

FREE Lesson Plan

Early Reader - Ages 6-8



Chancer story featured in:

- *The New York Times*
- *Readers Digest Canada*
- *Guidepost*
- *Entro*
- *Adoption Today*



Helping children understand:

- Invisible disability
 - Bully issues
 - Service dogs
 - Caring for a pet
 - Adoption
 - Dog rescue
 - Bite prevention
- Meet your curriculum standards**





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Nuzzle

Love between a boy
and his service dog

written and voice

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Jodee Kulp

Nuzzle - love between a boy and his service dog is a sensitive and humorous portrayal of adoption, disability and the unconditional relationship between a boy and his service dog, Chancer. It is written through the eyes, ears, nose and voice of Chancer and designed as an early reader for six to eight year olds. This book will forever change the way you think about brain injury and second chances. Readers learn how this irresistible 90-lb. golden retriever helps to raise his special 'human' boy. Children and adults will understand the daily challenges faced by a child living with the life-long, hidden birth defect, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). FASD is the umbrella term used to describe a broad range of effects associated with alcohol use during pregnancy.

Beyond the enjoyment of disappearing into bright and richly colorful artwork, compelling photographs and descriptions of abundant, joyful canine and human love:

- Children learn that hidden or invisible disabilities need to be understood and supported just like the disabilities they can see on the outside of a person.
- Children realize the value that service dogs provide children who are differently-abled.
- Children can satisfy their curiosity about how service dogs help the people with whom they live.
- Parents and teachers can guide the early reader through a gentle journey of how two living beings have more in common than most people might imagine.
- Therapists can use this book as a vehicle to encourage healing around adoption issues.

Six FREE FUN worksheets

- [Coloring Page](#)
- [Maze](#)
- [Crossword Puzzle](#)
- [Word Game](#)
- [Dot to Dot](#)
- [Word Find](#)

Included in this lesson plan or you can [download](#) from our website.

Group activities

A "FAN" OF VALIDATION - students validate one another by sharing appreciative comments:

- Give each child a piece of paper.
- Have students make a fan by folding the paper back and forth into seven equal sections. Once fans are folded, have students write their names on the top section, unfold their fan, and pass it to a classmate.
- The classmate writes something he or she really appreciates about the child in the section immediately below the student's name, folds the section under so the comment is hidden, and passes the fan to another student.
- Students pass the fans until each section has a positive statement.
- When completed, fans are returned to the student whose name is at the top.
- As students read the statements from their classmates, they realize how many "fans" they have on their team!

Source: plsweb.com

Chancer Answers

FASDempowered has provided talking points to help teachers and group leaders.

We are also available for school presentations and offer classroom book kits.

- Teacher and community in-service programs.
- Meet an author reading program.
- Presentations for students, teachers and community leaders.



Bully Issues

Communities are urged to join hold a Run, Walk, Roll Against Bullying event in their community as a kick off to National Bullying Prevention Month in October

FUN LINKS & ACTIVITIES

- **Peace Builders** offers teachers resources

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- **National Bullying Prevention Center** is filled with ideas and support to help you prevent bully behaviors.

Invisible Disability

Invisible disabilities, also called “hidden disabilities”, can hinder a person’s efforts to go to school, work, and socialize. The disability creates the initial challenge for the person who has it, but the additional challenges of navigating in a world of expectation you may not be able to meet can create more complications. Some invisible disabilities that mean life challenges for the person experiencing them include:

- cancer
- color blindness
- diabetes
- epilepsy
- sleep disorders
- ADHD
- AIDS/HIV,
- fetal alcohol
- autism
- allergies

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- **Disability 101** - Center on Disability Studies, Hawaii

Adoption

Children need help understanding this common way of creating families. Teachers who are aware of the normal emotions of adopted kids can develop effective strategies to address some of the challenges at school, such as certain assignments and intrusive questions from others .

- There are more than 5 million adopted children and adults in the United States.
- More than 50,000 children in foster care are adopted each year.
- More than 20,000 children are adopted by Americans from other countries each year.
- 60% of Americans say they have some contact with adoption.

(Center for Adoption Support Education)

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- **The Center for Adoption Support and Education** provides information for mental health professionals and is a great site to help teachers understand challenges a student may be facing
- **Adoption friendly curriculum ideas** download this simple sheet from MNAdopt

Dog adoption and rescue

Adopting a pet is a wonderful deed—you'll help a dog or cat in need while at the same time find a devoted animal companion. But it's also a long-term commitment and not to be taken lightly.

