

***Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* - written by Carl McCloud and illustrated by David Messing**

Grade level: Preschool – 4rth

“This heartwarming book encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by filling buckets.”- From the cover

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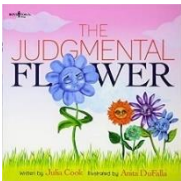
***The Crayon Box that Talked* - written by Shane DeRolf and illustrated by Michael Letzig**

Reading age: 3 - 7 years

Grade level: Preschool – 2nd

“While walking through a toy store, the day before today, I overheard a crayon box with many things to say...” Once upon a time, Shane DeRolf wrote a poem. It was a deceptively simple poem, a charming little piece that celebrates the creation of harmony through diversity. The folks at the Ad Council heard it--and liked it so much that they made it the theme for their 1997 National Anti-Discrimination Campaign for Children.” - From Inside Flap

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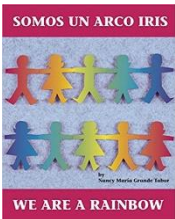


***The Judgmental Flower* - written by Julia Cook and illustrated by Anita DuFalla**

Grade level: Preschool - 4rth

“...an aspirational and inspirational reminder of the importance of multicultural education. All school leaders, especially professional school counselors, must be able to address the needs and concerns of their students and families. This book serves as a brilliant vehicle to broach and embrace the topic of diversity at all levels of instruction.” -From the publisher

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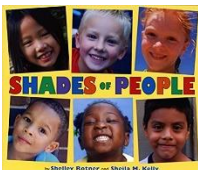
***Somos un arco iris / We are a Rainbow* - written and illustrated by**

Nancy Maria Grande Tabor

Grade level: Preschool – 2nd

“Helps young readers begin building the cultural bridges of common human understanding through simple comparisons of culture from breakfast foods to legends. Colorful cut-paper art and gentle language deliver this universal message eloquently. This bilingual Spanish/English version invites young readers to experience language and culture in a whole new way.” – Amazon

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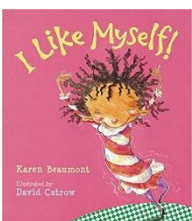
***Shades of People* - written by Shelly Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly**

Photographs by Shelly Rotner

Reading age: 2 - 5 years old

“The message is clear and to the point. A good introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.”- From the School Library “Filled with bright, beautiful photographs of children running, playing, and enjoying the world together, these books are an ideal way to start important questions about race, prejudice, and justice- while also celebrating the ways we connect and share the world in spite of our differences.”- From the publisher

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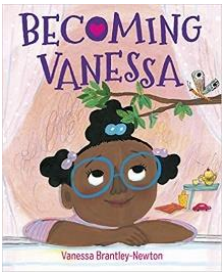


***I like Myself* - written by Karen Beaumont and illustrated by David Catrow**

Grade level: Preschool – 3rd

“High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves- inside and out. Messy Hair? Beaver Breath? So, what! Here is a little girl who knows what really matters. At once silly and serious, Karen Beaumont’s joyous rhyming text and David Catrow’s wild illustrations unite in a book that is sassy, soulful- and straight from the heart.” – Amazon

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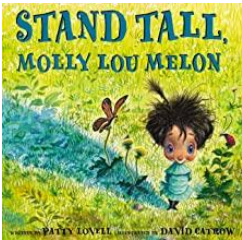


***Becoming Vanessa* - written and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton**

Grade level: Preschool – 3rd

"A hopeful celebration of individualism and an ode to recognizing one's inner specialness."-- Publishers Weekly/ "This classic school story offers a full range of emotions and situates this life-loving Black child in affirming family and school settings. A welcome addition to every shelf."--Kirkus

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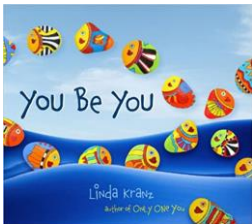


***Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* - written by Patty Lovell and illustrated by David Catrow**

Grade level: Preschool – 3rd

"Although first grader Molly Lou Melon is extremely short, has buck teeth that you can stack pennies on and a bull-frog voice, and is clumsy, her grandmother keeps reminding her that if she believes in herself, the world will believe in her too." - School Library Journal

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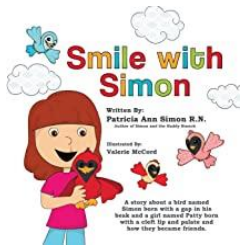


***You Be You* - written and illustrated by Linda Kratz**

Grade level: Preschool -1st

"I wanted the reader to feel comfortable about who they are; we are all different. We have our own talents and we should develop our unique gifts, and share them with the world. The message is to be yourself." - From the author "With its universal theme that life is the greatest journey of all as well as its celebration of the difference between all creatures, You Be You, offers a positive message to readers of all ages." – Vegbooks

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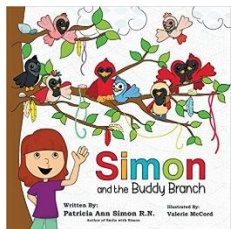


***Smile with Simon* - written by Patricia Ann Simon R.N. and illustrated by Valerie McCord**

Grade level: Preschool - 2nd

"A story about a bird named Simon born with a gap in his beak, and a girl named Patty with a cleft lip and palate, and how they became friends. It teaches a powerful lesson despite people's differences, we are alike and beautiful."- From book cover

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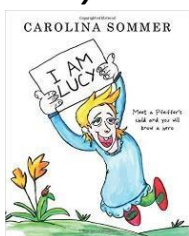
***Simon and the Buddy Branch* - written by Patricia Ann Simon R.N. and illustrated by Valerie McCord**

Grade level: Preschool - 2nd

"Simon understands what it's like to be born looking different than others. When his beak had a gap, making it difficult for him to eat, smile, and sing. With help from his special friend, Patty, Simon now thrives." - From book cover

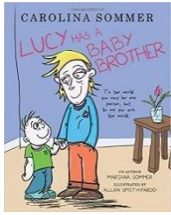
[Appreciating Diversity/Health Differences /Cleft Lip- Choosing Kindness](#)

***I Am Lucy* - written by Carolina Sommer and illustrated by Allan Smith-Pardo**



"Growing up with Pfeiffer Syndrome, Lucy was taught to love herself. She is a spunky little girl who has a fun sense of humor. "When I grow up, I want to work in a tall building next to my dad and in a place where my mom can bring me lunch." Despite her medical challenges, she faces the world with a smile. She invites kids to see the world the way she does, in a positive way. Lucy is happy to talk about Pfeiffer Syndrome." – From back cover

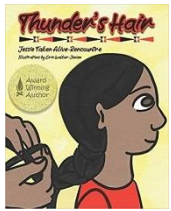
[Believing in Oneself/Self-empowerment, Appreciating Diversity/Health Differences – Pfeiffer Syndrome](#)



