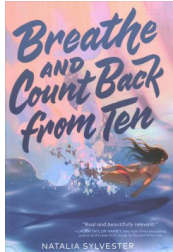


YA Disability Pride Month



A list of books and graphic novels that portray and celebrate teen characters with disabilities.



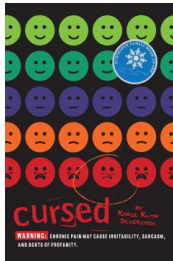
***Breathe and Count Back from Ten* by Natalia Sylvester**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Sylvester)

Verónica has had many surgeries to manage her disability. The best form of rehabilitation is swimming, so she spends hours in the pool, but not just to strengthen her body. Verónica wants to audition for Mermaid Cove, an attraction where professional mermaids perform in giant tanks.



***The Many Half-lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* by Maya MacGregor**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Macgregor)

An autistic nonbinary teen moves to a new town and school with the support of their loving father and finds friends in an LGBTQ+ club, but they all must come together to solve the decades-old murder of a teenage boy and confront the demons lurking in Sam's past.



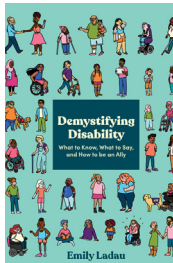
***Cursed* by Karol Ruth Silverstein**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Silvers)

Ricky struggles with her recent juvenile inflammatory disease diagnosis, which comes amid family upheaval and challenges at school.



***One for All* by Lillie Lainoff**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Lainoff)

In 1655, Tania is the daughter of a retired musketeer, but she is afflicted with extreme vertigo and subject to frequent falls. When her father is murdered, she finds that he has arranged for her to attend Académie des Mariées in Paris, which is less a school for would-be wives, than a fencing academy for girls.



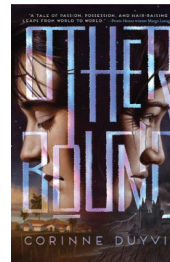
***Demystifying Disability: What to Know, What to Say, and How to be an Ally* by Emily Ladau**
(Adult Nonfiction—305.908 Lad)

A guide for how to be a thoughtful, informed ally to disabled people, with actionable steps for what to say and do (and what not to do) and how you can help make the world a more accessible place.



***Happily Ever Afters* by Elise Bryant**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Bryant)

Tessa Johnson has never felt like the protagonist in her own life. She's rarely seen herself reflected in the pages of the romance novels she loves. The only place she's a true leading lady is in her own writing--in the swoony love stories she shares only with Caroline, her best friend and #1 devoted reader.



***Otherbound* by Corinne Duyvis**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Duyvis)

A boy finds that every time he closes his eyes, he's drawn into the body of a mute servant girl from another world—a world that's growing increasingly more dangerous, and where many things are not as they seem.



***Lakelore* by Anna-Marie McLemore**
(Young Adult Fiction - Y Mclemor)

Two non-binary teens are pulled into a magical world under a lake, but can they keep their worlds above water intact?

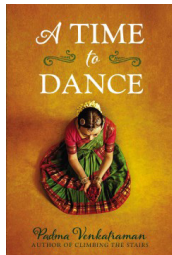


***Queens of Geek* by Jen Wilde**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Wild)

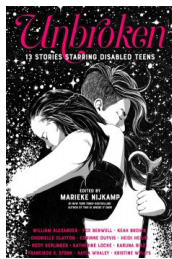
Australian friends Charlie, Taylor and Jamie are in San Diego for their first ever "SupaCon." Charlie's a vlogger/actress promoting her first movie. Taylor's brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best friend Jamie.



***The Reckless Kind* by Carly Heath**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Heath)
It is 1904 and the partially deaf Asta Hedstrom is engaged to Nils, but she does not want to marry him: she would rather spend her time with her best friend Gunnar Fuglestad and his secret boyfriend, Erlend.



***A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Venkatr)
In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

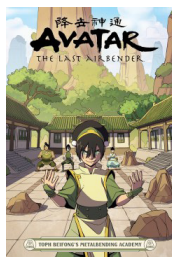


***Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens* edited by Marieke Nijkamp**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Unbroke)
An anthology of stories in various genres, each featuring disabled characters and written by disabled creators.



***The Weight of Our Sky* by Hanna Alkaf**
(Young Adult Fiction—Y Hannaal)
Amidst the Chinese-Malay conflict in Kuala Lumpur in 1969, sixteen-year-old Melati must overcome prejudice, violence, and her own OCD to find her way back to her mother.

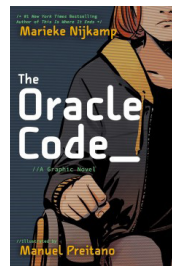
Graphic Novels



***Avatar: The Last Airbender—Toph Beifong's Metalbending Academy* by Faith Erin Hicks**
(Juvenile Graphic Novels—J-GN Avatar)
The Last Airbender Toph Beifong's Metalbending Academy)
Things are looking bright at the Beifong Metalbending Academy! But after all the adventures Toph's had with Aang, Sokka, Zuko, and Katara, the whole thing feels a bit dull. Luckily, Sokka and Suki come to visit and reintroduce some familiar faces from their wandering days.



***The Fire Never Goes Out* by ND Stevenson**
(Graphic Novels—GN 741.5092 Stevenson Ste)
In a collection of personal comics that span eight years of her young adult life, author-illustrator ND Stevenson charts the highs and lows of being a creative human in the world.



***The Oracle Code* by Marieke Nijkamp**
(Graphic Novels—GN Nijkamp Oracle Code)
After a gunshot leaves her paralyzed, Barbara Gordon enters the Arkham Center for Independence, where Gotham's teens undergo physical and mental rehabilitation. Now using a wheelchair, Barbara must adapt to a new normal, but she cannot shake the feeling that something is dangerously amiss.



***Shino Can't Say Her Name* by Shūzō Oshimi**
(Manga—MANGA Shinoca Oshimi)
High school can be a stressful time for many young people, unfortunately, things go wrong on Shino's first day, she fails to even say her name during her homeroom introduction. Ostracized and afraid she struggles to find her place in this new world.

