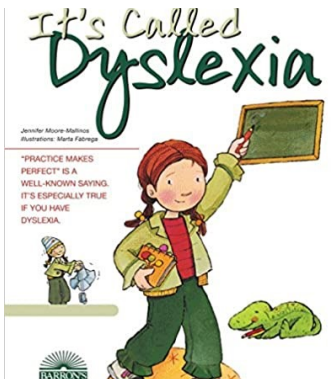


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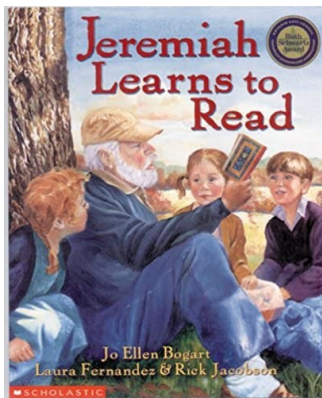
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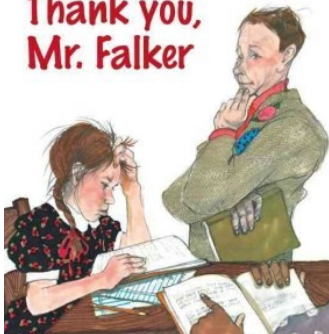
Jeremiah Learns to Read

by Jo Ellen Bogart, c1999 (IL: K-3)

"Jeremiah is a very wise man. He knows how to build a fence, cook pancakes, grow vegetables, and many other wonderful things but there is something that Jeremiah does not know how to do. He cannot read and he wants to learn how." - Amazon.ca

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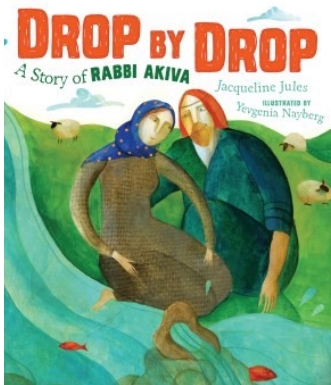
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by Patricia Polacco, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"Reprint. Originally published: 1998. At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem." - Follett



Drop By Drop: A Story of Rabbi Akiva

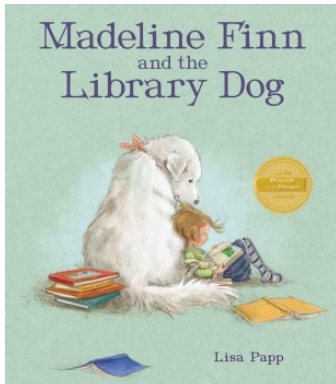
by Jacqueline Jules, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

"Akiva is just a poor shepherd living an ordinary life, until he falls in love with Rachel. Rachel thinks her husband could become a great man of learning--but Akiva can't even read! Is he too old to be a scholar or can he follow the example of the water in the nearby brook? Water is soft, yet drop by drop, it can soften the hardest stone." - Pub.

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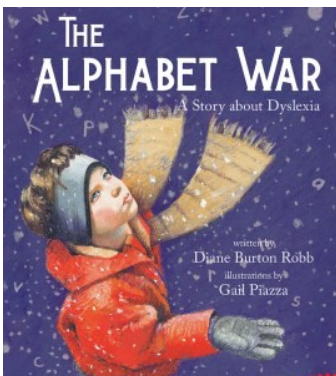
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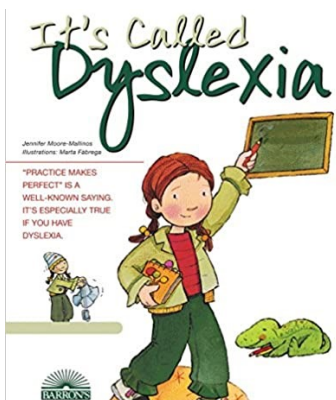
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

"Reluctant reader Madeline really wants to earn a star at school, so when Mrs. Dimple, the librarian, suggests she read to a dog Madeline gives it a try." - *Follett*



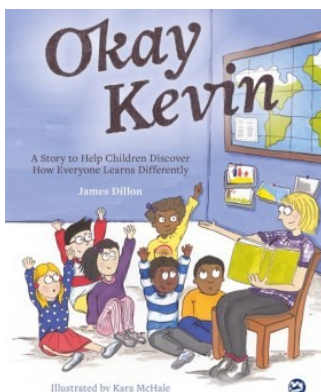
The Alphabet War by Diane Burton Robb, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"Learning to read is a great struggle for Adam, but with expert help, hard work, and belief in himself, he wins 'The Alphabet War.'" Includes information about dyslexia." - *Follett*



