

VSA Playwright Discovery Program

Literary and Film Resources on The Disability Experience

NOVELS

For Middle/Junior High School Students

- **A Night Without Stars**, by James Howe
- **Away to Me, Moss!**, by Betty Levin
- **Blabber Mouth**, by Morris Gleitzman
- **Bluish**, by Virginia Hamilton
- **Colt**, by Nancy Springer
- **Dovey Coe**, by Frances O’Roark Dowell
- **Earthquake Terror**, by Peg Kehret
- **Emily Good as Bold**, by Susan Goldman Rubin
- **Freak the Mighty**, by W. R. Philbrick
- **The Man who Loved Clowns**, by June Rae Wood
- **The Monument**, by Gary Paulsen
- **My Louisiana Sky**, by Kimberly Willis Holt
- **Out of the Dark**, by Betty Wright
- **Petey**, by Ben Mikaelson
- **Radiance Descending**, by Paula Fox
- **The Reason for Janey**, by Nancy Hope Wilson
- **Safe at Second**, by Scott Johnson
- **The Secret Garden**, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- **Sees Behind Trees**, by Michael Dorris
- **Shadow Spinner**, by Susan Fletcher
- **Spider’s Voice**, by Gloria Skurzynski
- **The Storyteller’s Beads**, by Jane Kurtz
- **The Story of My Life**, an autobiography by Helen Keller
- **Stranded**, by Ben Mikaelson
- **Stuck in Neutral**, by Terry Trueman
- **The Summer of the Swans**, by Betsy Cromer Byars
- **Tangerine**, by Edward Bloor
- **Things Not Seen**, by Andrew Clements
- **True Confessions**, by Janet Tashjian
- **True Friends**, by Bill Wallace
- **Welcome Home, Jellybean**, by Marlene Fanta Shyer
- **When Pigs Fly**, by E.L. Konigsburg
- **Willow King**, by Chris Platt

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For High School Students

- **A Time for Dancing**, by Davida Hurwin
- **Are You Alone On Purpose?**, by Nancy Werlin
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**, by Mark Haddon
- **The Devil in the White City**, a narrative history by Erik Larson
- **Emily in Love**, by Susan Goldman Rubin
- **An Equal Music**, by Vikram Seth
- **Fat Kid Rules the World**, by Kelly Going
- **Head Above Water**, by S.L. Rottman
- **Izzy, Willy Nilly**, by Cynthia Voigt
- **The Lost German Slave Girl**, a narrative history by John Bailey
- **Mary Mehan Awake**, by Jennifer Armstrong
- **Mind's Eye**, by Paul Fleischman
- **Of Mice and Men**, by John Steinbeck
- **Of Sound Mind**, by Jean Ferris
- **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, by Ken Kesey
- **Peeling the Onion**, by Wendy Orr
- **The Raging Quiet**, by Sherryl Jordan
- **Tribute to Another Dead Rock Star**, by Randy Powell
- **A Trip to the Stars**, by Nicholas Christopher

PLAYS

- **Angels in America** by Tony Kushner
- **Children of a Lesser God**, by Mark Medoff
- **A Christmas Carol**, by Charles Dickens
- **A Doctor in Spite of Himself**, by Jean-Baptiste Moliere
- **The Doctor's Dilemma**, by George Bernard Shaw
- **The Glass Menagerie**, by Tennessee Williams
- **Gray's Anatomy**, by Spalding Gray
- **Gretty Good Time**, by John Belluso
- **Henry Flamethrower**, by John Belluso
- **Heroes and Saints**, by Cherrie L. Moraga
- **Imaginary Invalid**, by Jean-Baptiste Moliere
- **Like a Metaphor**, by Emily Cicchini
- **Marvin's Room**, by Scott McPherson
- **Of Mice and Men**, by John Steinbeck
- **The Miracle Worker**, by William Gibson
- **Mother Hick**, by Suzan L. Zeder
- **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, adapted by Dale Wasserman

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- **Parade**, by Susan Nussbaum
- **Pyretown**, by John Belluso
- **The Rise and Fall of the Us/Them Empire**, by Pamela K. Walker
- **The Secret Garden**, adapted by Tim Kelly, music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur
- **Wings**, by Arthur Kopit
- **Wit**, by Margaret Edson

FILMS

- **Alison's Baby**, directed by Bente Milton
- **Angels in America** by Tony Kushner, starring Meryl Streep and Al Pacino
- **As Good As It Gets**, directed by James L. Brooks, starring Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson
- **A Beautiful Mind**, directed by Ron Howard, starring Russell Crowe and Ed Harris
- **Benny and Joon** (*rated R*), directed by Jeremiah Chechik, starring Aidan Quiin, Mary Stuart Masterson, and Johnny Depp
- **Children of a Lesser God** (*rated R*), directed by Randa Haines, starring Marlee Matlin and William Hurt
- **Citizen Sam**, directed by Joe Moulins
- **The Elephant Man**, directed by David Lynch, starring Anthony Hopkins and John Hurt
- **Forrest Gump**, directed by Robert Zemeckis, starring Tom Hanks
- **Frida**, directed by Julie Taymor and starring Salma Hayek
- **Girl, Interrupted** (*rated R*), directed by James Mangold and starring Winona Ryder and Angelina Jolie
- **How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog** (*rated R*), directed by Michael Kalesniko
- **I Am Sam**, directed by Jessie Nelson and starring Sean Penn and Dakota Fanning
- **If You Could See What I Hear**, directed by Eric Till
- **Including Samuel**, directed by Dan Habib
- **Immortal Beloved**, directed by Bernard Rose, starring Gary Oldman
- **Iris** (*rated R*), directed by Richard Eyre and starring Judi Dench
- **Mask**, directed by Peter Bogdanovich, starring Cher and Sam Elliot
- **Me, Myself and Irene**, directed by Bobby Farrelly and starring Jim Carrey
- **The Miracle Worker**, directed by Arthur Penn, starring Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft
- **Mr. Holland's Opus**, directed by Stephen Hereck, starring Richard Dreyfus
- **Music Within** (*rated R*), directed by Steven Sawalich, starring Ron Livingston and Melissa George
- **My Left Foot**, directed by Jim Sheridan, starring Daniel Day-Lewis
- **My Life**, directed by Bruce Rubin and starring Michael Keaton
- **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** (*rated R*), directed by Milos Forman, starring Jack Nicholson
- **The Other Sister**, directed by Garry Marshall, starring Diane Keaton and Juliette Lewis
- **Philadelphia**, directed by Jonathon Demme and starring Tom Hanks

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- **Rain Man** (*rated R*), directed by Barry Levinson, starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise
- **Rear Window**, directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring James Stewart
- **The Secret Garden**, directed by Agnieszka Holland, starring Kate Maberly and Maggie Smith
- **Shine**, directed by Scott Hicks and starring Geoffrey Rush
- **The Station Agent**, directed by Thomas McCarthy, starring Peter Dinklage and Bobby Cannavale
- **The Tic Code**, directed by Gary Winick and starring Gregory Hines
- **What's Eating Gilbert Grape**, directed by Lasse Hallstrom and starring Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio