

## Parent/Teacher/Grown-Up Guide for "The Adventures of Incredi-Wheels & Triple S: The Mysterious Missing Book"

This guide was created in order to help answer some questions that children might have while reading this book. The world of disabilities is often a new one and I hope this guide will help provide you with some tools to have meaningful discussions and a new understanding of the world of disabilities.

"What is That?" A Guide to the Assistive Devices Shown in "The Adventures of Super Wheels & Triple S: The Mysterious Missing Book:"



Electric Wheelchair: An electric wheelchair is a mobility tool that allows for people living with motor disabilities to move around independently. Zee's wheelchair is controlled by a joystick



AFO Orthosis: AFO stands for "Ankle-Foot Orthotics." AFOs help provide ankle and foot stability and helps improve walking (or gait) form.



White Cane: A white cane is used by people who are blind or who are visually impaired. It assists in independence by allowing users to be able to "feel" their surroundings for obstacles while walking.



Braille Book: The Braille system is a tactile way of allowing people who are blind or are visually impaired to read and write. Each letter of the alphabet corresponds to a different set of raised bumps. Readers can touch the bumps with their fingers to read the text.

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## What Actually is Their Disability?

You may have noticed while reading this book that there is no direct mention of what Zee and Zoey's disabilities are. This is done on purpose - the focus of the book is not on their disabilities; rather it is to provide children with a fun story where the characters happen to be disabled. They are perfectly capable of being their own heroes. However, we understand that children (naturally) might want to know more.

Zoey is <u>blind</u>. This is shown by her use of a white cane and her Braille book.

## Zee has **cerebral palsy**.

This is shown by him using an electric wheelchair and AFO orthotics. While there are a number of motor disabilities that use these assistive devices, there is an "Easter egg" that hints to his CP: the color of his shorts & cape - green. Green is the "awareness color: for CP.