

# Disability Pride Month - Stories for Teens

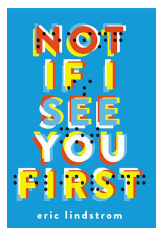
Looking for diverse disability representation? Check out this list of Young Adult (YA) books, featuring stories about young people with a wide spectrum of abilities and experiences! For more recommendations, talk to a librarian or visit [alamedafree.org](http://alamedafree.org).



## Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

A Persian-American youth who prefers pop culture to the traditions of his mixed family struggles with clinical depression and the misunderstandings of older relatives while bonding with a boy who helps him embrace his Iranian heritage. YA Fic Khorram



## Not if I See You First

by Eric Lindstrom

Demanding to be treated the same as everyone else in spite of her blindness, Parker doles out tough-love advice to her peers, refuses to cry after losing her father and stubbornly shuns a boy who broke her heart years earlier. YA Fic LINDSTROM



## Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute

by Talia Hibbert

To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new

kind of relationship. YA FIC HIBBERT



## Love From A to Z

by S. K. Ali

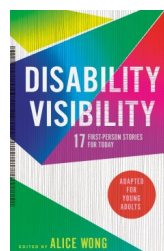
Suspended for standing up against a teacher's hate speech, a Muslim teen visits her aunt in Qatar, where she bonds with a motherless young man who is attempting to hide his multiple sclerosis diagnosis from his grieving father. YA FIC ALI



## Pinned

by Sharon Flake

Adonis is smart, intellectually gifted and born without legs; Autumn is strong, a great wrestler, and barely able to read in ninth grade--but Autumn is attracted to Adonis and is determined to make him a part of her life regardless of what he or her best friend thinks. YA Fic FLAKE



## Disability Visibility : 17 First-person Stories for Today

by Alice Wong

Collects 17 thought-provoking essays written by disabled writers that offer keen insight into the complex and rich disability experience and write as members of a community with its own history, culture and movements. YA 305.908 DISABILITY



## The Luis Ortega Survival Club

by Sonora Reyes

Ariana Ruiz is targeted by the high school rumor mill after a run-in with cute, popular Luis. As an autistic girl who never talks, she was largely ignored by her peers until now, when she finds genuine friendship among a group of students determined to expose Luis for the predator he is. YA Fic REYES



## Give Me a Sign

by Anna Sortino

Ready for a change, Lilah, who suffers from hearing loss, becomes a counselor at a summer camp for the deaf and blind where she finds a community and a gorgeous Deaf counselor who volunteers to help her with her signing, stealing her heart in the process. YA Fic SORTINO



## Breathe and Count Back from Ten

by Natalia Sylvester

Veronica, a Peruvian-American teen with hip dysplasia, auditions to become a mermaid at a Central Florida theme park in the summer before her senior year, all while figuring out her first real boyfriend & feeling safe in her own body. YA Fic SYLVESTER



## Two Girls Staring at the Ceiling

by Lucy Frank

An evocative novel in verse traces the unfolding friendship between two very different teen girls who share a hospital room and an illness from which one gradually recovers while the other languishes. YA Fic FRANK

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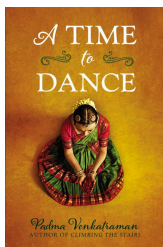


## Unbroken : 13 stories starring disabled teens

by Marieke Nijkamp

Edited by the best-selling author of *This Is Where It Ends*, an inspirational anthology of stories featuring disabled and neurodiverse teen main characters includes contributions by such leading authors as Kody Keplinger,

Katherine Locke and Fox Benwell. YA SS NIJKAMP

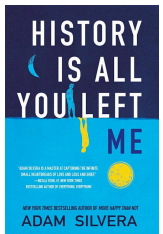


## A Time to Dance

by Padma Venkatraman

Losing her leg after a devastating injury, talented Indian dancer Veda begins retraining on her prosthetic leg before falling in love with a young man who approaches dance from a spiritual perspective and helps Veda to better understand herself and the world.

YA Fic VENKATRAMAN



## History is All You Left Me

by Adam Silvera

Having lost his first boyfriend in a terrible accident, Griffin, a youth with OCD, forges a friendship with his lost love's ex-boyfriend, Jackson, who exhibits suspicious signs of guilt. YA Fic SILVERA



## You, Me, and Our Heartstrings

by Melissa See

Seventeen-year-olds Daisy, a talented violinist with cerebral palsy, and Noah, a great cellist with severe anxiety, plan to use the holiday concert to land a Julliard audition, but when they are chosen to play a duet, they worry their differences will sink their

chances. YA Fic SEE



## Something more

by Jackie Khalilieh

Trying to hide her autism diagnosis, 15-year-old Palestinian-Canadian girl Jessie creates a list of goals to help navigate her first year of high school but is forced to go off script when two very different boys steal her heart.

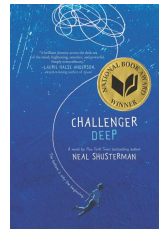
YA Fic KHALILIEH



## Chaos Theory

by Nic Stone

A senior at Windward Academy, Shelbi, who has a diagnosed mental illness, keeps to herself until she forms a connection with Andy Criddle, who is battling addiction, but the closer they get, the more the past threatens to pull them apart. YA Fic STONE



## Challenger Deep

by Neal Shusterman

A brilliant but troubled high school student pretends to engage in sports activities and uses his artistic talents to document his voyage to the world's most southern point while his friends observe his increasingly unbalanced behavior. YA Fic SHUSTERMAN



## Reggie and Delilah's year of falling

by Elise Bryant

Pretending to be someone they're not, Delilah, who is unable to open up, and Reggie, a D&D Dungeon Master who is role-playing someone confident, fall for a version of each other that doesn't really exist when fate keeps throwing them together. YA Fic

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## On the Edge of Gone

by Corinne Duyvis

Assigned to a temporary shelter as part of a planet-wide effort to survive an imminent comet strike, Denise, a girl with autism, worries about her sister's disappearance and her mother's worsening drug addiction before she is invited to join a ship of strictly useful people whose goal is to colonize a new planet. YA Fic DUYVIS



## Five feet apart

by Rachael Lippincott

A teen on the waiting list for a lung transplant faces an impossible choice when her infection risks prevent her from getting within five feet of the boy she loves, a fellow patient who is determined to experience life outside the hospital. YA Fic LIPPENCOTT