



Fast Friends

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Fast Friends teacher resources from Scholastic

<http://www.scholastic.ca/books/view/fast-friends>

- **A Letter from the Author (pdf)**
- **Body Language (pdf)**
- **Same and Different (pdf)**
- **Wheelchair Etiquette (pdf)**
- **Colouring Pages (pdf)**

More picture books about kids with a disability

Zoom! Written by Robert Munsch, illustrated by Michael Martchenko, Scholastic Canada.

My Name Is Blessing Written by Eric Walters, illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes, Tundra.

Away Written by Emil Sher, illustrated by Qin Leng, Groundwood.

Susan Laughs Written by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross, Henry Holt.

Books about kids with a disability for older readers

West Meadows Detectives Middle-grade graphic novel mystery series, Liam O'Donnell, Owlkids.

Fish in a Tree Middle-grade novel, Lynda Mullaly Hunt, Penguin Random House

Rules Middle-grade novel, Cynthia Lord, Scholastic.

Stick Pick Sports novel, Steven Sandor, Lorimer.

Where to find more books

Canadian Children's Book Centre – Social Justice and Diversity Book Bank <http://sjad.bookcentre.ca/>

Reading List for Autism Awareness <https://bookcentre.ca/news/books-autism-awareness>

49th Shelf (search by topic) <https://49thshelf.com/>

Schneider Family Book Award winners http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/1/all_years

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***Fast Friends* by Heather M. O'Connor**

Excellent short films about kids with a disability

Strings (Cuerdas)

A little girl finds many ways to include a new boy with disabilities in her games.

<https://youtu.be/vtrHla0RkAo>

Ian, Mundoloco CGI Ian Foundation

A boy with a disability is determined to get to the playground despite his playmates bullying him. It shows that children with disabilities can and should be included.

https://youtu.be/Hz_d-cikWml

Loop, Sparks Shorts, currently showing on Disney+

A non-verbal, autistic girl and a chatty boy are partnered on a canoeing trip. To complete their journey across an urban lake, they must both learn how the other experiences the world.

<https://www.pixar.com/sparkshorts#loop1>

The Present

Getting a puppy with three legs changes a boy's outlook on life.

<https://vimeo.com/152985022>

More videos

Marvelous Max | Autism Awareness for Kids https://youtu.be/wc77MksM_2c

Katie's Disability Awareness Video <https://youtu.be/S0fs9650Vz8>

See What Children with Disabilities Can Do <https://youtu.be/rkRyetRMrjQ>

Talk to Me | Physical Disability Awareness https://youtu.be/CL8GMxRW_5Y

Ruby's Inclusion Story <https://youtu.be/wBz6glO5x5Q>

Kids Meet A Guy in a Wheelchair for the First Time <https://youtu.be/Txkv1iHK0Wc>

How to Talk to a Nonverbal Kid <https://youtu.be/P6qlAvFSH10>

Winnie | Kids with Disabilities https://youtu.be/4QrS_1dcRRM

Children Explain How to Make Friends <https://youtu.be/6qu2cQnULjE>

Talking about disabilities

#DearEverybody Campaign

Lots of excellent tip sheets and resources for schools and kids. They do school outreach programs, too

<https://deareverybody.hollandbloorview.ca/>

Respectful Disability Language: Here's What's Up!

http://www.aucd.org/docs/add/sa_summits/Language%20Doc.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2VmKP1QQEQjoOO00ZE LftNA7ZOXX7exwsYxN_PZb2LX5AJLt2Y-GOU0EQ

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