individuality should be celebrated, not shunned.</p> <p>Available in French.</p>
	<p><i>Something to Say Collection by Eden Molineux</i></p> <p>This collection promotes self-advocacy, understanding of speech and language differences, and conversation about embracing diversity. Written by a speech-language pathologist, each book features a character with a communication difference.</p> <p>Titles in the Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Something to Say About My Speech</i></li> <li>• <i>Something to Say About My Communication Device</i></li> <li>• <i>Something to Say About Stuttering</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Picture Symbols</a></p>
	<p><i>Logan Learns to Play by Anusha Broekhuysse</i></p> <p>Logan longs to play soccer when he sees his classmates playing out on the field. Kicking the ball with a walker seemed like a daunting task, as he has grown up with cerebral palsy. When he is introduced to an inclusive and accessible All Abilities Program, he finds himself surrounded by a community of friends, family, and fun.</p>
	<p><i>What Happened to You? by James Catchpole</i></p> <p>This is a funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different. It is important to mention that questions about someone's body are personal. Some people might not want to share information about their bodies, and that is okay.</p>



*We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio*

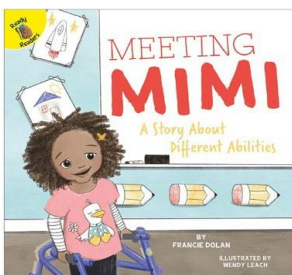
*We're All Wonders* may be Auggie's story, but it taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children.

Available in French and as a novel.



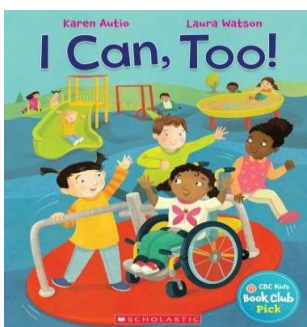
*Izzy's New Friends by Anna Omalay*

Izzy is excited to start grade 3 at her new school and meet new friends. This book is about acceptance and understanding children with exceptionalities, as well as explaining the equipment used by the children.



*Meeting Mimi: A Story About Different Abilities by France Dolan*

Mimi is new at school, and everyone is excited to get to know her! Join Mimi's classmates as they learn about her different abilities, appreciate diversity, and most of all—make a new friend.

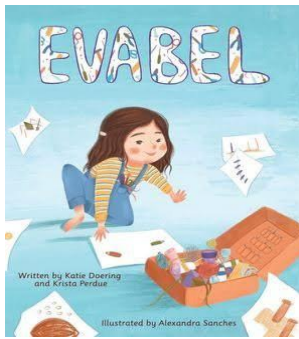


*I Can, Too! by Karen Autio and Laura Watson*

The inspiration for *I Can, Too!* comes from the author's daughter, who was born with spina bifida. On a visit to the mall after her child received her first wheelchair, a young boy pointed, asking his mother, "Why is that girl in a wheelbarrow?" Karen welcomed questions so the unknown could be named and understood, and children could get to know her daughter.



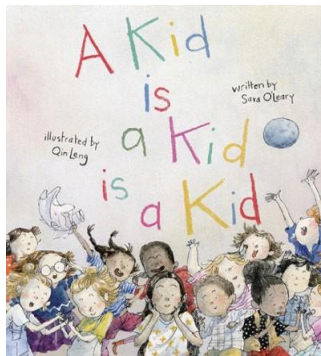
	<p><i>Fast Friends by Heather O'Connor</i></p> <p>In this appealing, energetic picture book, two kids with different challenges and strengths find they are just what the other needs to navigate classroom life.</p>
	<p><i>You Are Enough by Sofia Sanchez</i></p> <p>This inclusive and empowering picture book from Sofia Sanchez — an 11-year-old model and actress with Down Syndrome — reminds readers how important it is to embrace your differences, be confident, and be proud of who you are.</p> <p>Available in French.</p>
	<p><i>Different: A Great Thing to Be! by Heather Avis</i></p> <p>Macy is a girl who is a lot like you and me, but she's also quite different, which is a great thing to be. With kindness, grace, and bravery, Macy finds her place in the world, bringing beauty and laughter wherever she goes and leading others to find delight in the unique design of every person.</p>
	<p><i>I Can Do Hard Things by Gabi Gareira</i></p> <p><i>I Can Do Hard Things</i> introduces children to the practice of using mindful affirmations for support and encouragement when they need it.</p>



*Evabel by Katie Doering and Krista Perdue*

This heart-warming story showcases the exciting tinkering adventures of a mischievous child as she navigates the realities of childhood cancer.

Teaching resources: <https://evabel.ca/>



*A Kid Is a Kid Is a Kid by Sara O'Leary*

One after another, children share the questions they're tired of being asked again and again — as opposed to what they believe are the most important or interesting things about themselves. As they move around the playground, picking up new friends along the way, there is a feeling of understanding and acceptance among them. And in the end, the new kid comes up with the question they would all like to hear: "Hey kid, want to play?"

Available in French.