The way individuals with disabilities are portrayed in literature matters. This list includes teen books by authors with disabilities, characters with disabilities, and stories of diverse voices of people in the disability community.

**A Sign of Affection** by Suu Morishita
Yuki is a typical college student—it’s just that she can’t hear. But she never lets that get in the way of a life full of friends, social media, and cute fashion. A chance encounter on a train leads to a serious crush...but will he give her a chance? A sweet and relatable romance manga.

**Tilly In Technicolor** by Mazey Eddings
For Tilly Twomley, flawed executive functioning has left her burnt out and ready to start fresh. For Oliver Clark, autism has often made it hard for him to form relationships with others. As the duo’s neurodiverse connection grows over the summer, they learn that some of the best parts of life can’t be planned.

**You, Me, and Our Heartstrings**
By Melissa See
A fresh, fun teen romance. Daisy and Noah are chosen to play a duet for Juilliard and find themselves falling for each other. Their audition goes viral but their love story is reframed around Daisy’s cerebral palsy, frustrating Daisy and sending Noah’s anxiety disorder into high speed. Their dream is so close but is the cost suddenly too high?

**Work With What You Got** by Zion Clark
Zion Clark has always had big dreams for himself despite the many hardships he faced growing up as a Black disabled child in the foster care system of Ohio. His childhood years were marked by instability as he moved from home to home, experiencing abuse and neglect. And yet his determination and grit pushed him to become an elite wrestler and wheelchair racer... A true memoir.

**Disability Visibility** by Alice Wong
According to the census, 1 in 5 people in the United States lives with a disability. Some are visible, some are hidden—but all are underrepresented in media and popular culture. Wong brings together an urgent, galvanizing collection of personal essays by contemporary disabled writers. Inside you will find activists, authors, lawyers, politicians, artists, and everyday people whose daily lives include the vast richness and complexity of the disabled experience. They invite readers to question their own assumptions and understandings, while documenting disability culture in the now.

**Run On Your New Legs** by Wataru Midori
Shouta Kikuzato's hopes of starting on his school's soccer team are derailed when a terrible incident costs him his leg. Now in first year of high school (again), Kikuzato has resigned himself to never reaching his athletic dreams. But when Chidori, a passing prosthetist, notices Kikuzato's artificial limb (and speed!), the specialist proposes a partnership: Chidori will build Kikuzato a brand-new leg designed solely for speed. All Kikuzato has to do is run!

**Where You See Yourself** by Claire Forrest
Effie Galanos’ goals for her senior year include her navigating her way through her high school that is not really wheelchair-friendly, getting into the perfect college, and getting her crush Wilder to accompany her to the prom—but by spring she is beginning to see herself entirely differently.

**Give Me a Sign** by Anna Sortino
Seventeen-year-old Lilah, who wears hearing aids, returns to a summer camp for the Deaf and Blind as a counselor, eager to improve her ASL and find her place in the community, but she did not expect to also find romance along the way.
Unseele by Ivelisse Housman
Iselia "Seele" Graygrove looks just like her twin, Isolde...but as an autistic changeling left in the human world by the fae as an infant, she has always known she is different. Seele's unpredictable magic makes it hard for her to fit in—and draws her and Isolde into the hunt for a fabled treasure.

The Nobleman's Guide to Scandal and Shipwrecks by Mackenzi Lee
The 3rd book in this series follows Adrian, the youngest of the Montague siblings, as he seeks out his oldest siblings, Monty and Felicity, sails into tumultuous waters in search of answers about himself, the sudden death of his mother, and her mysterious, cracked spyglass.

Series: Montague Siblings (this is book #3)

The Spirit Bares Its Teeth by Andrew Joseph White
Set in an alternate Victorian England where mediums control the dead, sixteen-year-old autistic transgender boy Silas must expose a power-hungry secret society while confined to a cruel finishing school designed to turn him into the perfect wife.

Turning by Joy L. Smith
Before the "accident" Genie was an aspiring ballerina, a star pupil at her exclusive New York dance school, now she is a bitter teenager, permanently confined to a wheelchair, shutting herself off from her friends, her beloved teacher, and even her mother; but at physical therapy she meets Kyle, a gymnast whose traumatic brain injury has landed him in therapy—and through their growing friendship Genie realizes that she has to confront the things around her: like the booze her mother is hiding, or the fact that maybe her fall was not entirely accidental.

Maybe We're Electric by Val Emmich
In Edison, New Jersey, in a museum devoted to the inventor Thomas Edison, a bitter, self-loathing sixteen-year-old girl with a deformed hand and the seemingly coolest boy in school spend the night during a snowstorm, growing close until a shameful secret threatens everything.

The Whispering Dark by Andrew Kelly
After being assigned to her university’s prestigious and controversial neo-anthropological studies program, eighteen-year-old deaf student Delaney Meyers-Petrov must learn to channel her ability to slip between worlds—and, along with her capricious TA Colton Price, who seems determined to despise her, must uncover buried institutional secrets.

We Are Inevitable by Gayle Forman
Aaron Stein’s friends have gone to college and moved on with their lives, while he has been left behind in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State, running a failing bookshop with his dad, Ira. When an opportunity to sell the store arises, Aaron thinks it’s his only way out. He doesn’t account for Chad, a wheelchair-bound optimist. Or the town’s out-of-work lumberjacks taking on the failing shop as their pet project. Or Hannah, a musician who might be the kind of inevitable he’s been waiting for.

Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker
Nova Huang is a witch who works in her grandparents' bookstore. One day she follows a white wolf into the forest and discovers it's her childhood crush, Tam Lang, who is fighting a horse demon. After helping Tam defeat the demon, Nova finds out that Tam is a nonbinary werewolf and that dark forces are after them, and only Nova can help.

Every Time You Go Away by Abigail Johnson
Eight years ago, Ethan and Rebecca met, two troublemaking kids sharing secrets and first kisses in a tree house. Four years ago, Ethan left for the last time to take care of his mother, who has struggled with addiction his whole life. Two years ago, Rebecca was in a car accident that killed her father. She’s been learning to navigate life as a wheelchair user ever since. Now, they discover if their hardships have torn them apart...or will bring them closer than ever.

Fix by J. Albert Mann
In verse and prose, Fix paints a riveting picture of a teen struggling to find herself and move forward with her life in a sea of opioids, regret, grief, and hope.

The Disability Experience: Working Toward Belonging by Hannalora Leavitt
You’ll meet people with different kinds of disabilities, and you’ll begin to understand the ways people with disabilities (PWDs) have been ignored, reviled and marginalized throughout history. The book also celebrates the triumphs and achievements of PWDs and shares the powerful stories of those who have fought for change.

A Dragonbird in the Fern by Laura Reuckert
When an assassin kills Princess Jiara’s sister Scilla, Jiara takes her place as the fiancé to King Raffar. Marrying the young king and traveling to his distant home is tough enough, but with dyslexia and years of scholarly struggles, Jiara abandoned hope of learning other languages long ago. She’s terrified of life in a foreign land where she’ll be unable to communicate. With war brewing and her sister’s ghost demanding vengeance, she needs to figure it out fast.