



# Children's Literature Featuring Characters Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

## Annotated Bibliography

### All the Better to See You With

By: Margaret Wild (1992)

Publisher: Albert Whitman and Company.

Because Katie is the quiet one in her family, her parents are slow to realize she is nearsighted.

### Apt. 3

By: Ezra Jack Keats (1971)

Publisher: Macmillan Publishing Co.

Sam and Ben meet the resident of Apt. 3, who is blind.

### Arthur's Eyes

By: Marc Brown (1979)

Publisher: Avon Books.

Arthur's friends tease him about his new glasses but he soon learns to wear them with pride.

### Brian's Bird

By: Patricia Anne Davis (2000)

Publisher: Albert Whitman and Company.

Eight-year-old Brian, who is blind, learns to care for his new parakeet and to appreciate his older brother.

### Business Is Looking Up

By: Barbara Aiello and Jeffery Shulman (1988)

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books.

Renaldo Rodriguez, an eleven-year-old child who is blind, sets up a greeting card service for step-families.

### Cakes and Miracles

By: Barbara Diamond Goldin (1991)

Publisher: Puffin Books (Published by the Penguin Group).

After an angel in a dream tells Hershel to make what he sees in his head, he uses his hands and memories to make cookies for the Purim holiday.

### A Cane in Her Hand

By: Ada Bassett Litchfield (1977)

Publisher: Albert Whitman and Co.

Valerie learns new skills and techniques from a vision specialist as her sight changes.

### Cromwell's Glasses

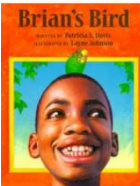
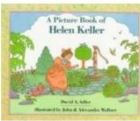
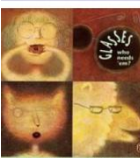
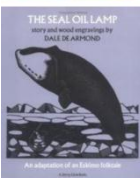
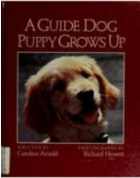
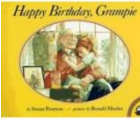
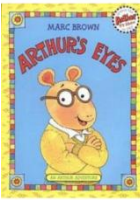
By: Holly Keller (1982)

Publisher: Greenwillow Books.

Cromwell's new glasses make it easier for him to see, but his siblings tease him about how they look.



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The Fourth-Grade Four

By: Marilyn Levinson (1989)

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company.

Alex refuses to wear his glasses anywhere but home because he's afraid of being teased by his friends.

The Gift

By: Helen Coutant (1983)

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf.

A young girl searches for the perfect gift to give her elderly friend who has returned home from the hospital after losing her vision.

Glasses, Who Needs 'Em?

By: Lane Smith (1991)

Publisher: Viking Penguin Books.

A boy is unhappy about having to wear glasses until his doctor provides an imaginative list of well-adjusted eyeglass wearers.

A Guide Dog Goes to School

By: Elizabeth Simpson Smith (1987)

Publisher: William Morrow and Co., Inc.

The story of a dog trained to lead the blind.

A Guide Dog Puppy Grows Up

By: Caroline Arnold (1991)

Publisher: Harcourt Brace and Company.

Follows a puppy through the training process to become a guide dog to placement with a person who is blind.

Happy Birthday, Grampie

By: Susan Pearson (1987)

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers.

Martha takes great care to make just the right gift for her grandfather who has lost his vision.

Jennifer Jean, the Cross-Eyed Queen

By: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (1994)

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books.

Jennifer Jean likes her big green crossed eyes and doesn't want to wear a patch.

Jenny's Magic Wand

By: Helen Hermann and Bill Hermann (1988)

Publisher: Franklin Watts, Inc.

Jenny worries about going to a public school after attending a school for children who are blind.

Jeremy's Dreidel

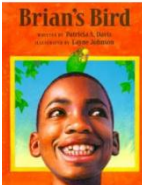
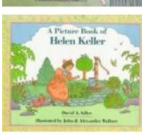
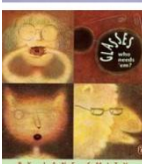
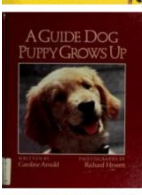
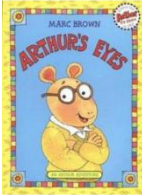
By: Ellie Gellman (1992)

Publisher: Kar-Ben Copies, Inc.