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Okay Kevin: A Story to Help Children How Everyone Learns Differently by James Dillon, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"Struggling with reading, Kevin discovers that everyone learns at different speeds and excels in different areas." - *Follett*

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Embracing What Makes Us Unique

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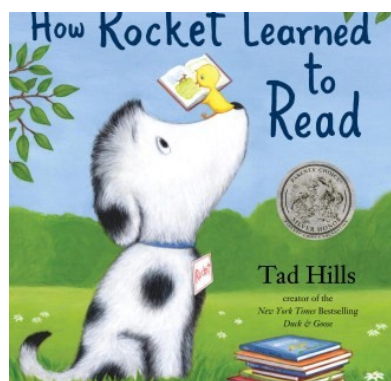
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Leo the Late Bloomer

by Jose Aruego, c1971 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

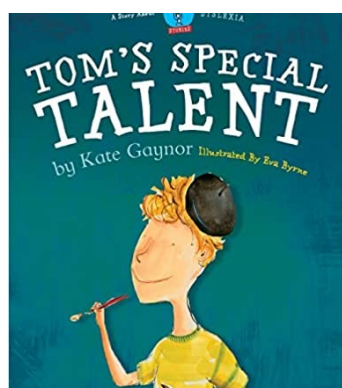
"Antic illustrations add a comic edge to a sweetly reassuring tale about a tiger cub who eventually catches up to his more accomplished animal friends." - *Publishers Weekly*



How Rocket Learned to Read

by Tad Hills, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Learn to read with this...picture book, starring an irresistible dog named Rocket and his teacher, a little yellow bird. Follow along as Rocket masters the alphabet, sounds out words, and finally...learns to read all on his own!" - *Pub.*



Tom's special Talent

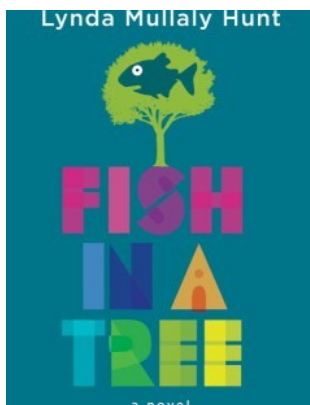
by Kate Gaynor, c2013 (IL: K-3)

"Tom isn't sure if he has any talents at all when he sees how good his friends are at writing and reading. But a school competition soon helps him to find his own very special talent! Children with Dyslexia or a learning difficulty often find school a daunting and sometimes terrifying daily task. In an environment where certain skills, like writing and reading, are praised and highlighted more than others, it is important for children to recognise that everyone has a 'special talent' of their own." - *Amazon.ca*

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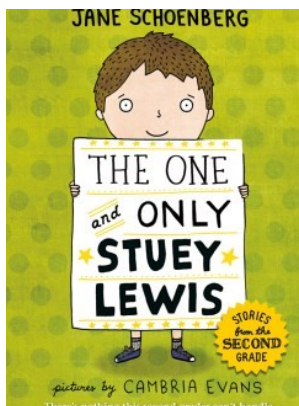
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Fish In a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, c2015 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.2)

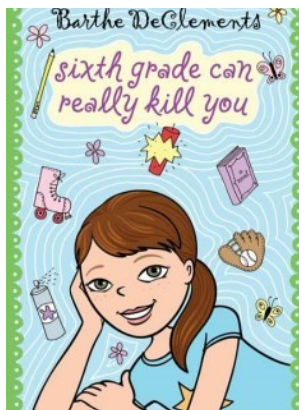
"Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid." Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns ..." - Pub.



