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Turn Your Device into an Assistive Reading Tool!

- eBooks: change the font style, size, colours
- eBooks with text to speech
- audio books
- audio books together with eBooks
- eBooks with highlighting for tracking

Why I Didn't Go to School

Next week I start fifth grade. **Shouldn't I have been born for a real school before? I am pretty much totally and completely paralyzed.** People think I haven't gone to school because of the way I look, but it's not that. It's because of all the surgeries I've had. Twenty-seven since I was born. The bigger ones happened before I was even four years old, so I don't remember those. But I've had two or three surgeries every year since then (some big, some small), and because I'm little for my age, and I have some other medical mysteries that doctors never really figured out, I used to get sick a lot. That's why my parents decided it was better if I didn't go to school. I'm much stronger now, though. The last surgery I had was eight months ago, and I probably won't have to have any more for another couple of years.

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Reading Resources

- **CELA** - the Centre for Equitable Library Access (*membership required)
- **Bookshare** (*membership required)
- **eReader Apps:** OverDrive, Kobo, Kindle, iBooks, Google Play Books
- **Text-to-Speech apps with Bookshare access:** Read2Go, Capti, VoiceDream Reader
- **AudioBook apps:** OverDrive, Audible, * Direct to Player (*works with CELA audio books)