

Inclusive Book List

Disabilities / Neurodiversity / Medical Conditions



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Lily and the Snow by Sara Stone



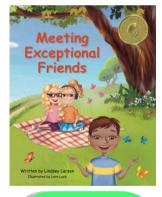
With snow all around, can Lily find joy outdoors? Can she work with her Sensory Processing Disorder and find a comfortable way to play? Come along for a heartfelt story about overcoming obstacles while staying true to yourself.



<u>My Brother is AU–MAZING!</u> by Bethany Bauerle



A heartwarming story narrated by the little sister of an autistic big brother, where she teaches readers about her brother's AU-MAZING ways, how he communicates, and the importance of accepting the differences in others and the power of being kind.



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<u>Meeting Exceptional Friends</u>



by Lindsey Larsen

Celebrate differences and learn to include all children in play and activities with this educational book about meeting friends with disabilities and neurodiversity. Meeting Exceptional Friends illustrates realistic situations children will encounter and creates opportunities for young children to learn and discuss their questions, fostering empathy, acceptance, and inclusion!



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<u>Margo and You</u> by Megan Craft

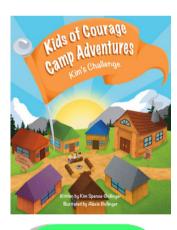
Come spend a fun-filled morning with Margo. Margo is a young girl with a feeding tube, who loves playing outside and spending time with her giant tortoise. Margo and You is the first book in the Mission: Inclusion(TM) series.



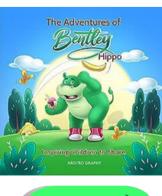














Around the World with Moby: My First Trip

by Muzna Kazim

Travel anxiety can be very distressing for kids on the autism spectrum. Moby's parents were concerned that he was missing out on many new learning opportunities since he was not exploring the world outside his home. So, they take him out on a short vacation to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through Moby, the author penned down a personal story with her son who is on the spectrum and discussed how as parents they helped their son get over his travel anxiety using different strategies.

<u>Bear and the Lost Tooth</u> by Val Jones



Like many young children, Bear finds losing a tooth very distressing. In this enchanting story, ThereBear gently guides Bear through a range of emotions in understanding and accepting this loss. There's even a magical ToothBeary to delight children and adults alike! Not only will this story be useful for parents, carers and dentists to help children with the loss of their teeth, the story is also helpful for discussing other losses and bereavement. Both Bear and ThereBear characters are non-gendered with no pronouns used so that anyone can relate with them.

Kids of Courage Camp Adventures:

<u>Kim's Challenge</u>



by Kim Spence-Bollinger

Every year Kim's twin sister, Mandy, competes in the 4th of July Charity Bike Race for a chance to win the prize money for Camp U-Belong, a summer camp for children with disabilities. But when Kim, a young girl with Cerebral Palsy, gets home from camp, she discovers that Mandy can't compete in the race this year. Now it's up to Kim to come up with a new plan, find a way to compete, and raise money for Camp U-Belong. And she only has 2 weeks to do it.

<u>The Adventures of Bentley Hippo:</u>

Inspiring Children to Share



by Argyro Graphy

Join Jaxon, Bentley, and Toby in this wonderful book about sharing! Jaxon sprints through the park, ecstatic to share his yummy bananas. But, oh no! One banana bounces and falls right on Bentley the hippo's head! There is no doubt that Jaxon hasn't been taught the right way to share, and Bentley and Toby are up to the task. Will Jaxon finally learn how to share without any more banana bonks? Get ready for some giggles, surprises, and heartwarming moments as your child learns the joys and benefits of sharing.











<u>Tag! You're It:</u> <u>A Story on Inclusion with Gabby & Nicky</u>



by Jannesy DeLeon

"Tag! You're it!" the voice ricochets in Gabby's ear. She longs to play, too, but can't ask to join. Gabby lives with cerebral palsy and is non-verbal. When her brother, Nicky, does the talking for her and asks for him and Gabby to join, the other kids react with skepticism. Can she really play with her disabilities?

