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Young Adult and Children's Award Winners: Schneider Family Book Award

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Teen Winners

My Thirteenth Winter: a Memoir by Samantha Abeel

Read by Kimberly Schraf

6 hours, 13 minutes

Abeel, both gifted and learning disabled, describes being different at school. Discusses her diagnosis of dyscalculia, which compromises sequential processing required for spelling, telling time, remembering locker combinations, and understanding math and grammar. Relates learning coping skills in a prescribed special ed math class. Schneider Family Book Award. For senior high readers. 2003.

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The Words in My Hands by Asphyxia

Read by Mary March

11 hours, 57 minutes

Organicore, a company that produces perfectly balanced synthetic meals, replaces wild food. But sixteen-year-old Piper McBride, who is deaf, begins to wonder if natural food is as dangerous as Organicore's propaganda says. Schneider Family Book Award. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

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Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Read by Barry Bernson.

6 hours, 9 minutes

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and can't see his body, his relationship with the physical world and with his parents changes. He confides his invisibility situation to a new friend, Alicia, blinded two years before, and they try to figure out what happened to him. Schneider Family book Award. For grades 6-9. 2002.

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Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen

Read by Eric Sandvold

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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You're Welcome, Universe by Whitney Gardner

Read by Mare Trevathan

6 hours, 36 minutes

After Julia is expelled from the Kingston School for the Deaf for graffiti, her two moms send her to a suburban school and restrict her access to paint supplies. As her illegal tagging continues, someone begins adding things to her graffiti. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

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Girls Like Us by Gail Giles

Read by Jennifer Hubbard

3 hours, 45 minutes

Graduates of their school's special-education program, Quincy and Bidy are placed together in their first independent apartment and begin new jobs. Their adult status comes with challenges, but they find common ground and discover a strong friendship. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2014.

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This is My Brain in Love by I. W. Gregorio

Read by Diane Doen

9 hours, 32 minutes

Rising high school juniors Jocelyn Wu and Will Domenici fall in love while trying to save the Wu family restaurant, A-Plus Chinese Garden. Meanwhile, mental health issues and family prejudices threaten their budding romance. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

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Five Flavors of Dumb by Antony John

Read by Mare Trevathan

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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Forever is Now by Mariama Lockington

Read by Angel Pean

7 hours, 15 minutes

"When sixteen-year-old Sadie, a Black bisexual recluse, develops agoraphobia the summer before her junior year, she relies on her best friend, family, and therapist to overcome her fears. On a perfect summer day, wrapped in her girlfriend's arms. Sadie feels safe. She's been struggling to manage her chronic anxiety, and is hopeful better times are ahead. When her girlfriend reveals some unexpected news, and the two witness a violent incident of police brutality, Sadie's whole world is upended in an instant...How can you show up for your community when you can't even leave your house?" -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

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When We Collided by Emery Lord

Read by Raviv Ullman and Elizabeth Evans

8 hours, 22 minutes

After the death of his father, seventeen-year-old Jonah struggles to hold his family and their restaurant together. Vivi, a new summer resident in Verona Cove, tempts him with her vibrant personality, but she harbors her own secrets. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am by Harry Mazer

Read by Alec Volz

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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Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro

Read by Mark Oshiro

13 hours, 25 minutes

Struggling with panic attacks and grief over his father's death, high school junior Moss organizes a protest against his school's racist administrators that leads to a brutal police response. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Anger is a Gift](#)

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Under the Wolf, Under the Dog by Adam Rapp

Read by Steven Carpenter

5 hours, 42 minutes

Teenager Steve Nugent's journal describes his experiences in an institution for emotionally disturbed youth. While discussing his interactions with fellow patients, Steve recalls his mother's and brother's deaths, his father's aloofness, and his own self-destructive behavior. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Schneider Family

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Hurt Go Happy by Ginny Rorby

Read by Nicola Daval

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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Also available in braille BR017668

Small Steps by Louis Sachar

Read by Peter Lavezzoli

4 hours, 36 minutes

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit, from Holes (RC 47444), is turning his life around in Austin, Texas, with the encouragement of his ten-year-old neighbor, Ginny, who has cerebral palsy. Then he meets a celebrity teen singer. Schneider Family book Award. For grades 5-8. 2006.

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Also available in braille BR016501

Cursed by Karol Ruth Silverstein

Read by Erin Jones

8 hours, 58 minutes

Fourteen-year-old Erica "Ricky" Bloom struggles with her recent chronic illness diagnosis, which comes amid family upheaval and challenges at a new school. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2019.

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The Words We Keep by Erin Stewart

Read by Phoebe Strole

9 hours, 28 minutes

"When sixteen-year-old Lily Larkin's older sister, Alice, begins to struggle with her mental health, Lily attempts to keep everything together and perfect, despite her own growing anxiety." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

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Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X Stork

Read by Alec Volz

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 Unlikely Hero of Room 13B by Teresa Toten

Read by Johnathan McClain

7 hours, 35 minutes

Adam struggles with his OCD therapy assignments, and his relationship with his divorced parents doesn't help matters. During a session at his OCD support group, however, he falls for fellow member Robyn and decides to save them both. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2015.