Lucy Has a Baby Brother - written by Carolina Sommer and Mariana Sommer and illustrated by Allan Smith-Pardo

“As Lucy gets older, she becomes more aware of her "differences." With her parents support and the love for her baby brother Eli, Lucy feels empowered and embraces what makes her unique.” - From back cover

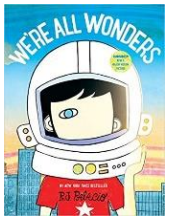
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Thunder's Hair - written by Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre and illustrated by Erin Walker-Jensen

“Thunder is tired of dealing with bullies at school who pick on him because of his long hair. They don't understand why a boy would grow his hair long. When he is sure he has made up his mind to cut it, his grandmother reminds him of the power of having long hair.” – Book cover

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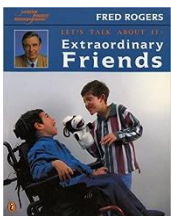
We're All Wonders - written and illustrated by R.J. Palacio

Reading age: 4 – 8

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“We 're All Wonders may be Auggie's story, but it taps into every child's longing to belong and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children.” – from Amazon “It Teaches that the earth is big enough for all kinds of people.” – Augie

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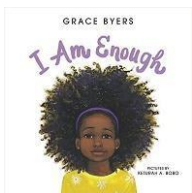
Extradrordinary Friends - written by Fred Rogers, Photographs by Jim Judkis

Reading age: 4 - 8

Grade level: Preschool – 3rd

“An honest, clear look at an issue that children often find intimidating and scary - disabilities. Children who use wheelchairs, communicate via computer screens, and have less - visible disabilities go about their daily routines with other children in brightly lit, color saturated photographs. The well-known Rogers states simply that all people want to love and be loved, and that people are alike even if they don't walk or talk, or learn the same as you do. He encourages children to ask questions and to start a conversation.”–Booklist

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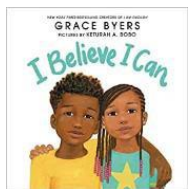
I Am Enough - written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo

Age range: 4 - 8 years

Gradelevel: Preschool – 3rd

“An ode to self-confidence and kindness from actor and activist Grace Byers, this picture book depicts girls of diverse body shapes and skin tones.”- Publishers Weekly

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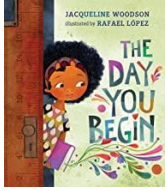
I Believe I Can - written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo

Age range: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“An inspirational 'can do' paeen to youth empowerment, encouraging readers to believe in themselves and dream big regardless of their skin color, racial background, or abilities.” - School Library Journal

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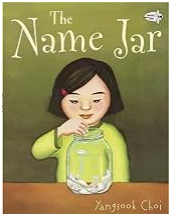
***The Day That You Begin* - written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López**

Reading age: 5 - 8 years

Grade level: Kindergarten - 3rd

“A poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect, even when you feel scared and are
A book about the power of one’s own voice and the friendships that emerge when you are yourself” -
Kirkus

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***The Name Jar* - written and illustrated by Yangsook Choi**

Reading age: 3 - 7

Grade level: Preschool - 2nd

Having just arrived from Korea with her family, Unhei is anxious about making friends and worried that no one will be able to pronounce her name. Instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she decides to pick a new name. – From back cover

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***All the Colors We Are* - written by Katie Kissinger and photography by Chris Bohnhoff**

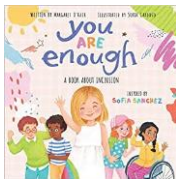
“Todos Los Colores de Nuestra Piel”

Age range: 3 - 6 years

Grade level: Preschool and up

“This bilingual (English/Spanish) book offers children a simple, scientifically accurate explanation
About how our skin color is determined by our ancestors, the sun, and melanin” – Amazon

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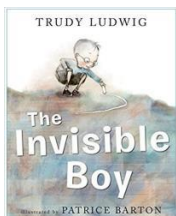
***You Are Enough* - written by Margaret O’Hair and illustrated by Sofia Cardoso**

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“A beautiful and inclusive picture book all about celebrating being yourself from Down syndrome.
advocate and viral sensation Sofia Sanchez!” “[An] uplifting look at disability and differences.” Kirkus
Reviews “[The book's] cheerful exhortations may serve as a source of support and encouragement.” -
Publishers Weekly

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***The Invisible Boy* - written by Trudy Ludwig and illustrated by Patrice Barton**

Reading level: 6 - 9 years

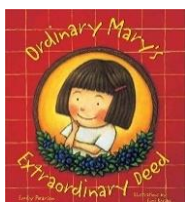
Grade Level: 1st - 4rth

“This gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to
flourish. A perfect read for the start of the school year--no matter what that looks like!

A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend...

Includes back matter with discussion questions and resources for further reading.” - Amazon

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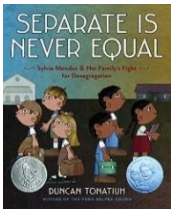
***Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed* - written by Emily Pearson and
illustrated by Fumi Kosaka**

Reading age: 4 - 8

Grade level: 2nd - 6th

“Can one good deed from an ordinary girl change the world? It can when she's Ordinary Mary—
an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to ordinary house--who stumbles upon
ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts
a chain reaction that multiplies around the world.” – From book cover

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Separate Is Never Equal – Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation
written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh

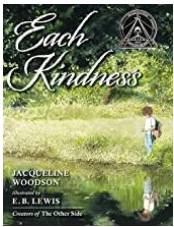
Reading Age: 6 - 9

Grade level: 1st - 4th

“Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end School segregation in California. An American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage who spoke and wrote perfect English, Mendez was denied enrollment to a “Whites only” school. Her parents took action by organizing the Hispanic community and filing a lawsuit in federal district court. Their success eventually brought an end to the era of segregated education in California.” -

Reading Rockets

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Each Kindness – written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E.B. Lewis

Reading age: 5 - 8

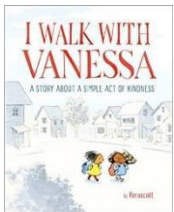
Grade level: Kindergarten - 3rd

WINNER OF A CORETTA SCOTT KING HONOR AND THE JANE ADDAMS PEACE AWARD!

Each kindness makes the world a little better. “This unforgettable book is written and illustrated by the award-winning team that created *The Other Side* and the Caldecott Honor winner *Coming on Home Soon*. With its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, it will resonate with readers long after they've put it down.” - Amazon

"This quiet, intense picture book is about the small actions that can haunt. . .Woodson's spare, eloquent free verse and Lewis' beautiful, spacious watercolor paintings tell a story for young kids that will touch all ages." - Booklist, starred review

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Lesson 7: I Walk with Vanessa – A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness”

NOTE – Wordless story created and illustrated Kerascoët

Age level: 4 -8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

powerful picture book--from a *New York Times* bestselling husband-and-wife team--tells the story of one girl who inspires a community to stand up to bullying. Inspired by real events, *I Walk with Vanessa* explores the feelings of helplessness and anger that arise in the wake of seeing a classmate treated badly, and shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help. -Amazon

This simple yet tell the story. The message is big, but the illustrations are small. A teacher would need to project the pages on to a Smart Board or screen for a classroom, by either purchasing the book on Kindle and projecting the pages from the computer with a projector, or with a special projector in which actual pages of a book can be projected.

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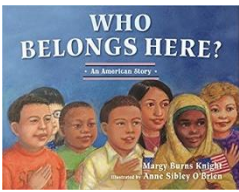
Let the Children March - Written by Monica Clark-Robins and illustrated by Frank Morrison

Age range: 6 - 9

Grade level: 1st – 4th

“In 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, thousands of African American children volunteered to march for their civilrights after hearing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak. They protested the laws that kept black people separate from white people.” - Amazon "Much of the text will provoke questions and important conversations between children and adult readers. The experiences of segregation are sensitively depicted...A highly readable historical account which deserves a place on picture book and nonfiction shelves alike.” – *School Library Journal*, starred review

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Who Belongs Here? --- An American Story - written by Margy Burns Knight and illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Reading age: 6 -8

Grade level: 2nd -7th

"Who Belongs Here? tells the story of a boy who, having been forced to flee his war-torn country, struggles to be accepted by his new classmates in the U.S. Some kids think he should go back where he belongs, but what if everyone whose family came from another place was forced to return to his or her homeland? Who would be left?" – Amazon

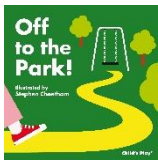
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Be Kind, Silly - written by Makayla Allison and Lily Allison and illustrated by Brooke Costello

"After feeling the sting of a bully, a young girl searches for a world full of kindness. While imagining this place, her heart grows. She realizes the power to create a kinder world lives inside each one of us." – From back cover

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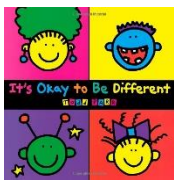
Off to the Park - written and illustrated by Stephen Cheetham

Reading age: Baby - 5

Grade level: 2nd -3rd

"Come with us to the park! Which way shall we go? What shall we do? What will we find? A stunning interactive book for ALL children of all ages, with a delightful surprise at the end. Conceived and designed in association with Booktrust, and developed in consultation with children, families and organizations working with blind and partially-sighted children, OFF TO THE PARK is a unique project that seeks to include all children in the reading experience. Containing tactile features, Braille-style numbering, play elements, high-contrast images and a rhythmic rhyming text, this book is designed to create as sensory and involved experience as possible out of a familiar and well-loved journey." - Amazon

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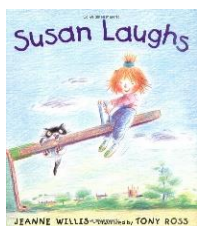
It's Okay to Be Different - written and illustrated by Todd Parr

Reading age: 2 - 5 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool - 1st

Told with Todd Parr's signature wit and wisdom, cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format... is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism and diversity, and promote character growth.

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Susan Laughs - written by Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross

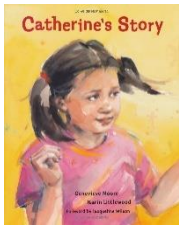
Reading age: 4 - 7 years

Grade level: Preschool - 2nd

"Told in rhyme, this story follows Susan through a series of familiar activities. She swims with her father, works hard in school, plays with her friends -- and even rides a horse. Lively, thoughtfully drawn illustrations reveal a portrait of a busy, happy little girl with whom younger readers will identify. Not until the end of the story is it revealed that Susan uses a wheelchair.

Told with insight, and without sentimentality, here is an inspiring look at one spunky little girl whose physical disability is never seen as a handicap." -Amazon

[Believing in Oneself/Self-Empowerment, Appreciating Diversity - Health Differences/Non-ambulatory](#)



Catherine's Story - written by Genevieve Moore and illustrated by Karin Littlewood

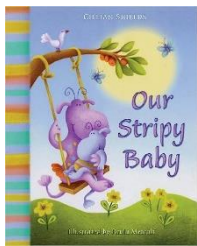
Reading age: 5 - 8 years

Grade level: Kindergarten - 3rd

"This beautifully illustrated and simply told story is about a girl with an unspecified disability (West Syndrome) who relies on others to help her do many ordinary things, but who offers them much love and happiness in return. Inspired by the author's own experience with her young niece, *Catherine's Story* is evocatively illustrated by a highly experienced artist who thoroughly researched the details of her subject's abilities and daily life. Best-selling author Jacqueline Wilson has provided a heartfelt foreword for a book that will stimulate discussion about special-needs children's place in society." -

Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity - Health Differences/Non-verbal, Non-ambulatory](#)

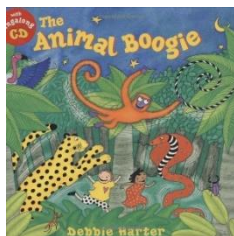


Our Stripy Baby - written by Gillian Shields and illustrated by Paula Metcalf

"Zara can't wait for the new baby - he will be just like her friend's baby brother, Max. But when Zack finally arrives, something isn't right - he has stripes instead of spots, and he doesn't look anything like Max. Zara wishes Zack was the same as everyone else, until she sees just how special and perfect he is at being Zack . . . A warm, gentle story about learning to love difference in others." -

Amazon

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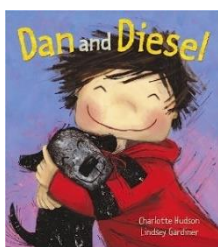
The Animal Boogie - published by Barefoot Books, illustrated by Debbie Harter and sung by Fred Penner (Paperback – Picture book and CD)

Reading age: 3 - 7 years

Grade level: 1st – 2nd

Over 2 million copies sold worldwide! Dance on down to the jungles of India, where 6 colorful creatures are jumping and jiving beneath the canopy. In our bestselling singalong ever, inclusive illustrations invite all children to join in the fun. Kids beg to hear it again and again! Enhanced CD with video animation and audio singalong sung by acclaimed children's performer Fred Penner

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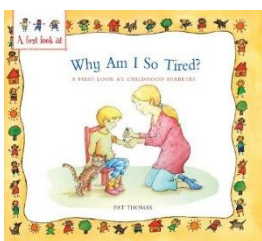


