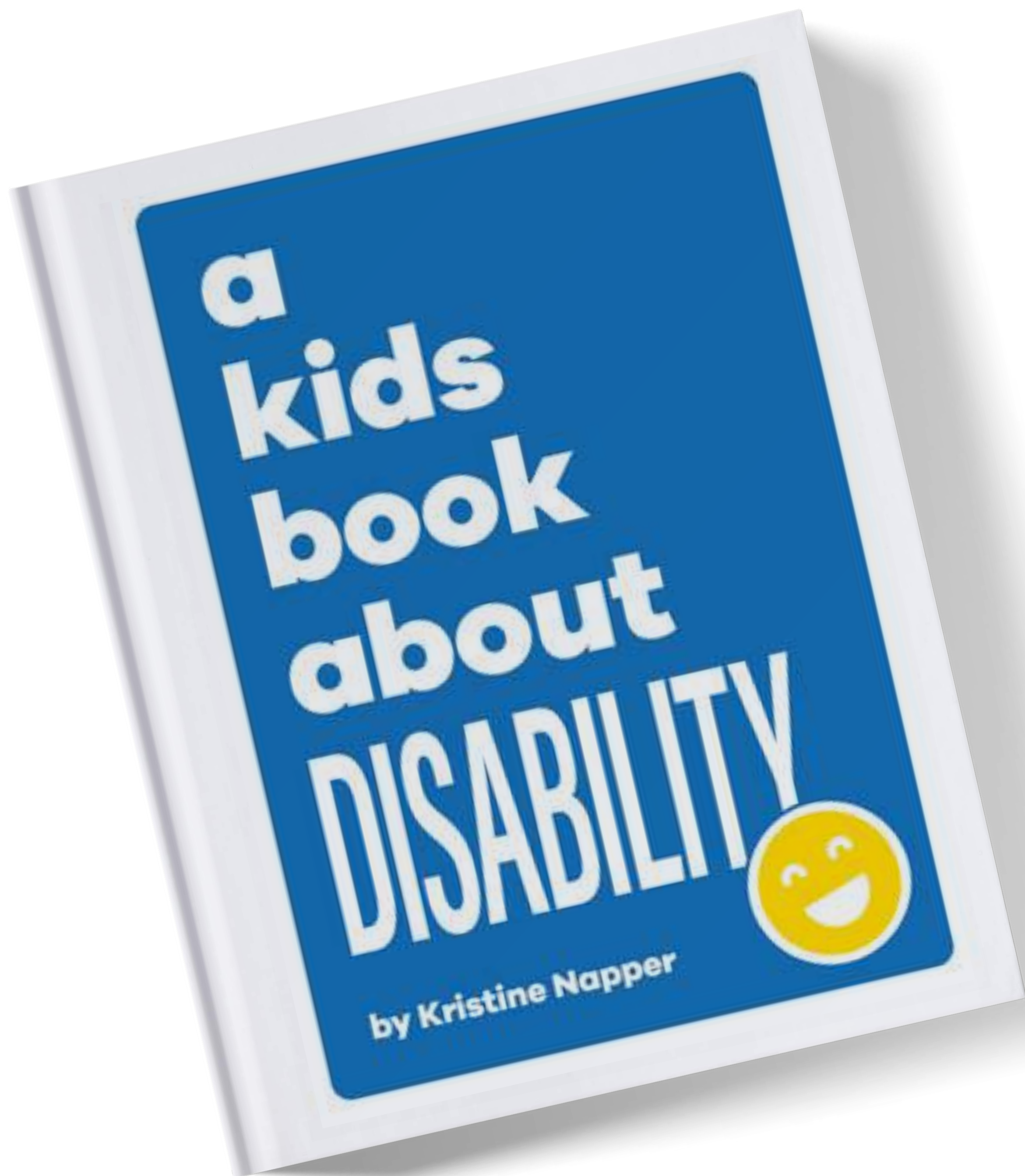


# **a kids** **discussion** **guide.**



## **About the author**

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## **Before Reading Questions:**

1. What does the word "disability" mean to you?
2. Why do you think it is important to talk about disabilities?
3. How do you think having a disability might change the way someone experiences the world?
4. Can you think of any questions you might have about disabilities that you would like to understand better?

## **During Reading Questions:**

5. As Kristine introduces herself and talks about her wheelchair, what thoughts or feelings do you have?
6. Kristine mentions that it's okay to ask questions, but some might be unkind or mean. Why do you think the way we ask questions matters?
7. Can you identify any misconceptions about disability that Kristine addresses? How does she suggest we shift our perspective?
8. Kristine talks about normality. How does she redefine what it means to be normal?
9. What are your thoughts about the challenges Kristine mentions regarding accessibility and inclusion in the world?

## **Post Reading Questions:**

10. Why might it be important to see disabilities as a normal part of the human experience?
11. Reflect on a moment where you saw someone being excluded or left out because the world wasn't accessible to them. How did that make you feel?
12. Kristine encourages us to notice when people with disabilities are missing from certain spaces. Why do you think this is an important practice?
13. How does this book challenge or change your previous thoughts about disability?

## **Reflective Questions:**

14. Why do you think curiosity and respect are important when learning about disabilities?
15. What are some ways we can show inclusivity and acceptance towards people with disabilities in our daily lives?
16. Think about Kristine's point that she doesn't need to be fixed but the world does. What are some changes you think could make the world more accessible for everyone?