If your "FIND a DOG or a CAT" it is not Finder's Keepers - the animal is most likely a pet so you have to tell the authorities.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- [Animal Humane Society](#) understanding what they believe and what they do.
- [Animal Humane Society](#) keeping your pet safe
- [Missing Pet Partnership](#) - Lost dog prevention tips

Service dogs

The service dog is a type of assistance dog that helps persons with differing abilities.

These are working animals that help persons who may have physical, behavioral or intellectual differences or medical issues. Service dogs are specifically trained for the person.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- [ADA Department of Justice](#) American Disability laws regarding service dogs
- [Delta Org](#) - Service Dog Manners Brochure

Caring for a pet

Healthy play habits between children and family pets don't always come naturally—children need guidance in interacting safely and respectfully with animals. Below you will find links to help children learn how to play nice with their pet. The Animal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers ideas, activities and help for your to enhance your curriculum. You could also invite a local animal trainer or veterinarian to speak.

FUN LINKS & ACTIVITIES

- [ASPCA](#) Fun games to play with a pet

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- [ASPCA](#) general dog care sheets
- [ASPCA](#) Dogs and kids information sheets

Dog bite prevention

4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, and one in five dog bites results in injuries that require medical attention. There are ways to make dog bites less likely and to help prevent children from being bitten by dogs. Fifty percent of children will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday.

FUN LINKS & ACTIVITIES

- Invite a "[Be a Tree](#)" Presenter to your school.
- [May I Pet the Dog?](#) Worksheet to help a child understand the difference between safe and potentially dangerous interactions with dogs.
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DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

- [ASPCA](#) Preventing bites in children
- [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC) Dog Bite Prevention.

Community service projects

Blankies for Babies

- Tie blankets to give to clinics reminding new mothers not to drink alcohol while pregnant to build [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness. \(FASD\)](#)

Visit [Blankies for Babies](#) online for more information

Snuggles for Puppies for animal rescue organizations

- Collect and donate items on animal organizations' wish lists: Example: Paper towels, dried dog food, milk substitute, portable cages, blankets and towels, cleansers, and food bowls
- Sponsor a Read-a-Thon to raise money for a local animal shelter in your area.

Visit our websites

to find more teaching connections

- www.TheChancerChronicles.com
- www.FASDempowered.com
- www.ToolboxParent.com
- www.BetterEndings.org

Field trip ideas

Petco Founded in 1965, PETCO is a leading pet specialty store with over 1,000 locations across 50 states that offer endless opportunity for pet adoption, pet care education and needs. Its industry-leading animal care follows a "Think Adoption First" philosophy that helps customers to explore pet-owning options.

FREE ONLINE and SELF-GUIDED IN-STORE TOUR CURRICULUM is available at www.FieldTripFactory.com. Choose a day that works for you and guide your group on an educational adventure at your local PETCO store.

