

Famous People with Disabilities

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FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO ARE DYSLEXIC

Hans Christian Anderson	Author of children's fairy tales
Harry Anderson	Actor, magician, comedian
Stephen Bacque	Entrepreneur of the Year, 1998
Ann Bancroft	Explorer, lecturer, educator, first woman to travel across the ice to the North and South Poles
Harry Belafonte	Singer, actor, entertainer
Alexander Graham Bell	Inventor
Neil Bush	Son of Barbara and former President Bush
Terry Bowersock	Entrepreneur, motivational speaker
Dale S. Brown	Author, disability advocate
George Burns	Actor, Comedian
Stephen J. Cannell	Screenwriter, producer, director
Gaston Caperton	Former governor of West Virginia
Nola D. Chee	Award-winning poet and author
Cher	Entertainer, actress
Agatha Christie	English mystery writer
Winston Churchill	Former Prime Minister of Britain
John Corcoran	Real estate millionaire
Tom Cruise	Actor
Fred Curry	Navy pilot, CEO of Greyhound Lines
Leonardo Da Vinci	Renaissance artist, sculptor, painter
Walt Disney	Cartoonist, visionary founder of Disneyland and Disney World
Dr. Red Duke	Physician, television commentator
Frank Dunkle	Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Thomas Edison	Inventor, scientist
Tomima Edmark	Author, entrepreneur
Albert Einstein	Scientist, philosopher
Fanny Flagg	Actress, screenwriter
Gustave Flaubert	Writer
Danny Glover	Actor
Tracey Gold	Actress
Whoopi Goldberg	Actress
Edward Hallowell, M.D.	Author, psychiatrist, ADD specialist
Ellie Hawkins	Record-breaking rock climber
John Horner	Curator of paleontology, technical advisor to Steven Spielberg for <i>Jurassic Park</i> and <i>The Lost World</i>
William James	Psychologist, philosopher
Bruce Jenner	U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist
Bob Jimenez	TV anchorman
Magic Johnson	Professional athlete
David Jones	Stunt man, pioneer in helicopter aerial photography
Thomas H. Kean	Present of Drew University, former governor of New Jersey
Sylvia Law	Professor of law and medicine, author
Greg Louganis	U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist
Edward James Olmos	Actor, community activist
Paul J. Orfalea	Entrepreneur, founder of Kinkos
George Patton	Military General
Patricia Polacco	Author, illustrator of children's books
Robert Rauschenberg	Artist
Nelson Rockefeller	Former governor of New York, former vice president of the United States
Nolan Ryan	Professional athlete
Charles Schwab	Founder of investment brokerage

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William Simmons, J.D.	Professor of anesthesiology
Tom Smothers	Comedian
Nancy L. Sonnabend	Researcher, inventor, author
Jackie Stewart	Race car driver
Richard Strauss	Real estate developer, banker
Victor Villasenor	Award-winning author
Lindsay Wagner	Actress, author, "The Bionic Woman"
Russell White	Professional athlete
Roger W. Wilkins	Head of the Pulitzer Prize Board
Woodrow Wilson	Former president of the United States
Henry Winkler	Actor, director, humanitarian, "The Fonz"
Eric Wynalda	Professional athlete
William B. Yeats	Poet, dramatist, Nobel prize winner

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH APPEARANCE DIFFERENCES

Jim Abbott	Professional athlete
Billy Barty	Actor
Andrea Bocelli	Opera singer
Chang and Eng	Conjoined twins who were sideshow performers
Ray Charles	Jazz Musician
W.C. Fields	Actor
Mikhail Gorbachev	Former Russian premier
Linda Hunt	Actress
Daniel Inouye	U.S. Senator
Helen Keller	Author
Matt Luke	Professional athlete
Ved Mehta	Author

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH APPEARANCE DIFFERENCES, <i>continued</i>

Gheorghe Muresan	Actor, Former professional athlete
Tom Thumb	Sideshow performer
John Updike	Author
Bree Walker	Television news anchor
Stevie Wonder	Singer

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH MOVEMENT DIFFERENCES

Muhammad Alit	Former professional athlete
James Brady	Former presidential press secretary
John Callahan	Cartoonist
Johnny Cash	Singer
Chuck Close	Artist
Robert Dole	Former U.S. Senator
Chris Fonseca	Comedian
Michael J. Fox	Actor
Annette Funicello	Actress
Billy Graham	Religious leader
Stephen Hawking	Astrophysicist
Joseph Heller	Author
Katherine Hepburn	Actress
Judith Heumann	Assistant Secretary of Education
John Hockenberry	Journalist
Pope John Paul II	Religious leader
Ron Kovic	Disability advocate
Paul Longmore	Historian, author
Nancy Mairs	Author
Itzhak Perlman	Violinist
Christopher Reeve	Actor

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH MOVEMENT DIFFERENCES, <i>continued</i>

Janet Reno	Former U.S. Attorney General
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Former U.S. President
Mary Verdi-Fletcher	Dancer

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH SPEECH DIFFERENCES

Ludwig von Beethoven	German composer
Joseph Biden	U.S. Congressman
Lewis Carroll	Author
Bill Clinton	Former U.S. President
Winston Churchill	Former Prime Minister of Britain
Walter Cronkite	Journalist
Kirk Douglas	Actor
Ron Harper	Professional athlete
Stephen Hawking	Astrophysicist
Florence Henderson	Actress
James Earl Jones	Actor
Helen Keller	Actress
Bob Love	Professional athlete
Marlee Matlin	Actress
Marilyn Monroe	Actress
Curtis Pride	Professional athlete
Carly Simon	Singer
Richard Thomas	Actor
John Updike	Author
Heather Whitestone	Former Miss America
Frank Wolf	U.S. Congressman

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH MOOD DISORDERS

Patty Duke	Actress
Ernest Hemingway	Author
Kurt Vonnegut	Author
Mike Wallace	Journalist
Virginia Woolf	Author

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Rita Hayworth	Actress
Ronald Reagan	Former U.S. President

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf	Professional athlete
Jim Eisenreich	Professional athlete
Samuel Johnson	18 th -century writer
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	18 th -century composer
Michael Wolff	Jazz musician

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

Chris Burke	Television actor
Gretchen Josephson	Poet
Dwight Mackintosh	Artist

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