THE ODD SQUAD
HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



Beyond the Odd Squad
A BOOK RECOMMENDATION LIST

If you enjoyed The Odd Squad: Hidden in Plain Sight, these books offer more opportunities to explore what makes us different, what brings us together, and how ordinary kids can do extraordinary things.

Different Minds, Extraordinary Strengths



Fish in a Tree
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
A powerful story about dyslexia, self-confidence, and discovering that intelligence comes in many forms.



The Wild Book
by Margarita Engle
A novel in verse about a girl with dyslexia who discovers her own relationship with words.



Focused
by Alyson Gerber
A relatable story about ADHD, school expectations, and understanding how your brain works.



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
by Stacy McAnulty
A math genius discovers that friendship and connection are just as important as academic abilities.

Friendship, Empathy & Belonging



Wonder
by R. J. Palacio
A moving exploration of kindness, acceptance, and the importance of looking beyond appearances.



Out of My Mind
by Sharon M. Draper
A brilliant girl with cerebral palsy fights to have her intelligence and voice recognized.



Save Me a Seat
by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Two boys from very different backgrounds discover an unexpected friendship.



Restart
by Gordon Korman
A boy gets a chance to redefine himself and discover the kind of person he wants to become.

Mysteries, Secrets & Unexpected Heroes



The Mysterious Benedict Society
by Trenton Lee Stewart
Four gifted but very different children use their individual strengths to uncover a dangerous secret.



The Westing Game
by Ellen Raskin
An intricate mystery filled with puzzles, surprising connections, and clever twists.



The Parker Inheritance
by Varian Johnson
Two young detectives uncover clues connecting a decades-old mystery to questions of justice and history.



Greenglass House
by Kate Milford
A young boy finds himself surrounded by strange guests, hidden histories, and an unforgettable mystery.

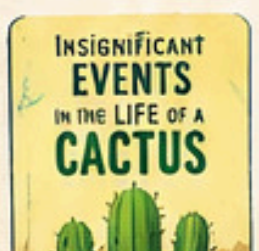
Courage, Advocacy & Finding Your Voice



Front Desk
by Kelly Yang
A determined young girl learns to advocate for her family and others while discovering the power of her own voice.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus
by Ann Braden
A thoughtful story about finding confidence, questioning assumptions, and speaking up.



Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus
by Dusti Bowling
A funny, heartfelt mystery about friendship, disability, resilience, and belonging.

Keep the Conversation Going

After reading, ask yourself: What makes this character different? How do those differences become strengths? When does someone show courage, kindness, or empathy?