Dan and Diesel - written by Charlotte Hudson and illustrated by Lindsey Gardiner

Reading age: 4-5

"Dan's dog, Diesel, is a wonder dog. He can do anything. He can ride on trains and planes and in underground tunnels. He can stand next to an enormous smoke-breathing dragon and never flinch an inch. When Dan is with Diesel he can go anywhere. He can go shopping at the market. He can play jazz in the Boogaloo band. He can climb mountains and draw pictures in his head. Together, they can conquer the world. But one day, Diesel is whisked away in a big black van . . . Only when Dan and Diesel are finally reunited does it become apparent that Dan is blind, and Diesel is his guide dog." - Publisher

[Appreciating Diversity/Empathy - Health Differences/Visually impaired](#)



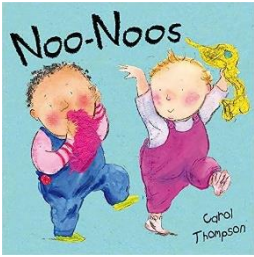
Why Am I So Tired? - written by Pat Thomas and illustrated by Leslie Harker

Age range: 6 -11

Grade level: K -3rd

"Children learn what diabetes is and the importance of taking their medication on schedule and maintaining a correct diet to ensure that they enjoy long, active, and productive lives. All titles in the very helpful *A First Look at* . . . series speak directly to preschool and early-grades children, encouraging them to explore their feelings and talk to trusted elders about ways of dealing with things that bother them. Some problems discussed in these books are passing in nature and can be solved with relative ease. Others, like those treated in this new title, encourage children who have long-term health problems to trust in the professional medical care that they require, and not be frightened by it." - Goodreads

[Appreciating Diversity/Empathy - Health Differences/Diabetes](#)

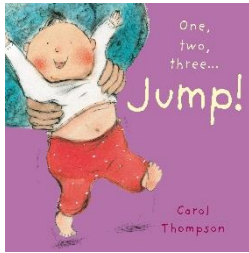


Noo-Noos - written and illustrated by Carol Thompson

Reading age: One year and up

“Tough card format, perfect for babies and toddlers. Every baby's noo noo is different, but they are all just as special! Find out what makes them unique, and why babies love them. With a high emotional content reflecting a child's own life and experiences, this is perfect for sharing during a special quiet time.” - Amazon

[Emotions – Feeling of Safety, Feeling of Enjoyment/Happiness](#)

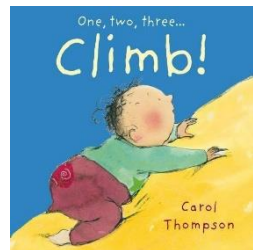
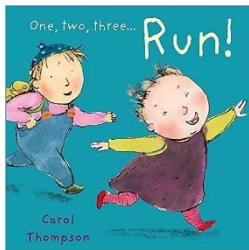


One, Two, three, Jump! - written and illustrated by Carol Thompson

Age range: 6 – 12 months

“Little Movers Run, climb, crawl or jump - everybody loves to move! Fast or slow, up or down, alone or with our friends! Carol Thompson's exquisite illustrations allow us to share and explore the struggles, achievements and sheer delight of children learning to manage and explore early movement challenges. These books are perfect aids to help build confidence and control.

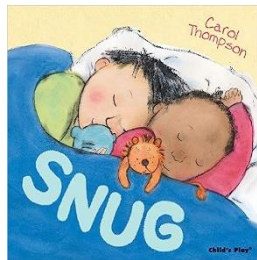
Ready? One, two, three...let's move!” - Publisher



One, Two, three, Run! - written and illustrated by Carol Thompson

One, Two, three, Climb! - written and illustrated by Carol Thompson

[Believing in Oneself- Self-empowerment, Emotion – Feelings of Enjoyment/Happiness](#)

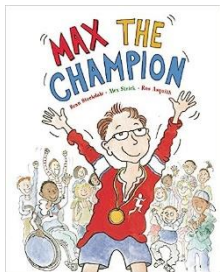


Snug - written and illustrated by Carol Thompson

Age range: 3 -6 years

“What makes you feel snug? Is it being curled up in a blanket? Feeling safe in your cozy bed? Being at home? Or being given a hug? All sorts of children are compared to all sorts of animals as we look at the different things that make us feel snug.” -Publisher

[Emotions – Feeling of Safety, Feeling of Enjoyment/Happiness](#)

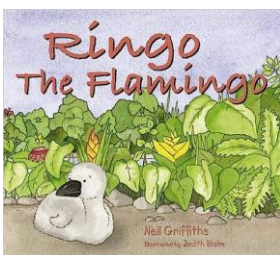


Max the Champion - written by Sean and, Alex Strick and illustrated by Ros Asquith

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Max is crazy about sports and doesn't let his need for a hearing aid or an inhaler stop him. “This is a lively and fun approach to sports, and a very inclusive picture book showing disabled children and children without disabilities enjoying different sports together in a natural way. The sports include football, rugby, athletics, cricket, diving, discus throwing and cycling.”- Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity - Health Differences - Inclusion](#)



Ringo the Flamingo - written by Neil Griffiths and illustrated by Judith Blake

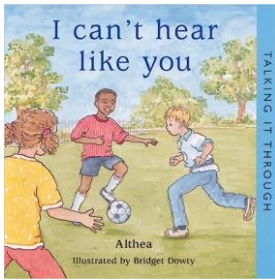
Reading age: 4 - 7 years

Grade level: 1st - 2nd

“Ringo was not like other flamingoes, as his legs just didn't work. Even though he could not do many of the things other flamingoes could, he was still able to make a valuable contribution to the flock. Find out how his bravery was rewarded in this sensitively told story, that proves talents are even hidden beneath the fluffy feathers of a flamingo!

Challenges our preconceptions about disability.” - Parents in Touch

[Appreciating Diversity – Believing in Oneself](#)



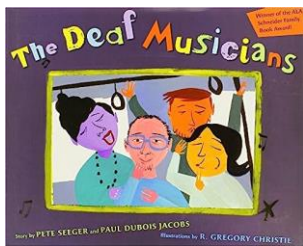
***I Can't Hear Like You (Talking it Through)* - written by Althea and illustrated by Bridgette Dowty.**

Age: 6+ - Letterbox Library

The book is narrated by Tom, a young deaf boy who wears a hearing aid to help his limited hearing. He also lip-reads and is learning sign language.

“A book that opens up the conversation surrounding deafness. Many children experience deafness and yet it is not often discussed. Sometimes other people can be impatient and unkind, which is not OK. This book thoughtfully explains that deafness does not limit horizons and helps us understand how to help someone experiencing deafness.” – YouTube

[Appreciating Diversity- Health Differences/Hearing impaired, Inclusion](#)



***The Deaf Musicians* - written by Pete Seeger and Paul DuBois Jacobs and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie**

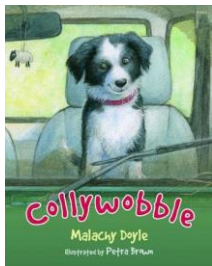
Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“Lee used to play the piano, but he lost his hearing and the band leader let him go.

