



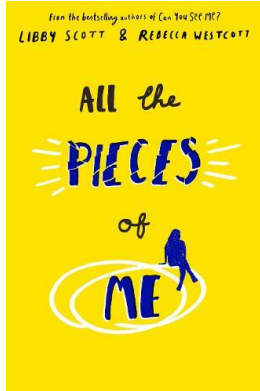
World Autism acceptance week

27th March – 2nd April 2023

We believe that books are a great way to raise awareness and improve understanding of different experiences. Below are some of the books from our library that feature characters who are on the autistic spectrum

ALL THE PIECES OF ME

Year 9 can be tough for everyone, but for Tally it feels even tougher. Make-up, boys, social media, GCSE prep - why is everything starting to feel so different? Tally has always known that being autistic means some things are harder for her than other people. But becoming a teenager has left Tally feeling like she has no idea who she is anymore.



A KIND OF SPARK

When 11 year old Addie, who is autistic, learns about the 16th century women who were persecuted for witchcraft, she starts to lobby for a local memorial in her small Scottish village. With the help of a new girl at school, she fights valiantly against injustice and oppression.



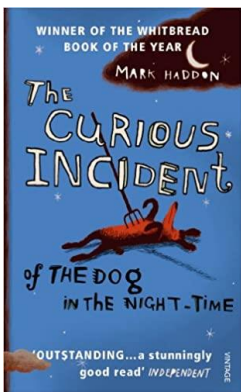
MOCKINGBIRD

11-year-old Caitlin has Asperger's. Her world is torn apart when her beloved brother is killed in a school shooting. Anxious and confused, Caitlin decides what she and her father need is 'closure'. But she needs to find it. This is an incredibly moving and heart-warming story of loss, self-discovery and recovery told from a completely different perspective.



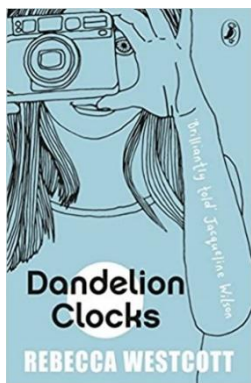
THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Christopher is 15 and lives in Swindon with his father. He has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. He is obsessed with maths, science and Sherlock Holmes but finds it hard to understand other people. When he discovers a dead dog on a neighbour's lawn he decides to solve the mystery and write a detective thriller about it.



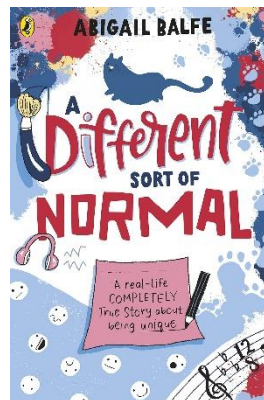
DANDELION CLOCKS

Powerful, memorable and accessible, the book also boasts a very positive depiction of a character with Asperger's Syndrome which reminds us that the autistic spectrum is indeed just that - a spectrum - and those on it may share similar characteristics but should not be pigeon-holed.



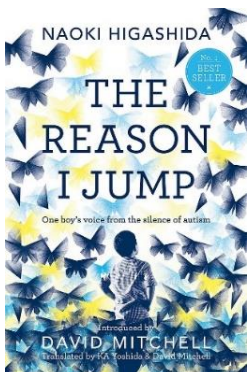
A DIFFERENT SORT OF NORMAL

Insightful, accessible and easy to navigate, this is a wonderful book for all readers, both autistic and allistic (non-autistic), touching on subjects as wide-ranging as school, friendships, puberty and the gender spectrum, as well as things like masking, stimming and sensory sensitivity.



THE REASON I JUMP

How can we know what a person - especially a child - with autism is thinking and feeling? This groundbreaking book, written by Naoki Higashida when he was only thirteen, provides some answers. An invaluable tool for family members trying to understand autistic behaviour but also a fascinating and powerful read in its own right.



CAN YOU SEE ME?

A powerful and highly relatable story about fitting in and being yourself. Tally's diary entries give an authentic insight into one girl's perspective of being autistic, and smashing a host of common assumptions and stereotypes about autism as we see Tally's potent sense of humour and her deep empathy. Most powerful of all is Tally's ultimate realisation that autism is not something that needs to be hidden.

