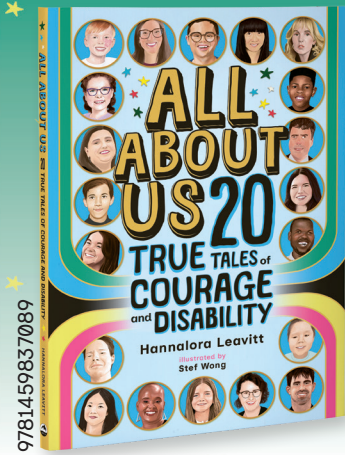


ALL ABOUT US

TEACHER GUIDE



Meet 20 inspiring people living with disability today including a paralympian, a journalist, a kidpreneur, a NASA scientist, a TikTok star and many others. Young readers will be introduced to people who were born with a disability and others who became disabled because of illness or an accident.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hannalora Leavitt lives on Vancouver Island on Canada's west coast. She has a master's degree in writing from the University of Victoria. *All About Us* is her second book about people with disabilities and the different worlds in which they live. She knows and understands difference because she too has a disability. Hannalora has been legally blind since the age of eleven due to a cancerous brain tumor that permanently damaged her optic nerves. She uses braille and a talking computer to write her stories. Her standard poodle guide dog, Ogden, keeps her company while she works.



ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Stef Wong is an illustrator and surface pattern designer. Through her portraits, she enjoys highlighting those who have overcome adversity and adding fun and whimsy to products with her patterns. Her work is bold, colorful and vibrant. She lives with her husband, son and daughter in Vancouver.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Have you ever imagined yourself with a disability? If yes, which disability did you choose and why? Write a short poem about it.
2. If you lost your vision at a young age, how would your memory inform your present and future? How do you think it would differ from someone who never had vision?
3. Conduct a short interview with someone with a learning disability. Is their life different than you thought? If so, how?
4. Are there any students in your school with a disability? Have you tried to become friends with them? Why or why not?
5. If you could meet one of the people in this book, who would you choose? What three questions would you ask them?
6. Can you relate to any of the profiles in this book? Why?
7. Choose two profiles. Compare and contrast their stories.
8. Have you ever been present when a person with a disability was being bullied? How did it make you feel? Did you do or say anything?
9. Think about the profiles in the book. What is the main thing you've learned from them?
10. Would it surprise you to learn there are LGBTQ+ people in the disabled world as well? If yes, why?



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