Jeremy signs up for a Hanukkah dreidel workshop and makes one with braille dots for his dad.



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Knots on a Counting Rope

By: Bill Martin and John Archambault (1987)

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company.

A young Native American boy who is blind reminisces with his grandfather about the boy's birth, his first horse and an exciting horse race.

Libby's New Glasses

By: Tricia Tusa (1984)

Publisher: Holiday House.

Libby can't accept the idea of wearing glasses until she meets a lively bird with the same problem.

Listen for the Bus: David's Story

By: Patricia McMahon (1995)

Publisher: Boyds Mill Press.

A real life look at David, who is blind and hearing impaired, as he begins kindergarten.

Little Hippo Gets Glasses

By: Maryann MacDonald (1991)

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers.

Little Hippo is upset about having to wear glasses until a new friend helps him accept his new look.

Lucy's Picture

By: Nicola Moon (1995)

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers.

Lucy creates a special picture for her grandfather who is blind.

Mandy Sue Day

By: Roberta Karim (1994)

Publisher: Clarion Books (a Houghton Mifflin Imprint).

A young girl who is blind spends her special day with her horse and together they drink in the sounds, smells, and feel of an autumn day.

Mom's Best Friend

By: Sally Hobart Alexander and George Ancona (1992)

Publisher: Macmillan.

Describes how a blind mother adjusts to getting a new guide dog for the blind.

Mom Can't See Me

By: Sally Hobart Alexander (1990)

Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers.

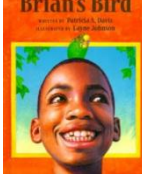
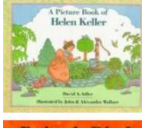
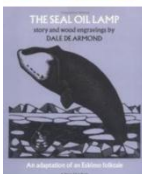
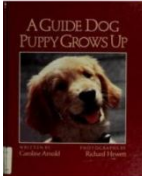
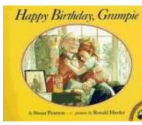
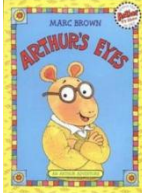
A nine-year-old girl tells about life with her mother who is blind.

My Friend Leslie: The Story of a Handicapped Child

By: Maxine Rosenberg (1983)

Publisher: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books.

Details the adventures of Leslie, a kindergarten student who is deaf-blind.



My Mother Is Blind

By: Margaret Reuter (1979)

Publisher: Children's Press.

A young boy describes how everyone comes to terms with his mother's blindness.

Naomi Knows It's Springtime

By: Virginia Kroll (1992)

Publisher: Boyds Mill Press.

A young girl who is blind experiences the first signs of spring.

The New Boy Is Blind

By: William Thomas (1980)

Publisher: Julian Messner Books.

Ricky and his sighted classmates adjust to his blindness when he becomes the new student in their fourth grade classroom.

One of Us

By: Neil Amdur (1981)

Publisher: The Dial Press.

When Nora moves to a new town she becomes friends with Jerry, who is blind.

A Picture Book of Helen Keller

By: David Adler (1990)

Publisher: Holiday House.

A brief picture book biography of Helen Keller.

The Rose Colored Glasses: Melanie Adjusts to Poor Vision

By: Linda Leggett and William Andrews (1979)

Publisher: Human Sciences Press.

A young girl adjusts to wearing glasses and helps her classmates understand what it means to have low vision.

Sally Can't See

By: Palle Petersen (1974)

Publisher: John Day Company.

Describes the life of a twelve-year-old girl who is blind as she learns to read, swim and ride a horse.

Sarah's Sleepover

By: Bobbie Rodriguez and Mark Graham (2000)

Publisher: Viking Press.