The One and Only Stuey Lewis: Stories From the Second Grade

by Jane Schoenberg, c2011, 2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

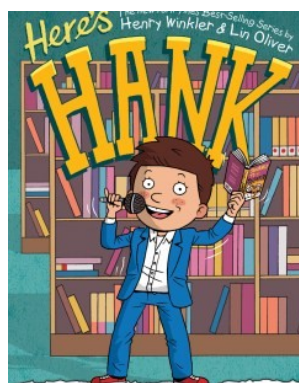
"Stuey Lewis faces many challenges in the second grade, but while he struggles with reading, Stuey manages to pull off a great Halloween caper and joins the soccer team." - Follett



Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You

by Barthe DeClements, c1985, c2009 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.3)

"Helen fears that lack of improvement in her reading may leave her stuck in the sixth grade forever, until a good teacher recognizes her reading problem." - Follett



Everybody is Somebody (Series: Here's Hank, Bk. 1)

by Henry Winkler, c2019 (K-3, RL: 2.3)

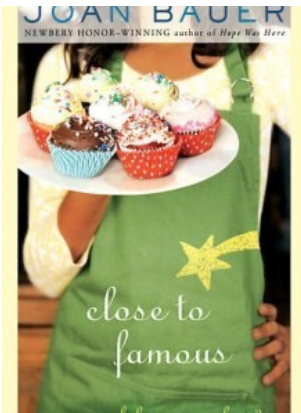
"When a well-known author visits their school, Hank and his two best friends get the chance to be her guide for the day and introduce her at an assembly, but the situation forces Hank to find creative ways to hide his struggles with reading." - Pub.

(Inspired by the true life experiences of celebrity Henry Winkler, whose undiagnosed dyslexia made him a classic childhood underachiever, this series is about the high-spirited and funny adventures of the same boy before he was diagnosed with a learning challenge.)

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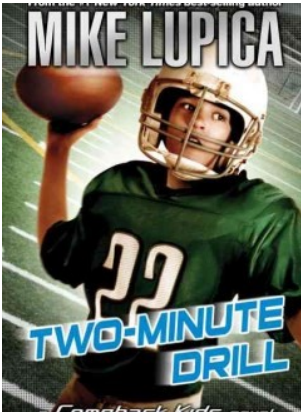
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Close to Famous

by Joan Bauer, c2011, 2012 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.0)

"Sixth-grader Foster McFee is a supremely talented baker and dreams of being a famous television chef like Sonny Kroll, star of her favorite show on the Food Network, but she has already had to face some major challenges in her life. After her father's death in combat in Iraq, she and her mother, a talented singer, have had a hard time financially, and ultimately they are forced to leave Memphis in order to escape her mother's abusive Elvis-impersonator boyfriend. Worst of all, Foster is unable to read because of a learning disability. When she and her mother accidentally end up in Culpepper, WV, Foster finds some unlikely supporters among the tiny town's eccentric residents ..." - SLJ



Two-Minute Drill

by Mike Lupica, c2007, 2009 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.1)

"Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school." - Follett



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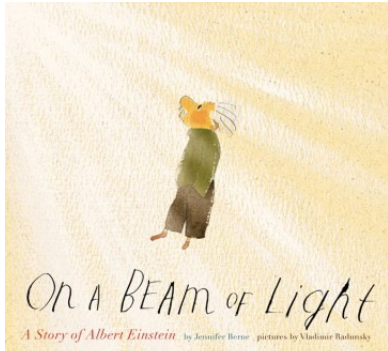
by Lisa Graff, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.7)

"Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny, Calista, helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself." - Follett

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Famous People With Learning Disabilities

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On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne, c2013 (IL: K-3, 2-6, RL: 4.4)

"A boy rides a bicycle down a dusty road. But in his mind, he envisions himself traveling at a speed beyond imagining, on a beam of light. This brilliant mind will one day offer up some of the most revolutionary ideas ever conceived. From a boy endlessly fascinated by the wonders around him, Albert Einstein ultimately grows into a man of genius recognized the world over for profoundly illuminating our understanding of the universe." - Pub.



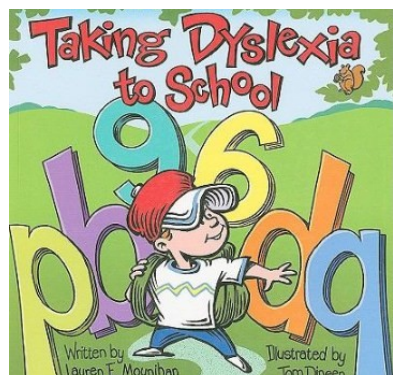
Oprah Winfrey (Series: Black History Biographies) by Izzi Howell, c2021 (IL: 3-6, RL:?)

"Find out about the life of American entrepreneur Oprah Winfrey from her childhood to breaking into the media and her many campaigns for change. The book has photographs and a simple text suitable for young children." - Pub.

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Non-fiction

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Taking Dyslexia to School (Series: Special Kids in School)

by Lauren E. Moynihan, c2002 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.8)

Really old, find a newer one