



Jane Addams Peace Association

The Jane Addams Peace Association Celebrates the Disabled Community

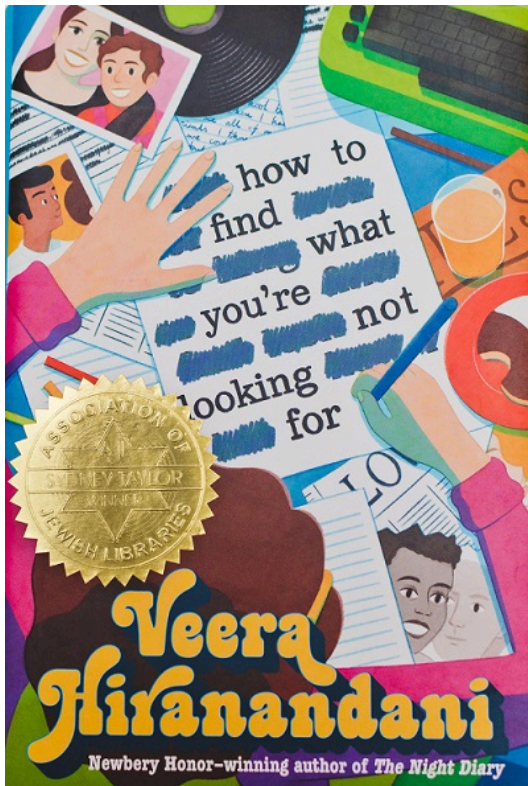


Even while Jane Addams dedicated so much of her life to helping others, she suffered from a congenital spinal defect from a childhood case of tuberculosis that left her with a limp and a lifetime of health problems. While Jane's disability was physical, the Jane Addams Peace Association wants to acknowledge those who have invisible disabilities that aren't receiving the care they need, as well as our support for the disabled

community at large. Take time this month (and in the future) to reflect on what you can do to support your access needs or those of your community.

[Learn More About Disability Pride Month](#)

Jane Addams Awarded Books That Celebrate Disability



***How to Find What You're Not Looking For* by Vera Hiranandani**

2022 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Winner

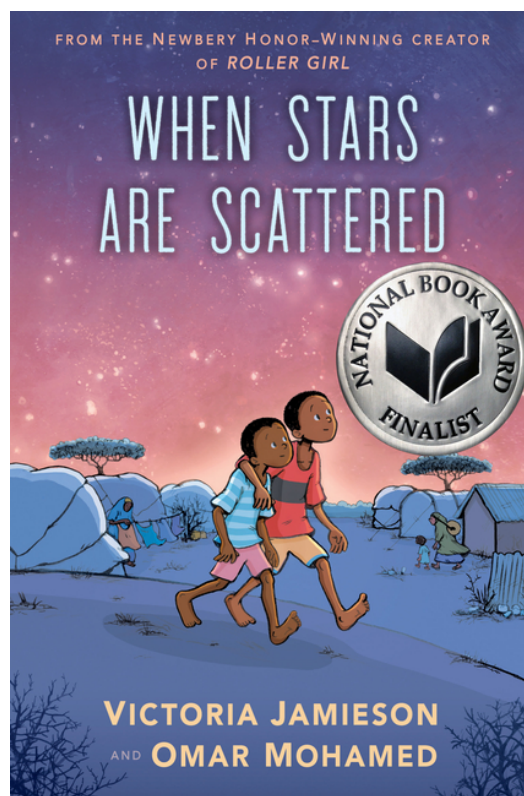
In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that laws banning interracial marriage were unconstitutional. Ariel Goldberg is only 12 and witnesses the historical implications of this when her sister elopes with someone her parents don't approve of following the ruling. Ariel is bullied at school for her dysgraphia and for being Jewish, and turns to poetry to address the racism and antisemitism from people close to her.

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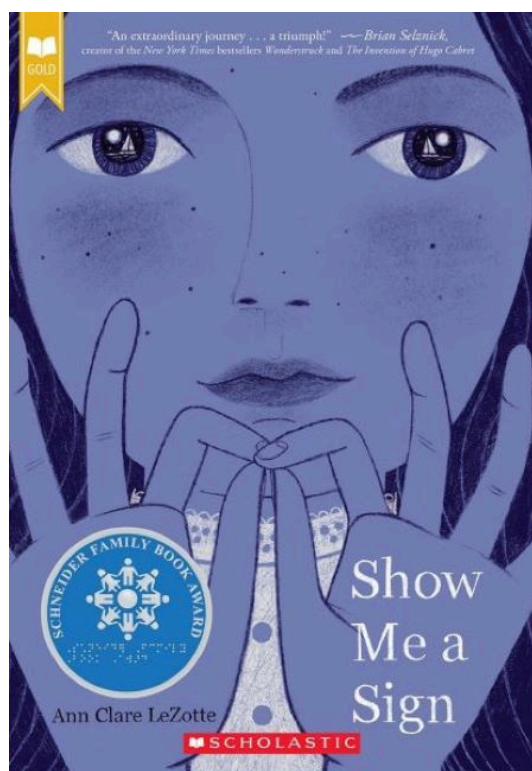
***When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed**