A field trip to Petco meets Scout Badge Requirements

Girl Scouts - Brownie

- * Animals
- * Eco-Explorer

Girl Scouts - Junior

- * Habitat
- * Pet Care

Boy Scouts

- * Animal Science
- * Dog Care
- * Pets
- * Reptile / Amphibian Study

Other outreach ideas

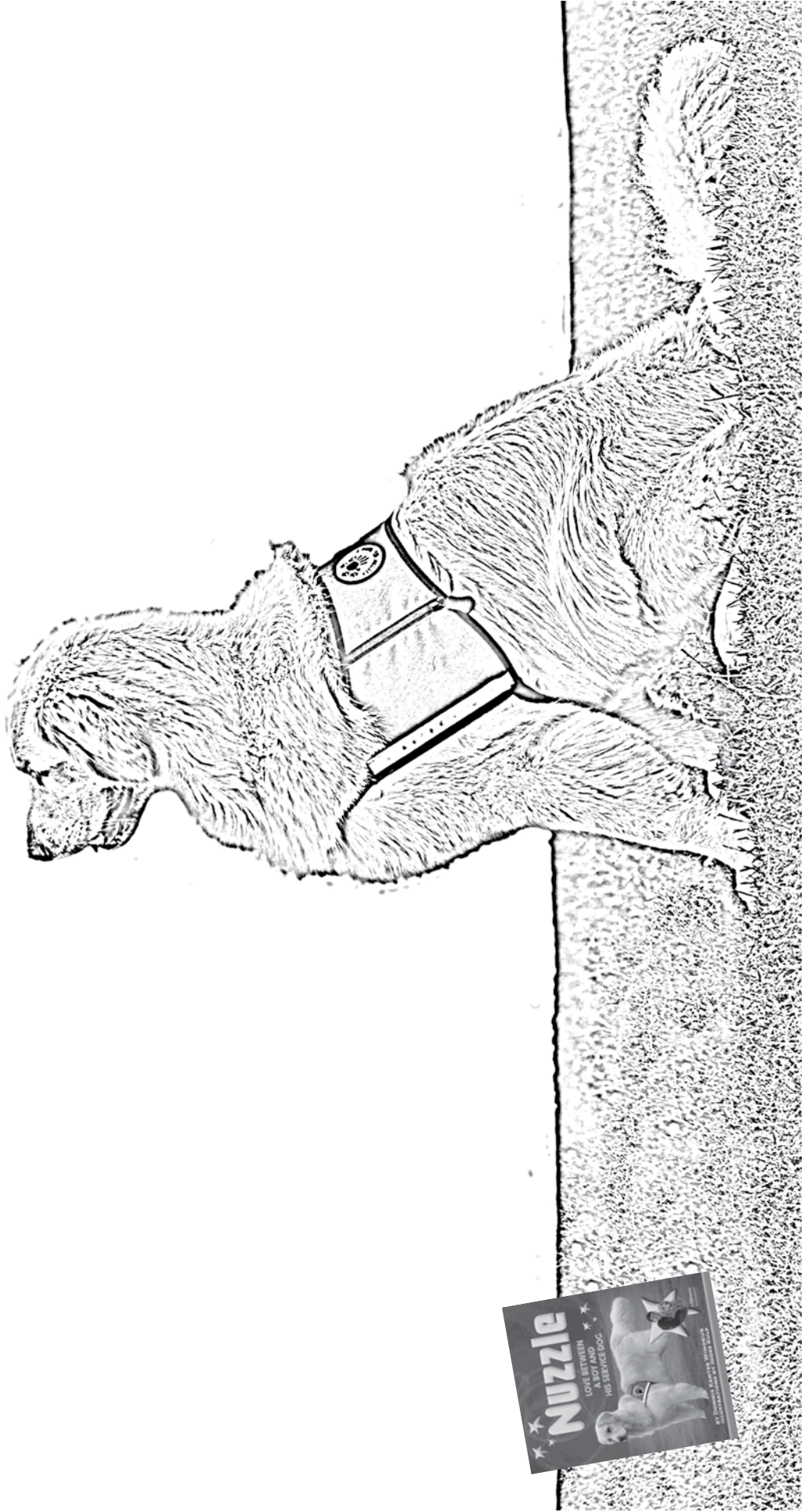
- Visit a local animal rescue shelter or veterinary clinic
- Invite a professional to your classroom:
 - Local positive-based dog trainer to come to your classroom
 - Rescue-dog foster parent or professional from local shelter

Some questions to explore:

- What is the work they do and how can people help?
- What happens to lost and abandoned animals?
- How can we interpret animal communication?
- How should we be safe around cats and dogs?
(www.BeATree.org is an international bite prevention program with teaching ideas)
- How should we care for and protect cats and dogs?
- How can we make life better for animals?