You're It is a picture book about inclusion from debut author, Jannesy DeLeon. This story shows how a child can celebrate their abilities within their disability, find acceptance, and create awareness for those around them. A wonderful resource for both parents and teachers with children of special needs.

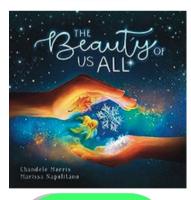
The Adventures of Incredi-Wheels & Triple S:

The Mysterious Missing Book



by Rebecca Rubin Seligson

As superhero good-deed-doers, Zee & Nina transform into Incredi-Wheels & Super Sidekick Sister (or "Triple S" for short) whenever a good deed needs doing. One day, while playing at the park, Zee & Nina hear their friend Zoey call for help. They spring into action, encouraging Zoey to become her own superhero as they work together to figure out who stole Zoey's book.



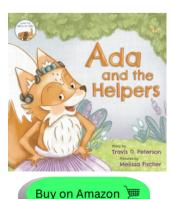
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The Beauty of Us All

by Chandele Morris



"The Beauty of Us All" by best selling author, Chandele Morris, follows the story of a mother and her daughter, uncovering the beauty of nature and the significance of acceptance as they explore the natural world. With vivid illustrations and an emotional narrative, readers take a journey that fuses self-discovery with empathy.



Ada and the Helpers



by Travis D. Peterson

"Be bold! Be brave! Let you be you... and let's help others, too!" That's Ada's motto. Follow Ada and her new friends on an exciting new adventure that inspires friendship, helping others, inclusion, and finding your strengths. Plus, your child can learn the ASL alphabet at the same time! The rhyming nature of the story is welcoming for hearing kids, but is especially helpful for young children who are hard-of-hearing.







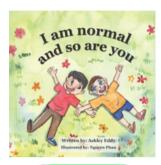
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Emori Wears Green

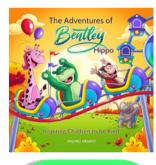
by KB Holmes



In "Emori Wears Green," readers are introduced to a young girl named Emori who has cerebral palsy. Despite her physical limitations, Emori is a shining example of strength and resilience, and her story shared by her sister Hope is sure to inspire readers of all ages. With vibrant illustrations and a powerful message of acceptance and love, this book is a must-read for anyone who believes in the power of inclusion and the beauty of diversity.



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<u>I am normal and so are you</u> (Also available in Spanish) by Ashley Eddy



An Autism diagnosis often raises the question "Am I still normal?" Spend a day with two brothers as they find out all the things they still have in common, despite one of them being Autistic, in the book I am normal and so are you.

The Adventures of Bentley Hippo:

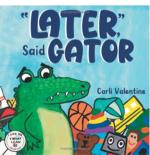
Inspiring Children to be Kind



by Argyro Graphy

In this captivating sequel from the award-winning, Inspiring Children series, Marty the Lion finds himself caught in the web of peer pressure, giving in to the dark side of bullying. Toby, the timid little elephant, becomes his unfortunate target as fingers point, names are hurled, and even his glasses are taken away.

But wait, there's a twist! Just when you think all hope is lost, Marty himself becomes a victim, and comes to the realization that his actions were wrong. Will Toby, Bentley, and the others lend a helping hand and show Marty the power of kindness? Or will they turn their backs on him?

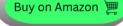


<u>"Later," Said Gator</u> by Carli Valentine



Milo is a very smart, creative gator! But when it's time for cleaning, he always says he'll do it later! Can he come up with a plan to get the job done? Will he clean his big mess so he can go back to having fun?

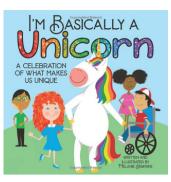
This book will be helpful for all kids but especially those with ADHD or those who struggle with executive function. Full of fun and humor! Helps kids see that "cleaning up along the way" will actually be beneficial for everyone!