Lee goes to a school for the deaf to learn sign language. There, he meets Max, who used to play the sax. Riding the subway to class, they start signing about all the songs they love. A bass player named Rose joins in and soon they've got a little sign language band. And in no time they're performing for audiences in the subway, night after night. power of music, overcoming obstacles, and all the different ways to hear the world.” - Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity- Health Differences/Hearing impaired](#)



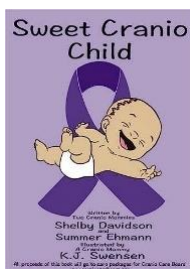
***Collywobble* - written by Malachy Doyle and illustrated by Petra Brown**

Reading age: 5 - 7 years

Grade level: Kindergarten - 2nd

"Hey, that's what I'll call you - Collywobble!" says Farmer Joe. When Farmer Joe's sheepdog, Bess, has seven pups, three are big and strong, three are good enough, but one's the most shivery, wobbly little scrap you're ever likely to see. Joe and Bess go to fetch the sheep down from the snowy mountain, but it's getting dark and they're still not back. Will Collywobble be brave enough to try and find them?" - Amazon

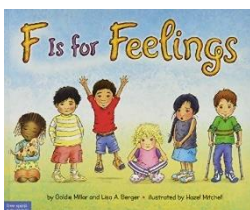
[Appreciating Diversity/ Seeing Beyond What is on the Outside - Believing in Oneself](#)



***Sweet Cranio Child* - written by Cranio Mom's, Summer Ehmann and Shelby Davidson and**

illustrated by another cranio mom ,Kelsi Swensen! 23 colored pages on 6x9 paperback book Kids of different ages/races throughout book to appeal to all ages and siblings. Wonderful memorabilia for child to look at later in life, read to before, during and after surgery and great for siblings to understand more about surgery.

[Appreciating Diversity - Health Differences/ Cranio](#)



***F is for Feelings* - written by Goldie Millar and Lisa Berger and illustrated by Hazel Mitchell**

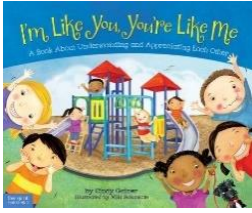
Reading age: 3 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

We all feel many different emotions every day. For young children, those feelings can be extra strong, and sometimes, children need help finding the words to describe how they're feeling.

This friendly and positive alphabet book gives children those "feelings words," and explores the idea that while some feelings are more comfortable than others, all are natural and important. This book invites children to share, express, and embrace their emotions--every day! A section in the back provides tips and activities for parents and caregivers to reinforce the themes and lessons of the book.

[Emotions](#)



***I'm Like you, You're Like Me* - written by Cindy Gainer and illustrated by Miki Sakamoto.**

Reading age: 3 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“In this colorful, inviting book, kids from preschool to lower elementary learn about diversity in terms they can understand: hair that’s straight or curly, families with many people or few, bodies that are big or small. With its wide-ranging examples and fun, highly detailed art, *I’m Like You, You’re Like Me* helps kids appreciate the ways they are alike and affirm their individual differences. A two-page adult section in the back provides tips and activities for parents and caregivers to reinforce the themes and lessons of the book.” - Amazon

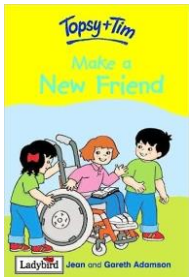
[Appreciating Diversity](#)



***Same, But Little Bit Diff'rent* - written and illustrated by Kylie Dunstan**

“A happy positive story about accepting difference and common humanity in relations between White and Aboriginal Australians, city and country dwellers. Right up the very top of Australia there is a special place. My friend Normie comes from there, and he says, 'Things are different to what you might see in the city. Same, but little bit diff'rent ...' Told in the stunning collage artwork for which Kylie Dunstan is acclaimed, the story is related by a child living in a southern city and her friend Normie, who lives in the top end. As they compare notes about their lives, activities and interests, they discover how very much they have in common, despite their contrasting environments.” – Google books

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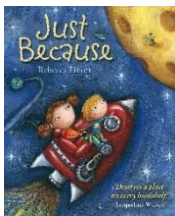
***Topsy and Tim Make a New Friend* – written and illustrated and by Jean and Gareth Adamson**

Suitable for children ages 4 – 9 (YouTube)

“Shows how to treat others kindly. The story begins when **Topsy and Tim** met Jenny, a girl who has a wheelchair. They got even more... They got even more excited to know that Jenny was their new classmate. It's the first time for the children to have a disabled friend in their class.”

Little Bookworms -You Tube

[Appreciating Diversity – Health Differences/ Non-Ambulatory, Choosing Kindness](#)



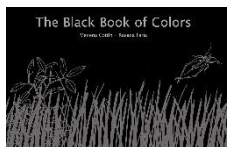
***Just Because* - written and illustrated by Rebecca Elliott**

Reading age: 3 years and up

Grade level: Kindergarten -2nd

“This heartwarming picture book about being perfectly loved, no matter what, tells of a brother's love for his sister. He is so enthusiastic about just how loving and special she is, and delights in telling us about all the fun things they do together. Only as his tale unfolds does the reader begin to realize that his sister has special needs... and by then we just accept as he does all the wonderful things about her. This amusing and often touching story encompasses the issue of disability in a charming celebration of sibling friendship to which all children can relate.” – Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity - Health Differences/Non-ambulatory, Non-verbal, Choosing Kindness - Empathy](#)



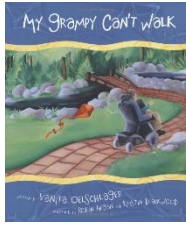
***The Black Book of Colors* - written by Menena Cottin and Illustrated by Rosana Faría. Translated by Elisa Amado**

“Reading age: 3 - 8 years, from customers

Grade level: Kindergarten - 5th

invites readers to imagine living without sight through remarkable illustrations done with raised lines and descriptions of colors based on imagery. Braille letters accompany the illustrations and a full Braille alphabet offers sighted readers help reading along with their fingers. This extraordinary title gives young readers the ability to experience the world in a new way.”

