Books Dealing with Prosthetics and Amputation

Picture Books:

**Harry and Willy and Carrothead** by Judith Caseley
Being born without a left hand doesn’t keep Harry him from being a good baseball player — or a good friend.

**Gretchen: the Bicycle Dog** by Anita Heyman
The true story of a dachshund, Gretchen, who loses the function of her hind legs after a fall. She is fitted with a bicycle-like contraption that greatly improves her mobility and enables her to live a happy, active life.

**My Brand New Leg** by Sharon Rae North
A child whose leg was amputated due to cancer shows her new friend all the activities she can engage in with her prosthetic leg. Comes with a CD of the book text.

**Annie Loses Her Leg but Finds Her Way** by Sandra J. Philipson
Based on an actual incident, this is the story of a dog, Annie, who loses her front leg to cancer.

**Sea Crow** by Shannon Stewart
One hot day Jessica wears shorts to school, revealing her artificial leg and responds honestly to her friend’s questions about it.

Nonfiction:

**Don't Feel Sorry for Paul** by Bernard Wolf
Juvenile 362.4 WOL
Photographs and simple text capture two weeks in the life of a handicapped boy learning to live successfully in a world made for people without handicaps.

**The Making of My Special Hand: Madison’s Story** by Jamee Riggio Heelan
Juvenile 617.5 HEE
A child who was born with one hand tells the story of how people at the hospital made a helper hand for her, how the new hand operates, how it feels, and how she can use it.

**Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates** by Lynne Barasch
Juvenile Biography Bates
A picture book biography of Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates, an African American who lost his leg in a factory accident at the age of twelve and went on to become a world-famous tap dancer.

**Breaking Down Barriers: Youth with Physical Challenges** by Joan Esherick
Available at Middlesex Community College
In this book, five teens face different challenges-amputation, CP, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, and spinal-cord injury.

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