Siblings Canada Book Recommendations

Books offer a powerful way for siblings of individuals with disabilities to feel seen, supported, and less alone. They can also provide valuable insight for parents, caregivers, and professionals seeking to better understand the sibling perspective.

This list includes both non-fiction and fiction books that center the sibling experience. From memoirs and personal essays to thoughtful novels and children's stories, these works explore the complexities of love, responsibility, grief, resilience, and identity through the lens of sibling relationships.

Have you come across a book that speaks to the sibling experience? We'd love to hear from you. Please email your recommendations to info@siblingscanada.ca - Canadian titles are especially welcome!

Non-fiction

- 1. Mad Sisters, Susan Grundy (2024); Ronsdale Press
- 2. <u>Freeing Teresa: A True Story about My Sister and Me</u>, By Franke James, Billiam James, Teresa Heartchild (2023)
- 3. Brother. Do. You. Love. Me, By Manni Coe and Reuben Coe (2022); Greystone books
- 4. Edna's Gift: How My Broken Sister Taught Me to Be Whole, Susan Rudnick (2019); She Writes Press CA
- 5. <u>Being the Other One: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister Who Has Special Needs'</u>, by Kate Strohm (5th edition 2018); Wakefield Press
- 6. <u>Riding the Bus with My Sister: A True Life Journey</u>, By Rachel Simon (2013); Grand Central Publishing
- 7. <u>How to Be a Sister: A Love Story with a Twist of Autism</u> by <u>Eileen Garvin</u> (2010); The Experiment
- 8. <u>The Music Room</u>, By William Fiennes (2010); The Sound of Turquoise, By Gill Gregory (2009); Picador
- 9. <u>Boy Alone</u>: A Brother's Memoir, By Karl Taro Greenfield (2009); Harper
- 10. <u>Thicker Than Water: Essays by Adult Siblings of People with Disabilities</u> by Don Meyer (2009); Woodbine House

- 11. Hamlet's Dresser: A Memoir, By Bob Smith (2003); Simon and Schuster
- 12. <u>The Ride Together: A Brother and Sister's Memoir of Autism in the Family</u>, By Paul Karasik & Judy Karasik (2003); James Bennett Pty Ltd
- 13. <u>Special Siblings: Growing Up with Someone with a Disability</u>, By Mary McHugh (2002); Brookes Publishing Co
- 14. What About Me?: Growing Up with a Developmentally Disabled Sibling, By Bryna Siegel & Stuart Silverstein (2001); Da Capo Press
- 15. My Sister's Keeper: Learning to Cope with a Sibling's Mental Illness by Margaret Moorman, (1992); W. W. Norton & Company

Fiction

- 1. The Best Sleepover in the World by Jacqueline Wilson (2023); Young Corgi
- 2. A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara (2022); Picador
- Summer Brother by Jaap Robben, translated from the Dutch by David Doherty (2021);
 World Editions
- 4. My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult (2018); Hodder
- 5. Sleepovers by Jacqueline Wilson (2008); Young Corgi
- 6. Goodbye Tsugumi by Banana Yoshimoto (2002); Faber & Faber