[Appreciating Diversity-Health Differences/Blindness, Empathy](#)



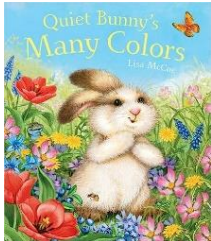
My Grampy Can't Walk - written by Vanita Oelschlager and illustrated by Robin Hegan and Kristin Blackwood

Reading age: 5 - 6 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

"Grampy has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, but that doesn't keep him from doing some pretty spectacular things with his grandchildren in this inspiring and enlightening story." - Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity-Health Differences/Multiple Sclerosis, Empathy](#)



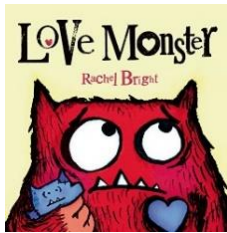
Quiet Bunny's Many Colors - written and illustrated by Lisa McCue

Reading age: 1 - 3 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool – 1st

"Quiet Bunny loves the bright colors of spring: the yellow ducks, green frogs, and blue jays— everything but his own mousy brown fur. It takes the help of a wise old owl for Bunny to realize that it's the rainbow of colors—including his own—that makes the world so beautiful." - Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity, Believing in Oneself](#)



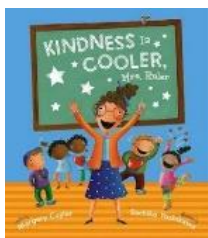
Love Monster - written and illustrated by Rachel Bright

Reading age: 1 - 4 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool - Kindergarten

"Love Monster is a slightly hairy monster trying to fit in with the cuddly residents of Cutesville. But as it turns out, it's hard to fit in with the cute and the fluffy when you're a googly-eyed monster. And so, Love Monster sets out to find someone who will love him just the way he is. His journey is not easy—he looks high, low, and even middle-ish. But as he soon finds out, in the blink of a googlyeye, love can find you when you least expect it." - Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity, Believing in Oneself, Choosing Kindness - Empathy](#)



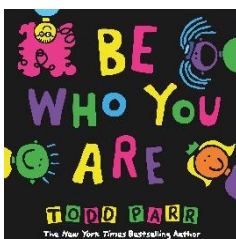
Kindness is Cooler - written by Margery Cuyler and illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa

Reading Age: 5 - 7 years, from customers

Grade level: Kindergarten – 5th - Amazon

"When Mrs. Ruler asks five of her kindergarteners to miss recess, she's got a special plan up her sleeve. She's about to teach a new golden rule: Kindness is cool! Soon the entire class is doing so many good deeds that their kindness bulletin board barely fits their classroom! From clearing the table after dinner, to helping the elderly, one kindergarten class is proving that kids really can make a difference. Count along with Mrs. Ruler's class. Can all their good deeds really add up to 100 acts of kindness?" - Goodreads

[Choosing Kindness - Empathy](#)



Be Who You Are - written and illustrated by by Todd Parr

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool -1st

Be who you are!

Be proud of where you're from.

Be a different color. Speak your language.

Wear everything you need to be you.

"Who better than Todd Parr to remind kids that their unique traits are what make them so special? With his signature silly and accessible style, Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities." - Amazon

[Believing in Oneself/Self-empowerment](#)



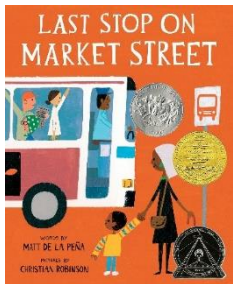
***What Does It Mean to Be Kind?* - written by Rana DiOrio and illustrated by Stephane Jorisch**

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“When the girl in the red hat finds the courage to be kind to the new student in class, her kindness spreads. Kind act by kind act, her whole community experiences the magical shift that happens when everyone understands—and acts on—what it means to be kind. *What Does it Mean to Be Kind?* is a teacher must-have for the classroom, and for parents in search of kindness and feelings books for children.” - Amazon

[Choosing Kindness - Empathy](#)



***Last Stop on Market Street* - written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson**

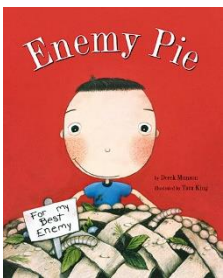
Reading age: 2 - 6 years, from customers

“#1 New York Times Bestseller/A USA Today Bestseller/Winner of the Newbery Medal

A Caldecott Honor Book/A Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book Corhis award-winning modern classic—a must-have for every child’s home library—is an inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places, and celebrates the special bond between a curious young boy and his loving grandmother.

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.” - Amazon

[Choosing Kindness - Empathy, Emotion - Gratitude](#)



***Enemy Pie* - written by Derek Munson and illustrated by Tara King**

Reading age: 5 - 8 years, from customers

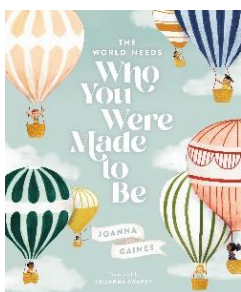
Grade level: Kindergarten - 3

Enemy Pie : (Reading Rainbow Book, Children’s Book about Kindness, Kids Books about Learning)

"An impressive picture story book about friendship, judgment, and bullying."—Ripple Kindness Project

“SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BOOKS: *Enemy Pie* is a wonderful addition to books like *The Invisible Boy*, *The Name Jar*, and *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be* that teach important lessons on kindness, empathy, respect, and friendship.” – Amazon

[Choosing Kindness- Empathy, Emotion - Anger](#)



***The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be* – written by Joanna Gaines and Illustrated by Julianna Swaney**

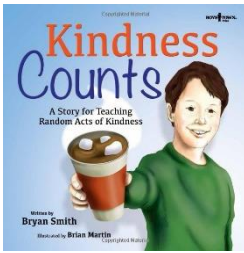
Reading age: 1 - 7 years, from customers

Grade level: 1st – 2nd

“Together with Joanna, you and your kids will take a journey of growth and imagination as you learn in full color to:

- celebrate every child's one-of-a-kind strengths and differences;
- embrace teamwork;
- share our talents and abilities to make everything more beautiful; and
- lend a helping hand and do our best to show kindness and take care of one another.” -Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity, Believing in Oneself, Choosing Kindness- Empathy](#)



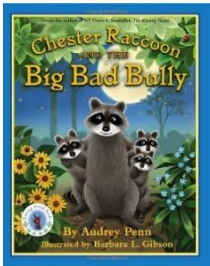
Kindness Counts – written by Bryan Smith and illustrated by Brian Martin

Reading age: 4 - 7 years

Grade level: 2nd – 3rd

“When Cade and his family find out their ice cream order was paid for by another patron, they continue paying it forward, and so starts the discussion of random acts of kindness. Cade takes this idea and runs with it, showing unexpected kindness to others. But when Dad would like him to donate some of his own toys, he has a hard time. Included at the end are tips for parents and educators to help teach children random acts of kindness.” - Amazon

[Choosing Kindness - Empathy](#)