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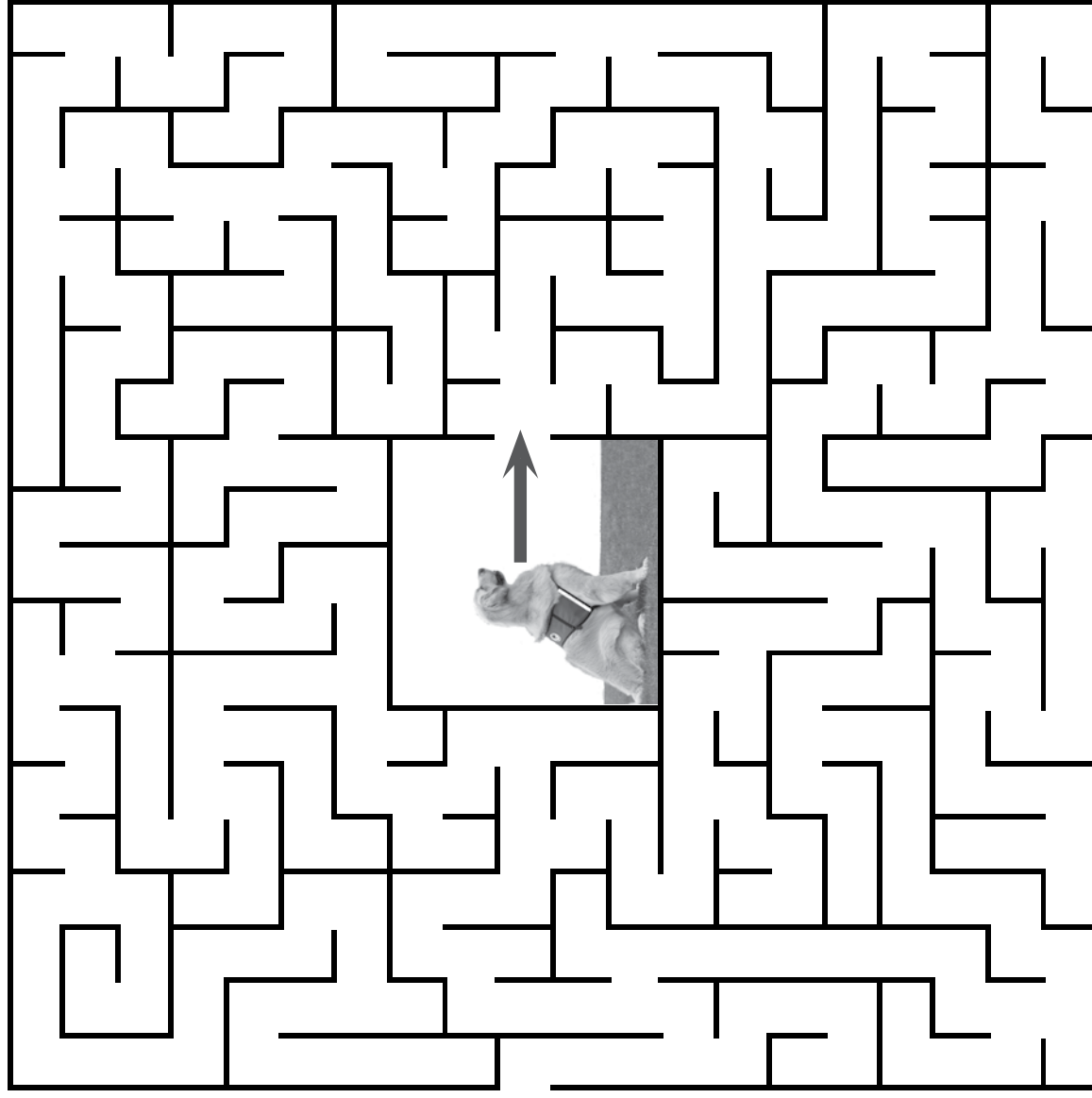


For more information on FASD visit www.BetterEndings.org

www.TheChancerChronicles.com



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to help
him have a safe
and good life.



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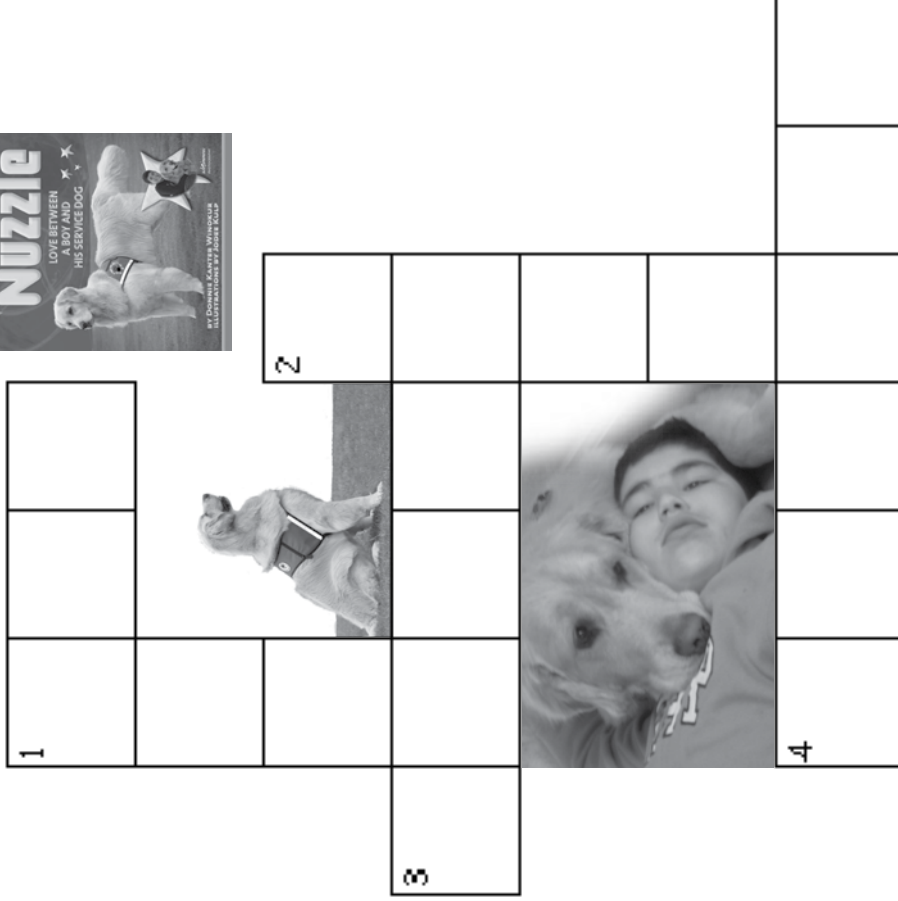
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Help Chancer get more "Good Boys"



