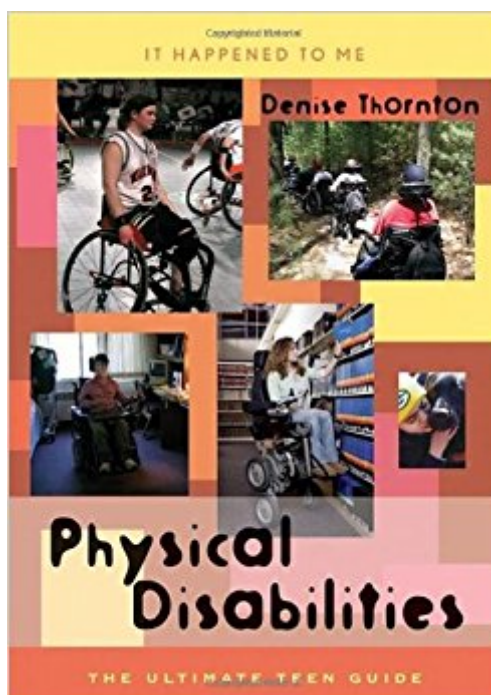


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# Physical Disabilities: The Ultimate Teen Guide (It Happened To Me)



## Synopsis

It is difficult enough for teens growing up today to deal with the regular issues arising from family, school, and relationships, regardless of whether they have physical disabilities or not. Add to those problems the extra obstacles that visual, hearing, and physical impairments present some teens, and the road to adulthood just got exponentially more complex. *Physical Disabilities: The Ultimate Teen Guide* provides a roadmap through these additional tribulations teens with disabilities face by showing the methods, mechanisms, and resources other teens are using to cope with their disabilities. Discussing everything from going away to college to living independently to traveling internationally, this book is filled with stories from active teens who have vision, hearing, and other physical disabilities. Interviews with teens who are meeting the challenges of living with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Osteosarcoma, amputations, visual impairment, Rellex Sympathetic Dystrophy, paralysis, hearing impairment, and deafness are included along with more than 40 photos of these teens participating in various activities. Author Denise Thornton has organized the book into eight categories: School, Tools and Technology, Transportation and Access, Sports, the Arts, Relationships, Independence, and Advocacy. Each chapter combines the experiences of teens and young adults in all these spheres with up-to-date information on the resources that readers can call on as they follow their own dreams. Teens, parents, teachers, and medical professionals will find this to be a valuable resource.

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Denise Thornton writes and edits the quarterly newsletter for the Northern Suburban Special Education District, a cooperative of 30 school districts on Chicago's North Shore that pool resources to meet the needs of their students who have physical challenges. She has been a staff writer for the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison and the South Bend Tribune in Indiana. She also recently served as a freelance reporter with regular beats and a weekly column for the Lake County Bureau of The Chicago Tribune.

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