

## Neurodiversity Book List: Early Years - 5 \*Age ranges are a guide only.

<b>Cloud Boy by Greg Stobbs</b>  <p>This uplifting inclusive fable celebrates the value and magic of neurodivergence through a wonderful little boy who can't keep his feet on the ground — and why should he?</p>	<b>Through the Eyes of Me by Jon Roberts</b>  <p>Jon Roberts' debut work for children is a sensitive portrayal of life as a child with Autism, narrated by 4-year old Kya, who guides readers through her likes and dislikes and all the nuances of her character. <b>(SL)</b></p>
<b>A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey</b>  <p>Henry often struggles to understand the behaviour of those around him. He's keen to make friends in his class, however, it's proving a bit of a challenge and he's getting increasingly frustrated with his peers. <b>(SL)</b></p>	<b>Talking Is Not My Thing by Rose Robbins</b>  <p>The autistic sister in this sibling pair is non-verbal, but she finds plenty of ways to communicate and have fun with her brother. Although she can't talk, this little girl understands everything, and has plenty to say, and lots of ideas. <b>(SL)</b></p>
<b>Thunder Boots by Naomi Jones and Rebecca Ashdown</b>  <p>An empowering story about starting school with dyslexia that celebrates everyone's differences.</p>	<b>Amazing Me Amazing You by Christine McGuinness</b>  <p>The perfect picture book celebrating all children with a message of kindness and friendship. <b>(SL)</b></p>
<b>Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein</b>  <p>In her perfectly pitched words and pictures, Nicola Kent tells a beautiful story about being different and the importance of friends in helping you find yourself.</p>	<b>Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf by Craig Barr-Green</b>  <p>The story is written in an informal style and follows a young neurodivergent girl, Gina, as she journeys through the story of Red Riding Hood, fixing mistakes and recounting the facts. <b>(SL)</b></p>
<b>Remarkable Remy by Melanie Heyworth</b>  <p>A picture book for both Autistic and non-Autistic readers aged 3 and up, Remarkable Remy illuminates the experiences and strengths of Autistic people, and the joys of having Autistic friends. <b>(SL)</b></p>	<b>Pablo at the Zoo by Andrew Brenner</b>  <p>All Pablo books are written by writers on the autistic spectrum and are grounded in the real-life experiences of autistic children. These books help all children understand the world and face the world with confidence.</p>

<b>Where Bjorn Belongs by Samuel Langley-Swain</b>  <p>A heartfelt Christmas story of friendship and belonging. Due to his autism, Arctic-enthusiast Arthur does not like Christmas, the noise, the lights, and the crowds.</p>	<b>The Zoo inside Me by Ruth Doyle</b>  <p><i>The Zoo Inside Me</i> brilliantly captures the swirl of confusing and sometimes unmanageable emotions that are inside us all and especially children.</p>
<b>Loud by Rose Robbins</b>  <p>Abigail has ADHD and can't concentrate, but one teacher knows just how to get her engaged.</p>	<b>Dexter! The Amazing School Dog by Lucy Plunkett</b>  <p>An uplifting celebration of diversity, centred around a school dog who shows us how we can lend a hand to those who might experience things differently to us. (SL)</p>
<b>Every Brain is Beautiful by Sara Furlong</b>  <p>Did you know that everyone sees the world a little differently? Some like loud noises, while others prefer quiet spaces. Some like playing together, while others prefer doing their own thing. And that's ok!</p>	<b>Don't Hug Doug by Carrie Finison</b>  <p>A fun picture book to encourage conversations about setting boundaries and respecting personal choices and sensory preferences.</p>

**(SL)** Books available from the Shropshire Library Service Neurodiversity Collection

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