

## **Recommended resources for primary school libraries**

**My friend Isabelle by Eliza Woloson, 2003.** Tells the story of a boy and his friend Isabelle. He talks about the fun they have together and the differences between them and how that makes the world a good place.

**Nina Rose and her Dancing Prince** by Sandra Wise. Hugh, a boy with Down syndrome, loves dancing. He meets Nina Rose and Amy at the beach and they encourage him to enter the school dance contest. He must contend with bullies and nerves before he can perform. (This is the second Nina Rose book. The first Nina Rose's Toes is on the Premier's Reading Challenge list.)

**My Sister, Alicia May** by Nancy Tupper Ling, 2009. Beautifully illustrated story told from the viewpoint of a girl about the mostly good times with her 6-year old younger sister, Alicia May, who has Down syndrome.

**Don't call me special: a first look at disability by Pat Thomas, 2000.** Excellent picture book for young children about disability and acceptance.

**Down syndrome: What's it like by Angela Royston, 2005.** For children 5- 8 years old to explain what it is like to have Down syndrome.

**My friend has Down syndrome by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos, 2008.** For children 6-8 years old about accepting people with Down syndrome.

**Victoria Goes to Brazil by Maria de Fatima, 2009.** Victoria ( a young school aged girl who has Down syndrome) goes to Brazil to visit the country where her mother was born and meets relatives. A small blurb in the back mentions Down syndrome, but otherwise it's only through the photos that you would know that Victoria has Down syndrome.

**ABC for you and me by Meg Gurnis and Shirley Leamon Green,2000.** Alphabet book showing children with Down syndrome and sometimes siblings playing with things that start with each letter of the alphabet.

**123 For you and me by Meg Giris and Shirley Leamon**

**Green**, 2001. Number book showing children with Down syndrome and sometimes siblings with a number of objects from 1 to 20.

**A kid's guide to Down syndrome**, 2002. Produced by the Down Syndrome Society of South Australia, this book simply explains what Down syndrome is and what it means for the lives of people with Down syndrome. Includes little quizzes throughout the book. SA

**Living with Down syndrome by Jenny Bryan** 1998,. Good informational book with photographs focusing on 4 different people with Down syndrome. UK

**Bobby, Charlton and the Mountain by Sophie Smiley**, 2003. **Man of the Match by Sophie Smiley**, 2005. For ages 5-9.

About a football(soccer)-mad family which includes Bobby, a boy who has Down Syndrome. UK.

**Buddy's Shadow**, by Shirley Becker, *Turtle Books*. 1991. Buddy, a five year old boy with Down syndrome saves his money to buy a puppy to get a best friend of his own.US

**Sarah's Surprise**, by Nan Holcomb, *Turtle Books*, 1990. The story of a girl who uses a picture board to communicate and then gets an augmentative communication device and can join in singing Happy Birthday.US

**Cookie**, by Linda Kneeland, *Turtle Books*, 1998. Molly, a girl with Down syndrome, learns to sign and is able to ask for what she wants.US

**Me, Hailey!** By Sheri Plucker, *Turtle Books*, 2005. Features a girl with Down syndrome starting school who is always losing her glasses. The other children help her keep track of them and she teaches them signing.US

**If you need help sourcing any of these items, please ring Down Syndrome NSW (02 9683 4333) for suggestions on suppliers. Complete lists of books held in the Down Syndrome NSW library and links to educational resources can be found on our website: [www.dsansw.org.au](http://www.dsansw.org.au)**