



## **Young Adult and Children's Books: Schneider Family Book Award**

The American Library Association selects several books a year in the categories of teen, middle school, and children's book, for the Schneider award, which honors authors whose works embody "an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences." To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Select titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

### **Anything but Typical** By Nora Raleigh Baskin

Read by Andy Pyle

Reading time 4 hours, 14 minutes

Sixth-grader Jason Blake is autistic--a silent boy who has trouble fitting in with neurotypicals. He prefers to communicate on the Storyboard web site, where he meets PhoenixBird, a girl who likes his writings. What will happen when they attend the Storyboard convention and meet in person? For grades 4-7.

Schneider Family Book Award. 2009.

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### **Close to Famous** By Joan Bauer

Read by Mare Trevathan

Reading time 4 hours, 16 minutes

After escaping her mother's abusive boyfriend, twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother make a new start in Culpepper, West Virginia. Her mom wants to be a lead singer, while Foster dreams of becoming a famous TV chef--and of mastering reading, despite her learning disability. For grades 5-8. 2011.

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**A Splash of Red the Life and Art of Horace Pippin** By Jennifer Bryant

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 28 minutes

Biography of self-taught African American folk artist Horace Pippin (1888-1946). Describes Pippin's childhood in Pennsylvania and New York, the combat injury that threatened to end his career, his struggle to learn to paint again, and the widespread fame he achieved. Schneider Family Award. For grades K-3 and older readers. 2013.

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**Waiting for Normal** By Leslie Connor

Read by Colleen Delany

Reading time 5 hours, 33 minutes

Upstate New York. Addie's plucky spirit makes the best of awkward situations such as moving into a tiny trailer with her difficult mother, separating from her stepdad and two half sisters, and coping with her learning difficulties in her new school's band. For grades 5-8. Schneider Family Book Award. 2008.

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**Jerk, California** By Jonathan Friesen

Read by Eric Sandvold

Reading time 9 hours, 56 minutes

Isolated at school and tormented by his stepdad, Minnesota high school senior Sam Carrier feels defined by his Tourette syndrome. But long-distance running, his deceased father's friend George, a girl named Naomi, and a road trip to Jerk, California, change his perspective. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2008.

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**Handbook for Dragon Slayers** By Merrie Haskell

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 7 hours, 23 minutes

While visiting a neighboring noble to assist him with his tax records, reluctant Princess Matilda is kidnapped by her cousin in a plot to steal her lands.

Matilda's crush Parz and handmaiden Judith rescue her, and the trio go on the run--and learn dragon slaying. Schneider Family Award. For grades 5-8. 2013.

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**Five Flavors of Dumb** By Antony John

Read by Mare Trevathan

Reading time 7 hours, 28 minutes

Eighteen-year-old Piper who is deaf, volunteers as a manager for a rock band called Dumb. While trying to make Dumb profitable, Piper learns a few things about music and business--and about herself. For senior high readers.

Schneider Award. 2010.

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**A Dog Called Homeless** by Sarah Lean

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 3 hours, 15 minutes

Fifth-grader Cally, who stopped talking for a day as part of a contest at school, continues her silence. But visions of her deceased mother; a new friendship with Sam, a deaf-blind boy; and the appearance of a huge dog keep her communicating. For grades 3-6. 2012.

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**The Pirate of Kindergarten** By George Ella Lyon

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 6 minutes

Ginny's eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double. After vision-screening day at school, she goes to a doctor who recommends eye exercises and a patch that turns her into a kindergarten pirate. For preschool-grade 2. Schneider Family Book Award. 2010.

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**Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am** By Harry Mazer

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 3 hours, 48 minutes

When Ben delays college to enlist in the army reserve, his family, girlfriend, and best friend are shocked. After deployment to Iraq Ben returns home with a traumatic brain injury and finds nothing is the same. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

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**Hurt Go Happy** By Ginny Rorby

Read by Nicola Daval

Reading time 6 hours, 53 minutes

Thirteen-year-old Joey Willis, deaf since age seven, has an overprotective mother who refuses to let her daughter learn sign language. When Joey meets neighbor Dr. Mansell and his sign-user chimpanzee Sukari, her world blooms with possibilities. But a crisis involving Sukari brings Joey some heavy responsibilities. For grades 6-9. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

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**The Deaf Musicians** By Pete Seeger

Read by Michael Russotto                      Reading time 10 minutes

Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. For grades K-3 and older readers. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

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**Wonderstruck: a Novel in Words and Pictures** By Brian Selznick

Read by Laura Giannarelli                      Reading time 4 hours, 50 minutes

After the death of his mother, Ben, who is deaf, travels to New York City's American Museum of Natural History, where he hopes to find his father. While searching he makes an incredible discovery. For grades 4-7 and older readers. Schneider Award. 2011.

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**After Ever After** By Jordan Sonnenblick

Read by Eric Sandvold                      Reading time 5 hours, 28 minutes

Jeffrey Alper, from Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie (RC 64360, BR 17937), makes a deal with best friend and fellow cancer survivor Tad: in return for math tutoring, Jeffrey will help Tad learn to walk again before eighth-grade graduation. Meanwhile, Jeffrey falls for new girl Lindsey. For grades 5-8. 2010.

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**Marcelo in the Real World** By Francisco X Stork

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 9 hours, 27 minutes

Seventeen-year-old Marcelo Sandoval, who has autism, gets a summer job working in the mail room of his father's law firm. Exposed to real-world situations, Marcelo has encounters with his boss Jasmine that bring romance and a myriad of emotions to the surface. For junior and senior high readers. Schneider Family Book Award. 2009.

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**The Running Dream** By Wendelin Van Draanen

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 6 hours, 44 minutes

After a school-bus accident, sixteen-year-old Jessica has her right leg amputated below the knee and is convinced she will never run again. But prosthetics, a new friend with cerebral palsy, and the support of her track team help Jessica find a way forward. For junior and senior high readers. Schneider Award. 2011.

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**Rose Under Fire** By Elizabeth Wein

Read by Mare Trevathan

Reading time 9 hours, 53 minutes

After a daring flight maneuver, young American pilot Rose Justice is captured by Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, a notorious women's concentration camp. Rose's fellow prisoners help her to keep hope alive. Companion to Code Name Verity (DB 75966). Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2013.

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**Reaching for Sun** By Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Read by Celeste Lawson                      Reading time 1 hours, 27 minutes

Josie, born with cerebral palsy, lives with her mother and grandmother, who both love gardening. When a lonely boy, Jordan, moves in nearby, he and Josie relate through their interest in nature, and Josie makes her first friend. For grades 4-7. Schneider Family Book Award. 2007.

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