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Recommended Reading

CHARACTERS WITH AUTISM

For Tweens



ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL BY NORA RALEIGH BASKIN

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

For ages 10-14



SPEAK UP! BY REBECCA BURGESS

Twelve-year-old Mia is just trying to navigate a world that doesn't understand her true autistic self. While she wishes she could stand up to her bullies, she's always been able to express her feelings through singing and songwriting,

For ages 8-12



A BIRD WILL SOAR BY ALISON GREEN MYERS

After a tornado, Axel, who loves birds, finds an injured eaglet, and helps to rescue it--and also helps to resolve the problems in his broken family, and draw his father back home.

For ages 9-12



PLANET EARTH IS BLUE BY NICOLE PANTELEAKOS

Autistic and nearly nonverbal, twelve-year-old Nova is happy in her new foster home and school, but eagerly anticipates the 1986 Challenger launch, for which her sister, Bridget, promised to return.

For ages 11-12



THE SOMEDAY BIRDS BY SALLY J. PIA

Charlie, twelve, who has autism and obsessive compulsive disorder, must endure a cross-country trip with his siblings and a strange babysitter to visit their father, who will undergo brain surgery.

For ages 9-12



ELLEN OUTSIDE THE LINES BY A.J. SASS

Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates a new city, shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona, Spain.

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