2020 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalist

Life is difficult for Omar and his younger brother. They live in a refugee camp in Kenya with little access to food and medical care. One day, Omar gets the chance to go to school and he knows that this might be the chance he needs to change the future for him and his brother, who is nonverbal. However, going to school would mean leaving his brother and the only life he's known.



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***Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte**

2020 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalist

Mary Lambert lives on the island of Martha's Vineyard and feels safe within her community of many deaf people, including her. Most of the people surrounding her can communicate in sign language, which is comforting to Mary, but everything changes when her brother dies, there are land disputes between the English settlers and the Wampanoag people, and a young scientist arrives and uses Mary as a

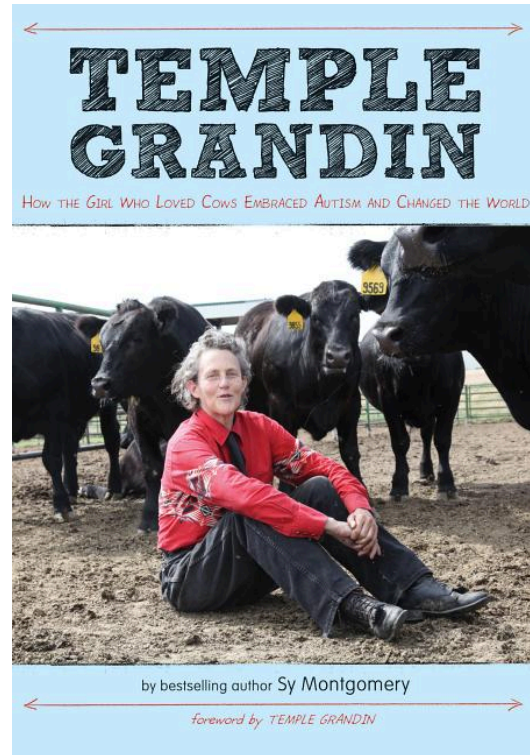
specimen for his cruel experiments
on deafness.

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***Temple Grandin: How the
Girl Who Loved Cows
Embraced Autism and
Changed the World by Sy
Montgomery***

2013 Jane Addams Children's Book
Award Finalist

Growing up in the 1950s, Temple Grandin faced stigma from people who didn't understand autism. Her father tried to institutionalize her because of her differences and she faced many social barriers growing up. She is now a successful scientist studying the treatment of cows that are raised and eaten for food. She feels a strong sense of empathy for cows, which she describes as what helps her succeed in her research.



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Community Highlight

[words] Bookstore



179 Maplewood Ave | Maplewood, NJ 07040

[words] is a bookstore located in Maplewood, New Jersey that has hired over 100 young people with autism to work as booksellers. This store also hosts more than 100 author events every year, centering folks with a wide variety of life experiences and occupations.

Check Out Their Website!

Books in Their Hands Goes to Stamford, Connecticut



Last month, the Jane Addams Peace Association visited Stamford, Connecticut, for our "Books in Their Hands" program with Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, author of the 2025 Jane Addams Award Book Award Honoree, *Small Shoes, Great Strides: How Three Brave Girls Opened Doors to School Equality*.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their participation and support for this visit. If you are part of a Title 1 school, you are eligible to apply for the "Books in Their Hands" program. Through our "Books in Their Hands program," we bring authors and illustrators to Title 1 schools nationally to share their Jane Addams award-winning books, and to speak directly with the students and teachers in the community. As a part of our "Books in Their Hands" program, we also donate Jane Addams Children's Book Award commended titles to each student in your classroom.

Support Our Work!



The Jane Addams Peace Association perpetuates the spirit of activist and pacifist Jane Addams, her love for children and humanity, her commitment to freedom and democracy, and her devotion to the cause of world peace.

Your donation to the Jane Addams Peace Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax-deductible and helps us support authors, illustrators, parents, teachers, and librarians deepen understanding of peace and justice for children and their adults through reflection, dialogue, and social action.

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