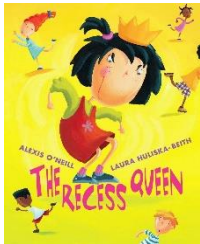
Chester Raccoon Big Bad Bully by Audrey Penn and illustrated by Barbara Gibson

Reading age : 3 - 7 years

Grade level : Preschool – 3rd

Chester Raccoon must learn to deal with another common problem of childhood: a bully at school. This book encourages children to understand that many child bullies are themselves unhappy and gives readers a good example of settling differences by peaceful means. Educators will embrace this story about a positive strategy for dealing with a bully. – Amazon

[Choosing Kindness- Empathy, Emotions - Anger, Sadness](#)



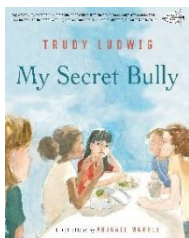
The Recess Queen - written by Alexis O'Neill and illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

Reading age: 5 - 7 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“Fresh & original twist on the common issue of bullying. Kids will relate, & parents & teachers will appreciate the story's deft handling of conflict resolution (which happens w/o adult intervention) Mean Jean was Recess Queen and nobody said any different. Nobody swung until Mean Jean swung. Nobody kicked until Mean Jean kicked. Nobody bounced until Mean Jean bounced. If kids ever crossed her, she'd push 'em and smooch 'em lollapalooosh 'em, hammer 'em, slammer 'em kitz and kajammer 'em until a new kid came to school! With her irrepressible spirit, the new girl dethrones the reigning recess bully by becoming her friend in this infectious playground romp”. - Amazon

[Choosing Kindness- Empathy, Emotion - Anger](#)



My Secret Bully – written by Trudy Ludwig and Illustrated by Abigail Marble

Reading age: 6 - 9 years, from customers

Grade level: 1st - 4th

“Here is the all-too-familiar story of Monica. She and Katie have been friends since kindergarten. Monica loves being around her when she's nice. But there are times when Katie can be just plain mean. And Monica doesn't understand why. Monica is a target of relational aggression and emotional bullying among friends who will use name-calling and manipulation to humiliate and exclude. But with a little help from a supportive adult—her mother—Monica learns to cope and thrive by facing her fears and reclaiming power from her bully.

Including a foreword by the founder of the The Ophelia Project, as well as helpful tips, discussion questions, and additional resources, *My Secret Bully* is a vital resource for children, parents, teachers, and counselors.

Dr. Kathy Mazarie, founder and director of FULL ESTEEM AHEAD:

“A must-read for any child who has ever been teased, ignored, or excluded by his/her peers . . . A very useful resource for addressing social cruelty among children.” – Amazon

[Choosing Kind - Empathy, Believing in Oneself/Self-empowerment](#)



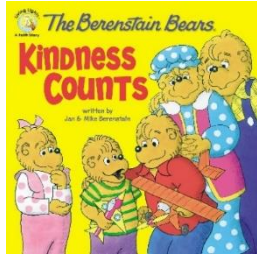
Exclamation Mark – written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

Reading age: 5 - 8 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool – 3rd

“He stood out here. He stood out there. He tried everything to be more like them. It's not easy being seen. Especially when you're NOT like everyone else. Especially when what sets you apart is YOU. Sometimes we squish ourselves to fit in. We shrink. Twist. Bend. Until -- ! -- a friend shows the way to endless possibilities. In this bold and highly visual book, an emphatic but misplaced exclamation point learns that being different can be very exciting! Period.” – Amazon

[Believing in Oneself/Self-empowerment](#)



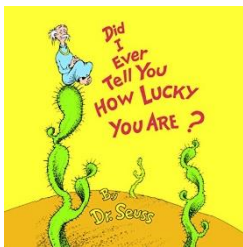
The Berenstain Bears: Kindness Counts - written by Jan Berenstain and Mike Bers

“Part of the popular Zonderkidz Living Lights

Reading age: 2 - 6 years, from customers

Teaching your child about kindness can be challenging. In this addition to the Living Lights™ series of Berenstain Bears books, young readers will learn how to treat others with kindness.” - Amazon

[Choosing Kindness – Empathy](#)



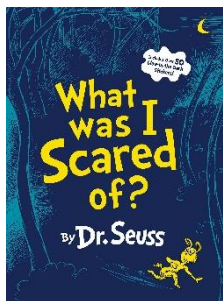
Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are - written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss

Reading age: 2 - 8 year, From customers

Grade level: Kindergarten - 4th – Amazon

“Children will be cheered just contemplating the outrageous array of troubles they're lucky they don't have. *Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?*' is a classic Dr. Seuss story about a boy called *Duckie* who feels quite unlucky, and an old man who goes on to recount all the other people who are in far more precarious a situation than he. It's a story of optimism, of looking on the bright side of things, and above all, a story about being grateful for one's place without losing the inertia to improve it.” - Goodreads

[Believing in Oneself, Emotion – Gratitude](#)



What Was I Scared Of? - written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss

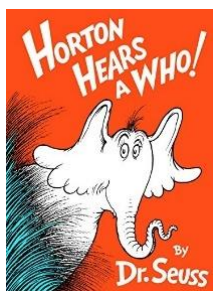
Reading age: 3 - 6 years, from customers

Grade level: Kindergarten - 4th

“Readers of all ages love Dr. Seuss's spooky and silly story about facing your fears!

What's a pair of empty green trousers doing by itself in the woods? Or riding a bike through town? The narrator of *What Was I Scared Of?* does not want to find out. The spooky pants give him the creeps! This Seussian gem from *The Sneetches and Other Stories* shines on its own as it delivers a timeless message about fear and tolerance.” - Amazon

[Appreciating Diversity, Emotion - Scared](#)



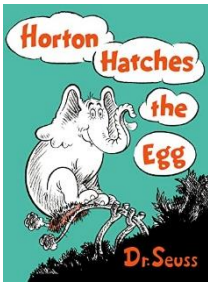
Horton Hears a Who! - written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss

Reading Age: 2 - 6 years, from customers

Grade level: Kindergarten – 4th

“Choose kindness with Horton the elephant and the Whos of Who-ville in Dr. Seuss's classic picture book about caring for others! Everyone's favorite elephant stars in this heartwarming and timeless story for readers of all ages. In the colorful Jungle of Nool, Horton discovers something that at first seems impossible: a tiny speck of dust contains an entire miniature world--Who-ville--complete with houses and grocery stores and even a mayor! But when no one will stand up for the Whos of Who-ville, Horton uses his elephant-sized heart to save the day. This tale of compassion and determination proves that any person, big or small, can choose to speak out for what is right.” - Amazon

