## CAVERSTEDE EYFS SEND HUB RESOURCE LIBRARY – books for children: Disability; Autism; Down Syndrome

## Hub Book 26

### A Friend like Simon - Kate Gaynor

This book is designed to introduce all children, especially those in mainstream school, to a child with ASD.

The story begins with Matthew greeting his new classmate Simon on his first day at a new school. When Mathew realises Simon is a little different to his other friends, he's just not sure if he wants to have 'a friend like Simon'. However, a school trip to the funfair soon helps to change his mind! This new book will be a very welcome resource for Irish parents and teachers alike as an introduction to Autism/ASD for other young children.

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#### Don't Call Me Special - Pat Thomas

A beautifully illustrated picture book that teaches children about a range of disabilities. It challenges the stereotypes that are often formed during childhood and explains how people overcome their disabilities and live happy and full lives. ...

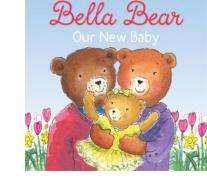
#### Hub Book 14 <u>Bella Bear - Now I am Four</u>

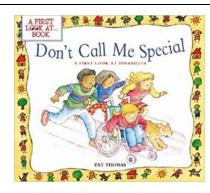
Bella has spina bifida. This book explores Bella's adventures as she enjoys a school taster day, makes new friends and learns to swim.

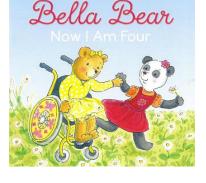
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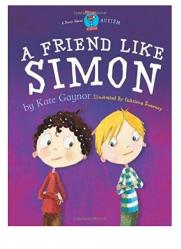
## Hub Book 15 <u>Bella Bear - Our new baby</u>

Bella's first book, Bella Bear, Our New Baby, was written by mummy bear. It tells the story of when little Bella was born, and how very precious she is. Bella has spina bifida, and stayed in the special baby bear unit for some extra care for a time before she went home. Published by Shine Charity.









## Hub Book 21 The Lost Puppy - Kate Gaynor

This special education children's book has been designed to help kids with limited mobility to see the positive aspects that using a wheelchair can bring to their lives. Children with limited mobility can often feel somewhat isolated from their peers as a result of times in the past when they were excluded from certain activities. Through the experience of the main character, this book encourages children to look at their wheelchair as playing a positive rather than a negative role in their life. By reading this story with a young child, it also gives parents an opportunity to discuss any feelings of anxiety that their child may be feeling.



## Hub Book 18 <u>My Friend has Down Syndrome - Jennifer Moore-</u> Mallinos

Younger children are normally puzzled when they encounter other kids who suffer from Down's Syndrome. Here is a heart-warming and reassuring story of how an ordinary little boy comes to understand and befriend a child who has Down's Syndrome. These sensitively written stories encourage preschool-age and early-grades children to explore their feelings, deal with problems that trouble them, and understand others who have problems of their own. Each title speaks to a particular concern that children might encounter in the course of growing up. A short section at the back of each book offers related advice to parents.