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The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

Read by Jill Fox

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.

[Download from BARD: The Running Dream](#)

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Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein

Read by Mare Trevathan

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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Middle School Winners

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Read by Andy Pyle

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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Also available on digital cartridge DB068936

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Also available in braille BR018768

Close to Famous by Joan Bauer

Read by Mare Trevathan

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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Also available on digital cartridge DB073023

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Also available in braille BR019473

The War that Saved my Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Read by Jayne Entwistle

7 hours, 40 minutes

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2015.

[Download from BARD: The War that Saved my Life](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB080472

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR20662](#)

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The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Read by Andrew Eiden

6 hours, 38 minutes

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves. But when Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2018.

[Download from BARD: The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle](#)

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Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Read by Colleen Delany

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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Tending to Grace by Kimberly Newton Fusco

Read by Kimberly Schraf

3 hour, 32 minutes

Cornelia is shy and withdrawn because of her stutter. She feels even lonelier when her mother drops her off to live with an eccentric great-aunt in a rundown farmhouse. But slowly and warily Cornelia and her aunt learn to share their strengths with each other. For grades 6-9. Schneider Family Book Award. 2004.

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Also available in braille BR015890

Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by Shari Green

Read by Julie-Ann Elliott

3 hours, 2 minutes

A novel in verse. Sixth-grader Macy, who is deaf, expects disaster when she is sent to help elderly neighbor Iris pack for a move to an assisted-living home. To her surprise, Iris soon becomes a firm friend who helps Macy face her own major life changes. For grades 4-7. 2017.

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Wildoak by C. C. Harrington

Read by C. C. Harrington

6 hours, 31 minutes

"Twelve-year-old Maggie's stutter causes her much heartache and only her menagerie of pets, whom she can speak with fluidly, provide her comfort, but when she finds Rumpus, an abandoned snow leopard in a forest in Cornwall, their chance encounter will change their lives forever." -- Provided by publisher. Commercial audiobook. Schneider Family Book Award. For grades 4-7.

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Handbook for Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell

Read by Jill Fox

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.

[Download from BARD: Handbook for Dragon Slayers](#)

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Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Read by Kathleen McInerney

5 hours, 46 minutes

Bullied and moved from different schools, sixth grader Ally creatively distracts anyone from discovering that she has problems reading. But one teacher, Mr. Daniels, helps her understand that she has dyslexia and encourages Ally to understand her feelings in a new way. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2015.

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Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Read by Lynne Kelly and Abigail Revasch

6 hours, 37 minutes

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, who are both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue 55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2019.

6 hours, 37 minutes

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A Dog Called Homeless by Sarah Lean

Read by Erin Jones

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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Also available in braille BR019594

Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

Read by Kristin Allison

4 hours, 59 minutes

1805. Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language. But a scientist determined to discover the origins of the islands' widespread deafness decides that she makes the perfect live specimen--and kidnaps her. For grades 4-7. 2020.

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Rules by Cynthia Lord

Read by Victoria Gordon

3 hours, 30 minutes

Sometimes twelve-year-old Catherine resents her autistic brother, David, who breaks rules and gets all her parents' attention. She meets Jason, a teenage nonverbal paraplegic, at David's therapy center. As the two become friends, Catherine realizes that accepting differences matters more than any rules. For grades 5-8. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

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Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Read by Jill Fox

4 hours

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog. But when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to the limits of her comfort zone--which may mean leaving her routines in order to search for her pet. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2014.

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A Mango-Shaped Space: a Novel by Wendy Mass

Read by Connie Crawford

6 hours, 27 minutes

Eighth-grader Mia has been keeping a secret--even from her best friend, Jenna--ever since third grade, when she realized that not everyone sees a color for each name, number, and sound. Problems at school and her cat's death lead Mia to discoveries about herself and synesthesia. Schneider Family book award winner. For grades 5-8. 2003.

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A Bird Will Soar by Alison Green Myers

Read by Jamie K. Brown

7 hours, 43 minutes

After a tornado, Axel, who loves birds, finds an injured eaglet and helps to rescue it. And this also helps to resolve the problems in his broken family and draw his father back home. Schneider Family Book Award. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

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Also available in braille BR024061

The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn by Sally J Pla

Read By Gail Shalan

6 hours, 40 minutes

"Maudie McGinn has a secret. It's a big, scary one. And right before Maudie, who's autistic, travels to spend the summer with her dad, her mom makes her promise not to reveal it. As Mom puts it: "A promise is a promise, and must be kept." When a wildfire forces Maudie and her dad to flee to the small beach town where her dad grew up, Maudie's summer is turned upside down. Yet she becomes captivated by the surfers she sees each morning. And as Maudie starts to navigate these new waters, she finds herself making friends and feeling accepted like never before. Still, a clock is ticking: soon she will have to go back to face the fire of her always angry stepfather. Can she find some way to stay with her dad? Should she break her promise to Mom, and reveal the truth about life back home, before the summer is over?" Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7.

