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* 2018 - The Girl who Thought in Pictures - by Julia Finley Mosca
  + About Dr. Temple Grandin who when she was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science.
  + In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you’ll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Temple herself!
* 2018 - The Someday Birds - by Sally J. Pla
  + Middle grade novel
  + a tale that is equal parts madcap road trip, coming-of-age story for an autistic boy who feels he doesn’t understand the world, and an uplifting portrait of a family overcoming a crisis (father injured in Afghanistan)
* 2016 - My Friend Suhanna - by Shaila Abdullah & Aanyah Abdullah
  + Written by Shaila and her daughter Aanyah
  + tale of a little girl who forms a close bond with a child with cerebral palsy. The girl finds that through her art, she can reach her special friend Suhana.
* 2016 - Rain Reign - by Ann M. Martin
  + This story is about a girl named Rose who has Asperger’s Syndrome. One day Rose’s father brought home a lost dog and Rose named the dog Rain Reign as she is very fascinated with homonyms. Rose and Rain are very close and spend most nights home alone as Rose’s dad spends them at bars. He does not have much patience for Rose. One night Rain goes missing and Rose has to go out in a storm to find her dog. Rose eventually finds Rain, but so do the original owners.
* 2014- Remember Dippy - by Shirley Reva Vernick
  + Dippy’s mom has a breakthrough job in upstate New York. He can live with his Aunt Collette but only on the condition that he "help out with" his autistic older cousin, Remember.
* 2014- Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend - by Matthew Dicks
  + This novel is very interesting as it is told from Budo, Max’s imaginary friend’s point of view. Max is now eight years old and Budo worries of the day Max stops believing in him. Budo feels as though it is his duty to protect Max as he has Asperger’s Syndrome and isn’t always treated right. Max’s teacher, Mrs. Patterson actually kidnaps Max which forces his parents to work together and get him back. Budo knows if he stays kidnapped, he won’t forget his imaginary friend, but he knows Max is better off with his parents.
* 2012- My Brother Charlie - by Holly Robinson Peete & Ryan Elizabeth Peete
  + This book is told from Charlie’s sister’s perspective. Charlie is a young boy with autism who has a hard time making friends and staying safe. Charlie’s sister recognizes that Charlie needs a little extra help with certain things, but she also explains how there are many things he is great at, just like anyone else. I.E. playing the piano and knowledge of American presidents.
* 2012- Just Because - by Rebecca Elliot
  + This store is told from Toby, a young boy’s point of view. He has a big sister named Clemmie who happens to have a developmental disability. The goal of this book is to show sibling’s love for one another no matter what. This is why Toby explains how his sister is different from others, but he finds the positives in that.
* 2012- Waiting for No One - by Beverley Brenna
  + This book is told from the view of Taylor Jane Simon who has Asperger’s Syndrome. She is 18-years-old and trying to develop self-control and independence. She talks about how Asperger’s Syndrome affects her daily life and how she wants to be seen as an ordinary individual, not a “rare wild flower” which is a term that upsets her.
* 2012- Mockingbird - by Kathryn Erskine
  + This book is told from Caitlin’s perspective. She is a young girl with Asperger’s who just experienced the tragic loss of her big brother Devon to a school shooting. Caitlin used to always go to him for help when she needed it, and now she feels she has noone. Eventually, she stumbles upon the idea of “closure” which helps her move on and also helps her realize that the world is not black and white like she once thought.
* 2010- Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome - by Clarabelle Van Niekerk & Liezl Venter
  + This book is about figuring out why this little boy Sam acts different than other children. In the beginning of the book, he has no diagnosis, but throughout, behaviors and characteristics are shown that point to Asperger Syndrome. I. E. He doesn’t like his pancakes to touch and his coat hurts him. When he is finally diagnosed, teamwork based support helps him.
  + 10 tips to help children accept differences in children with Asperger’s Syndrome.
* 2010- The London Eye Mystery - by Siobhan Dowd
  + This book is about a brother and sister riding The London Eye, a big ferris wheel, with their cousin Salim. When everyone got off of the ride, Salim was nowhere to be found and Ted and Kat had to search to find him. The brother and sister have to put their differences aside to work together and search across London for their cousin. Ultimately, as Ted thinks differently than others due to his DD, the key to the mystery lies in Ted’s hands.
* 2008- A Small White Scar - by K. A. Nuzum
  + This book is about 15-year-old Will Bennon and his twin brother Denny who has Down Syndrome. Will has always had to spend his time taking care of Denny instead of chasing his dreams. He decides that now is his time so he sneaks out in the middle of the night and rides his horse towards a rodea that he could potentially obtain a job from. He realized that Denny is following him and tries to go on without him, but Denny will not give up. This is a story of hostility and love between brothers, which most people can relate to.
* 2006- Keeping Up With Roo - by Sharlee Glenn
  + This book is told from Gracie, a five-year-old’s point of view. She has an aunt named Roo who has a DD and is about as old as Gracie’s mom. Roo and Gracie live together on a farm and play together all of the time. As Gracie gets older, she starts to get embarrassed about Aunt Roo and ignores her in front of company. Eventually, Gracie realizes what she has done and introduces a friend to Aunt Roo.
* 2006- So B. It - by Sarah Weeks
  + This story is about a 12-year-old girl named Heidi who has a mentally disabled mother. Their neighbor has always taken care of the two of them. Now that Heidi is getting older, she wants to find out more about her life. She travels around in search places in pictures that she found at home to see if she could figure out her life. The trip did not go quite as planned so she ultimately decides that not knowing may be best. This is when she truly finds herself.
* 2004- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime - by Mark Haddon
  + This book is about a boy named Christopher who has a DD. He is very smart and has a great memory, but has trouble with being social and despises the color yellow. He lives his daily life by a very strict pattern. One day a neighborhood dog, Wellington, is killed and Christopher feels the need to set out and solve the mystery like Sherlock Holmes would do in order to put his world back in order.
* 2002- Me and Rupert Goody - by Barbara O’Connor
  + This book is told from Jennalee, a young girl’s point of view. She has a friend that she calls “Uncle Beau” who she visits at his store and like to help him with tasks. One day a boy named Rupert, who has a DD, shows up at the store and says he is Uncle Beau’s son. Jennalee is confused as Rupert has dark skin and Uncle Beau is white. Uncle Beau assures her that Rupert is his son. Jennalee is not happy at first, but eventually starts to like Rupert and finds that maybe his showing up is not the worst thing.
* 2002- My Brother Sammy\*\* - by Becky Edwards
  + This is a book about a young boy named Sammy and his brother. Sammy has autism and has to ride the special bus to school without his brother. They also can’t play in the park together so Sammy lays and watches the leaves. Sammy’s brother has ill feelings towards Sammy in the beginning of the book because Sammy “doesn’t know how to be normal.” Eventually, Sammy’s brother realizes that Sammy is allowed to be himself and he can still be a great little brother just the way he is.
* 2000- Ian’s Walk: A Story About Autism - by Laurie Lears
  + This story is about two young girls, Julie and Tara, who want to go feed the ducks at the park. However, their little brother Ian who has autism wants to tag along. Ian reacts to all of the sights and sounds differently than the girls Julie thinks he looks silly. Ian ends up wandering off and Julie has to start thinking like Ian would in order to find him.
* 2000- Tru Confessions - by Janet Tashjian
  + A young girl, Tru,l growing up with her handicapped brother and the concerns she has about their relationship and how it may be affected by changes in both of their lives. Tru is trying to become a TV star and she fears she will outgrow her brother.