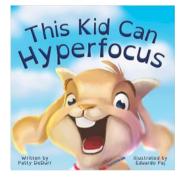




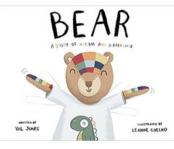


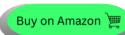












<u>I'm Basically a Unicorn</u>

by Melanie Hawkins



No matter our abilities, strengths, or weaknesses, each of us is precious, rare, and beautiful! This wonderful book can open dialogue about uniqueness, inclusion, and the beauty of diversity. It can help us have compassion and understanding for the challenges that many children face. We can learn to be accepting of others who are a bit different and realize just how similar and wonderful we really are.

<u>The Adventures of Bentley Hippo:</u> <u>Inspiring Children to Never Give Up</u>



by Argyro Graphy

On this adventure Bentley and his friends meet children that have special needs. Listening to them talk about their own struggles, Bentley and the others reveal that they too have challenges. The children are all surprised. Looking out through a hospital room window is Julia, a sad little girl having treatment and wishing she could be outside with her friends. Bentley spots her and comes up with a plan to cheer her up. A heart-warming story of resilience, friendship, strength, and love.

This Kid Can Hyperfocus

by Patty DeDurr



When the farm is too quiet Kid, the goat, wants to bring some much needed smiles back to the other farm animals. He realizes he can't think about anything else and his lofty goal becomes his hyperfocus mission.

Throughout this book, Kid talks about his amazing brain and finds new and creative ways to bring some smiles to the farm. Will he complete his mission, to bring laughter back, while visiting all the farm animals?

This is an inclusive story of friendship and determination through the eyes of a main character with ADHD.

Bear: A Story of Autism and Difference



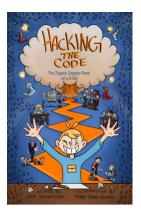
by Val Jones

Meet Bear – a captivating, slightly quirky, young bear who can sometimes stand out from other bears or unintentionally get things a bit wrong. Celebrating autism and inspiring acceptance for all, 'Bear a Story of Autism and Difference' enchants children and adults alike.

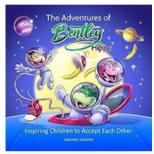
The story provides an accessible resource to share information about autism for families, teachers and therapists. Further activities related to the story can be accessed through the Bear Autism publisher website.







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by Gea Meijering

Kees is good at many things such as science, fixing things, making friends, and pulling pranks. However, because of his dyslexia, he is not so good at spelling and writing! After playing another sly prank on the teachers he ends up having to write an essay about the hardest thing he's ever done. His friend writes it in no time, but Kees can't get anything on paper. His secret friends group is determined to help him but in the end, it is his grandpa with all his wisdom that helps Kees on its way. Will he be able to pull it off? And how on earth did he, a dyslexic kid, end up winning the highest honor at school?

<u>The Adventures of Bentley Hippo:</u>

<u>Inspiring Children to Accept Each Other</u> by Argyro Graphy



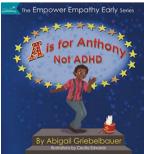
Bentley's dream of going to the moon is about to come true, but his excitement is short-lived when his friends are excluded because of their differences. Bentley faces a difficult choice. Will he choose his dream over his friends? Grab your copy to find out! In this inspiring tale, children will discover the power of acceptance and learn to embrace and celebrate their own individuality.

Margot Moose: Summertime Sensations



by Sarah Ventura-Wright

Margot the moose and her best pals Boden the beaver and Sutton the squirrel head to the beach for a fun-filled day. Upon arriving at the beach, Margot begins to experience sensory challenges. With the help of her friends, they problem-solve solutions to overcome her challenges, allowing the experience to be an enjoyable one for all.



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by Abigail Griebelbauer

A is for Anthony Not ADHD



Anthony just moved into town. His neighbor, Mr. Holt, suggests he audition for a show at the community theater. At the first rehearsal, all eyes are on him. Can he get through the rehearsals or will his ADHD bring the curtain down before the big show? Follow this theatrical journey as Anthony steps into a new experience.