Across →

1. service _____

3. _____ a table

4. smells

Down ↓

1. lay _____

2. _____ injury



Name: _____ Date: _____



Follow the dots and then finish drawing Chancer.



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dog	over	kibble	under	service	sit
scents	sense	nuzzle	fasd	adopted	brain

[illegible]

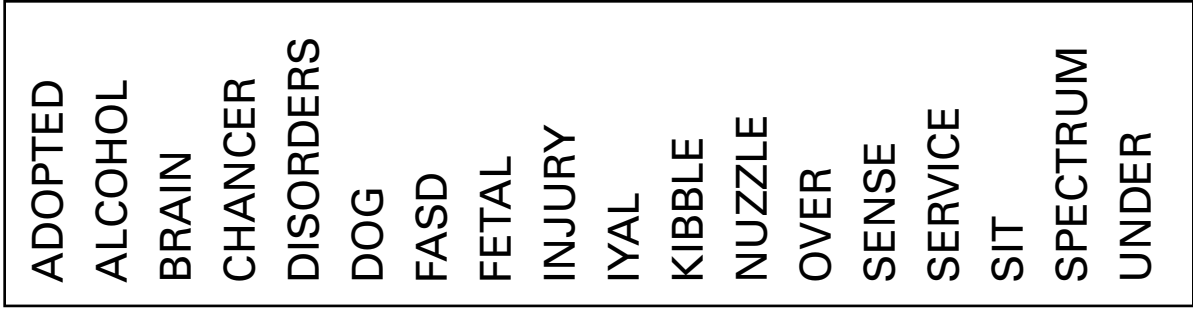
What does Chancer eat?

When Chancer smells something.

What does Chancer do to help Iyal?

When Chancer knows something.





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Nuzzle

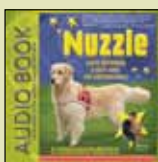
LOVE BETWEEN
A CHILD AND
HIS SERVICE DOG

BY Deborah Kasper Winickoff
ILLUSTRATIONS BY BOBBI KAPLAN

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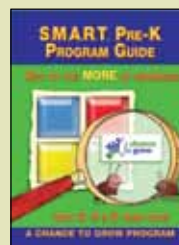
BETTER ENDINGS NEW BEGINNINGS

building sustainable lives for persons with hidden disability



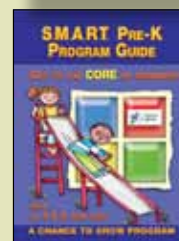
Ages 3-5

Pre-K S.M.A.R.T. Curriculum (Core, More, Themes & Masters)
by Cheryl Smythe and Leslie Giese,
A Chance to Grow



Ages 6-8

NUZZLE - love between a boy and his service dog (available in Audio and Print)
by Donnie Kanter Winokur



Ages 9-11

MY INVISIBLE WORLD - life with my brother, his disability and his service dog
by Morasha Winokur



Ages 12+

THE BEST I CAN BE - living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (available in English, Ukrainian, Russian)
by Liz Kulp



Ages 14+

THE WHITEST WALL
by Jodee Kulp



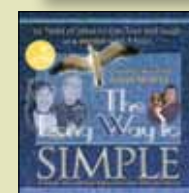
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THE LONG WAY TO SIMPLE - 50 years of living, loving and laughing with FASDs
by Stephen Neafcy



17+

BRAIDED CORD - tough times in and out
by Liz Kulp

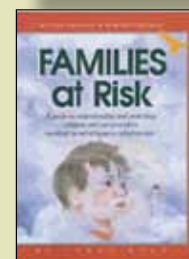


Adults

OUR FASCINATING JOURNEY - Keys to brain potential along the path of prenatal brain injury
by Jodee Kulp (3rd Edition)



FAMILIES AT RISK - A guide to understanding and protecting children involved in out-of-home or adoptive care
by Jodee Kulp



TINY TITAN - Journey of Hope
by Ann Yurcek

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