[Download from BARD: The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn](#)

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As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds

Read by Don Feldheim

9 hours, 44 minutes

When eleven-year-old Genie and his older brother, Ernie, spend part of their summer vacation in the Virginia countryside with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave. For grades 5-8. 2016.

[Download from BARD: As Brave As You](#)

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Also available in braille BR021728

Becoming Naomi León by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Read by MaryBeth Wise

4 hours, 26 minutes

For seven years Naomi and brother Owen lived happily with Gram in her trailer. Gram arranged Owen's surgeries for his physical disabilities and helped Naomi begin to speak again. When their mother reappears, Gram takes the children to Mexico to find their father and their heritage. For grades 4-7. Schneider Family Book Award. 2004.

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Also available in braille BR016277

Wonderstruck: a Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick

Read by Laura Giannarelli

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.

[Download from BARD: Wonderstruck: a Novel in Words and Pictures](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074157

After Ever After by Jordan Sonnenblick

Read by Eric Sandvold

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.

[Download from BARD: After Ever After](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB070791

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Also available in braille BR018878

Reaching for Sun by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Read by Celeste Lawson

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.

[Download from BARD: Reaching for Sun](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB066052

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Also available in braille BR017651

Young Children Winners

Back to Front and Upside Down! by Claire Alexander

1 volume of braille

Stan is excited about making a birthday card for his school principal--until he tries to write a message. For Stan, letters come out back to front and upside down. But a friend convinces him to be brave and ask for help.

PRINT/BRILLE. For preschool-grade 2. Schneider Family Book Award. 2012.

Also available in braille BR020026

Henry, Like Always by Jenn Bailey

1 volume of braille

"Henry, a first grader on the autism spectrum, attempts to navigate friendships, and sudden changes in classroom routines--like a parade on Friday instead of share time." -- WorldCat. --- Schneider Family Book Award. For grades 2-4.

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Also available in braille BR025561

Six Dots: a Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant

Read by Peter Holdway

30 minutes

A narrative biography of Louis Braille, who lost his sight as a young child while playing in his father's workshop. After being exposed to coded military messages at the Royal School for the Blind in Paris, Louis invented his own alphabet--a system for writing using six dots. For grades K-3. 2016.

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A Splash of Red: the Life and Art of Horace Pippin by Jen Bryant

Read by Jill Fox

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.

[Download from BARD: A Splash of Red: the Life and Art of Horace Pippin](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB078033

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Also available in braille BR020564

Django by Bonnie Christensen

Read by Brian Hotaling

13 minutes

Django Reinhardt, 1910- 1953, rose from poverty to become an acclaimed jazz guitarist. Award winner. For grades 3-6.

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Also available on digital cartridge DBC008572

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Also available in braille BR019012

Rescue & Jessica: a Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

Read by Faith Potts

15 minutes

When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog. Based on the true story of Rescue and Jessica Kensky, who was injured in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. For grades K-3. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Rescue & Jessica: a Life-Changing Friendship](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB090933

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My Pal, Victor by Diane Gonzales

1 volume of braille

Dominic talks about the activities he enjoys with his best friend Victor: jokes and stories, sleepovers, rides at the amusement park, swimming. Only the ending reveals that Victor uses a wheelchair. Bilingual book in English and Spanish. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Schneider Family Book Award. 2004.

Also available in braille BR016022

Looking Out for Sarah by Glenna Lang

1 volume of braille

Describes a day in the life of Perry, a seeing-eye dog. He guides his owner, Sarah, to the grocery store and the post office and on a school visit. He dreams about the month that he and Sarah walked from Boston to New York. Schneider Family Book Award. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2001.

Also available in braille BR014009

My City Speaks by Darren. Lebeuf

Read by Eva Wilhelm

4 minutes

A little girl who is blind explores the city she loves on the way to her recital. Schneider Family Book Award. For preschool-grade 2. 2021.

[Download from BARD: My City Speaks](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB106712

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Also available in braille BR024383

The Pirate of Kindergarten by George Ella Lyon

Read by Jill Fox

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.

[Download from BARD: The Pirate of Kindergarten](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072631

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Piano Starts Here: the Young Art Tatum by Robert Andrew Parker

Read by Brian Hotaling

16 minutes

An inspiring portrait of a young boy who became one of the piano jazz greats. Award winner. For grades 2-4.

[Download from BARD: Piano Starts Here: the Young Art Tatum](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DBC008576

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Also available in braille BR018019

A Boy and a Jaguar by Alan Rabinowitz

Read by Nick DePinto

12 minutes

Autobiography of a wildcat conservationist. Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him learn to communicate better, propelling him into a career in wildlife advocacy. Schneider Family Book Award. For grades 2-4. 2014.

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32 minutes

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Read by Michael Russotto

10 minutes

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Read by Sandra Martinez.

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Dad, Jackie, and Me by Myron Uhlberg

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