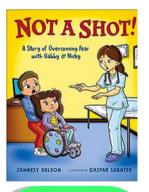


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This Llama

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Not a Shot! A Story of Overcoming Fear with Gabby

<u>and Nicky</u>



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Not a Shot! is another fun read with Gabby and Nicky all about overcoming your fear of the doctor. For fans of her first book, Tag! You're It. Perfect for children age 3–7 who are scared to go to the doctor.

<u>This Llama Can Write</u> by Patty DeDurr



When the snow starts to fall that means it is time for the end of the year annual thank you letter celebration on the farm. Cria, the llama, is having difficulty completing the celebration. Cria has dysgraphia, which can make writing a challenging task. In this story Cria discovers different ways that can help her write her own letter and become independent.

<u>D is for Darcy Not Dyslexia</u>



by Abigail Griebelbauer



The art fair is in two weeks! Darcy still isn't done with her masterpiece and reading class is next. What is she going to do? Reading is her hardest class! Follow along as her teacher, Miss Williams, and her friend, Clara, encourage her to keep trying. Does Darcy listen to their advice or does her dyslexia stop her from doing things she loves?

I'm Just a Kid

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<u>I'm Just a Kid:</u> <u>A Social Emotional Book on Self-Regulation</u>



by Chandele Morris

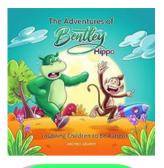
"Ahhhh, it's not working!" Have you ever been so frustrated that you just want to scream? Ben is a kid who loves to play, especially with his puzzles, which help him learn and grow. But he often experiences many BIG emotions when things don't go his way. Like many other kids, he has to learn different ways to help him cope with his anger so he can calm himself down.

In I'm Just a Kid, Ben's big emotions can be overwhelming, but with a little help from Mom, he learns how to engage more mindfully, self-regulate, and develop emotional resilience.





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Inspiring Children to be Patient

The Adventures of Bentley Hippo:



by Argyro Graphy

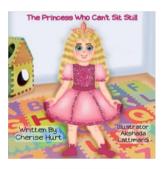
Join Jaxon, a hyperactive monkey, in a lineup to ride a rocket ship to the moon. But there's just one problem–Jaxon can't seem to sit still and wait his turn! In this hilarious tale, Jaxon's excitement and impatience lead to an ice cream catastrophe! Ice cream cones go flying, causing a sticky mess everywhere. Uh–oh! Can Bentley and his friends teach Jaxon the art of patience and waiting calmly like the others? Follow along as these lovable characters embark on a mission to help Jaxon chill out and join in the fun without causing chaos.

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Our NICU Journey is an inspiring children's book and keepsake that follows first time parents as they navigate the neonatal intensive care unit. This book provides individuals enduring the NICU a sense of hope and encouragement. Follow along as each page of the story highlights the strength, courage, and perseverance of a child's fight to come home, visually represented through Beads of Courage[®]. Whatever your story, know that you are not alone.



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The Princess Who Can't Sit Still



by Cherise Hurt

Little princesses everywhere will connect with Nora – an excitable little girl who can't sit still. Follow her journey navigating school structure and rules, while having a great need for movement. This story is helpful for any child dealing with impulse control. The Princess Who Can't Sit Still teaches us the importance of self-advocacy and the benefits of movement.



<u>Extra Special Heart</u>



Beautiful, inclusive story about a little boy with a Congenital Heart Defect. It highlights all of the beauty and strengths the child has, even though he may have a heart with physical imperfections. Teaches children about inclusion, and harvests pride amongst children with CHD, that may feel frustrated or sad about having an "imperfect heart."





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Coloring Books

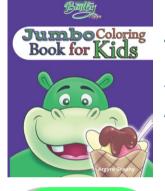


<u>Mission: Inclusion Coloring Pages</u>



by Megan Craft, Angelus Albarran, et al.

Come join the Mission: Inclusion characters in a fun coloring book exploring their imagination and familiar places. There are pictures of the characters by themselves or with friends. Which background and character will be your favorite?



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Bentley Hippo's Jumbo 8x10 Coloring Book:

by Argyro Graphy



165 Pages of Animal Fun for Preschool and Kindergarten Kids Ages 3–8