A young girl who is blind shows her cousins what to do in the dark when the lights go out during a sleepover weekend.

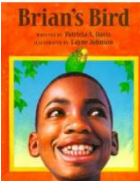
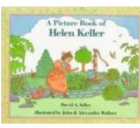
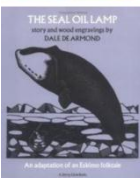
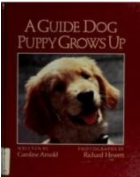
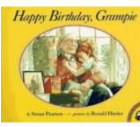
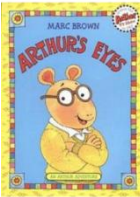
The Seal Oil Lamp

By: Dale DeArmond (1988)

Publisher: Sierra Club Books.

A retelling of an Eskimo tale about a seven-year-old boy who is blind and left to die by the people of his village.





The Secret Code

By: Dana Meachen Rau (1998)  
Publisher: Children's Press (a division of Grolier Publishing).  
Oscar, who is blind, teaches Lucy how to read his braille book.

Seeing in Special Ways: Children Living With Blindness (Don't Turn Away)

By: Thomas Bergman (1989)  
Publisher: Garth Stevens Children's Books.  
Interviews with a group of children at the Tomtebodas School in Sweden.

The Seeing Stick

By: Jane Yolen and Daniela Terrazzini (1997)  
Publisher: Thomas Cromwell Co.  
The emperor's daughter is blind and a mysterious old man with a "seeing stick" teaches her to see with her fingers, her mind, and her heart.

See the Ocean

By: Estelle Condra (1994)  
Publisher: Ideal's Children's Books.  
One foggy day Nellie is the first in her family to know when they reach their ocean vacation destination.

See You Tomorrow, Charles

By: Miriam Cohen (1983)  
Publisher: Greenwillow Books.  
First graders learn to accept Charles, a new classmate who is blind.

Seven Blind Mice

By: Ed Young (1982)  
Publisher: Philomel Books (a division of the Putnam & Grosset Group).  
Seven blind mice explore and discover different parts of an elephant.

Sing to the Stars

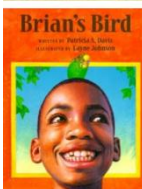
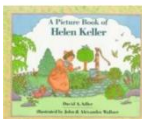
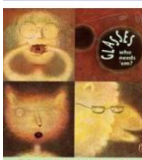
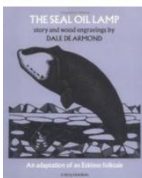
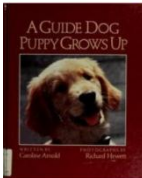
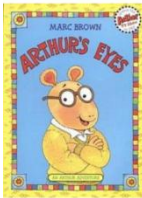
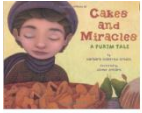
By: Mary Brigid Barrett (1994)  
Publisher: Little, Brown, and Co.  
Ephram makes friends with Mr. Washington and his guide dog Shilo.

Sound of Sunshine, Sound of Rain

By: Florence Parry Heide (1970)  
Publisher: Parents Magazine Press.  
A young boy listens carefully to the world around him as he makes his way through his day.

Spectacles

By: Ellen Raskin (1980)  
Publisher: Anteheneum.  
Iris sees things that aren't really what they seem to be until an optometrist gives her glasses.



Through Grandpa's Eyes

By: Patricia MacLachlan (1980)

Publisher: Harper Collins Publishers.

A young boy learns a different way of seeing from his grandfather, who is blind.

Timothy of the Cay

By: Theodore Taylor (1994)

Publisher: Harcourt Brace.

Story of a shipwreck and a blind man.

Tom & Bear: The Training of a Guide Dog Team

By: Richard McPhee (1981)

Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell.

The author tells in diary format of his twenty-six days observing a young blind man with a guide dog at Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a guide dog school in New York state.

Watch Out, Ronald Morgan!

By: Patricia Reilly Giff (1987)

Publisher: Viking Press.

Ronald Morgan has an array of humorous mishaps until he gets his glasses.