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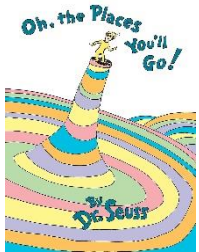
***Horton Hatches the Egg* - written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss**

Reading age: 3+ years, from customers

Grade level: Kindergarten – 4th

“Beloved by generations for his kindness and loyalty, Horton the Elephant is one of the most iconic and honorable characters in children's literature...we see his integrity rewarded with a surprise ending that will delight readers of all ages. Told with Dr. Seuss's signature rhymes and trademark illustrations, this is a tale that will be enjoyed over and over, by reader and listener alike...is ideal for sparking discussions about kindness, values, and loyalty.” - Amazon

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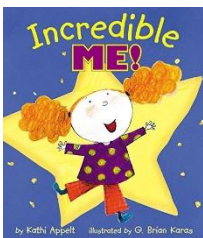


***Oh, the Places You'll Go!* - written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss**

Reading age: 3+ years, from customers

“From soaring to high heights and seeing great sights to being left in a Lurch on a prickly-ly perch, Dr. Seuss addresses life's ups and downs with his trademark humorous verse and whimsical illustrations. The inspiring and timeless message encourages readers to find the success that lies within, no matter what challenges they face.” - Amazon

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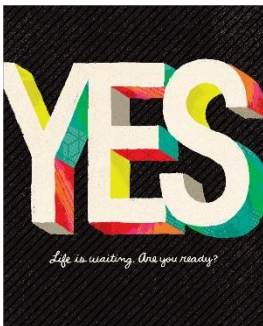
***Incredible Me!* - written by Kathi Appelt and illustrated by G. Brian Karas**

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

“Join a rambunctious child as she exuberantly celebrates all the wonderful qualities that make her special -- her nose, her toes, her ears, herself!” - Amazon

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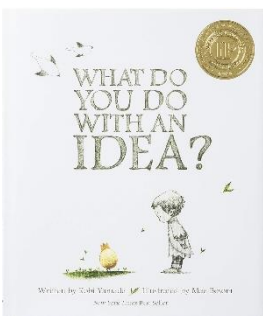
***Yes—Life is Waiting. Are You Ready?* - written by Kobi Yamada**

Motivational – Self-Help Book - Not a children's illustrated book

“Yes is an attitude, a way of living. It is optimistic, passionate, and positive. Yes is a chance at something better. It is a dream, a bold action and an inspiration. Yes has amazing powers. It can open doors, build confidence, and move mountains.

But beware, there will always be critics who will tell you no. They will tell you no to those hopes and dreams. They will tell you no to those ideas and aspirations. How will you respond? Will you shrink back to your fears and insecurities, or will you rise up to your potential? Your life is waiting for your answer.” - Amazon

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***What do You do with an Idea?* - written by Kobi Yamada and illustrated Mae Besom**

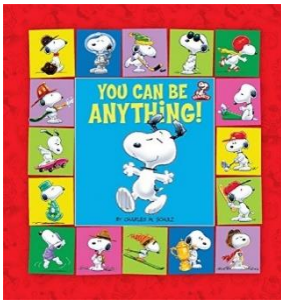
Reading age: 3 - 6 year, from customers

Grade level: 1st - 2nd

“A New York Times Best Seller and award-winning book, *What Do You Do with an Idea?* is for anyone who's ever had a big idea.

This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.” – Amazon

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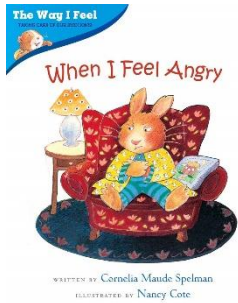
***You Can Be Anything* - written and illustrated by Charles Schultz**

Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool -3rd

"This book reminds the kid in all of us that we can be anything! From an astronaut to a lawyer or a World War I Flying Ace to just plain cool, the many faces of Snoopy serve as inspiration. This hardcover picture book has great gift appeal for new baby, graduation, celebrating milestones, and moving up in the world." – Amazon

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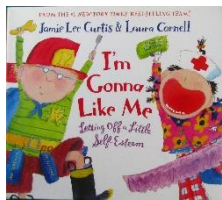
***When I Feel Angry* Written by Cornelia Maudene Spelman and illustrated by Nancy Cote**

Grade level: Preschool -2nd

"One of eight in a Series---The Way I Feel Published by Albert Whitman & Co.

Everyone feels angry sometimes, but there are always ways to feel better! Join a bunny rabbit and her family as she learns to manage angry feelings. With a focus on identifying the causes of an emotional reaction, and coming up with ways to start feeling calm and happy again, this book explains simple strategies to help kids understand and take care of their emotions." – Amazon

[Emotion – Anger](#)



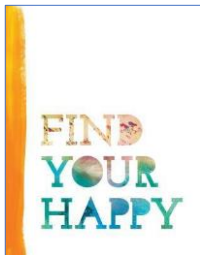
***I'm Gonna Like Me* - written by Jamie Lee Curtis and illustrated by Laura Cornell**

Reading age: 4 - 6 years, from customers

Grade level: Preschool - 3rd

"...a funny and moving celebration of self-esteem and loving the skin you're in. Celebrate liking yourself! Through alternating points of view, a girl's and a boy's, Jamie Lee Curtis's triumphant text and Laura Cornell's lively artwork show kids that the key to feeling good is liking yourself because you are you." - Amazon

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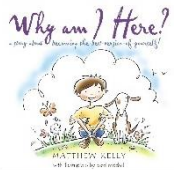
***Find Your Happy* - written by M.H. Clark**

Self-Help book - Not a children's illustrated book

"What are the ingredients of delight? What makes you feel bright and vibrant and alive? What could today offer that would make you look forward to tomorrow? Where do you find your happy? An inspirational book of 64 pages. The answer to that question is yours. It is as unique and completely original as you are, and the answer you give today may not be the same as it will be tomorrow. Happiness is a day by day, hour by hour journey.

The world offers you gifts every day, and you can decide what you will do with them, how you will make them into a life that is right, a life that is yours, a life where you know just how and where your happiness can be found." - Goodreads

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***Why Am I Here?* – written by Matthew Kelly and illustrated by Hazel Mitchell**

Reading age: 5 - 8 years, from customers

"Max was a curious boy. He was curious about other countries, he was curious about animals and nature, and he was curious about life. One day while he is fishing with his Grandpa, Max stumbles upon the ultimate question, Why am I here? His Grandfather suggests that Max is here to become the-best-version-of-himself! In the days and weeks that follow, Max begins to notice when he is and when he is not celebrating the-best-version-of-himself. This single idea becomes the touchstone for his decision-making, begins to guide his words and actions, and fosters a remarkable self-awareness. *Why am I Here?* Is a remarkable lesson for children of all ages about living with passion and purpose."- From back cover

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