

Books for

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Don't just grow readers—grow healthy,
self-aware, responsible children.



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Why Social Emotional Learning?

Social emotional learning is the process of acquiring and effectively applying the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Don't just grow readers—grow healthy, self-aware, positive, responsible children, with the help of the picture books, chapter books, and middle-grade reads included in this brochure.

Some books included offer practical tools for teachers and students. Other titles model helpful behavior or feature characters who model social-emotional growth. Whether you are an elementary school or middle school teacher, we hope you enjoy this curated selection of books to make your classroom more socially emotionally aware!



Classroom Favorites for Social Emotional Learning

Books by Trudy Ludwig

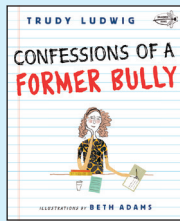


Better Than You

Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

HC: 978-1-58246-380-3
GLB: 978-1-58246-407-7
EL: 978-0-375-98746-5

Sometimes, the words and actions of others can get us down. Teach students that the choices of others do not reflect on us.

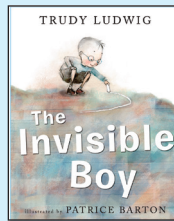


Confessions of a Former Bully

Illustrated by Beth Adams

PB: 978-0-307-93113-9
HC: 978-1-582-46309-4
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EL: 978-0-375-98706-9

Confessions of a Former Bully provides kids with tools they can use to identify and stop relational aggression.

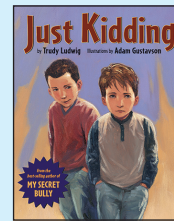


The Invisible Boy

Illustrated by Patrice Barton

HC: 978-1-58246-450-3
GLB: 978-1-58246-451-0
EL: 978-0-449-81820-6

Teach kindness with a story that shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish.

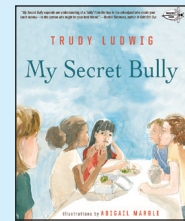


Just Kidding

Illustrated by Adam Gustavson

HC: 978-1-58246-163-2
EL: 978-0-385-38707-1

Teasing and bullying are not okay—no matter who does it. Take a look at emotional bullying among friends.

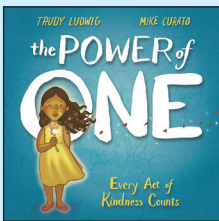


My Secret Bully

Illustrated by Abigail Marble

PB: 978-0-553-50940-3
HC: 978-1-58246-159-5
EL: 978-0-385-38706-4

Read an all-too-familiar story about a girl and her best friend—who is also her bully.

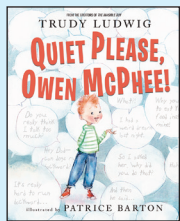


The Power of One

Illustrated by Mike Curato

HC: 978-1-5247-7158-4
GLB: 978-1-5247-7159-1
EL: 978-1-5247-7160-7

Teach kids that one small act of kindness can change the world.

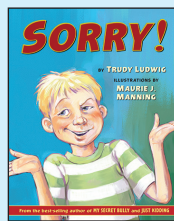


Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!

Illustrated by Patrice Barton

HC: 978-0-399-55713-2
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EL: 978-0-399-55715-6

Learn to listen more than you love to talk!

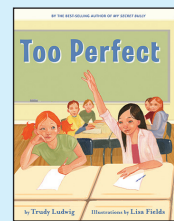


Sorry!

Illustrated by Maurie J. Manning

HC: 978-1-58246-173-1

Teach children how to say "sorry" and really mean it. *Sorry!* is about the dos and don'ts of apologizing.

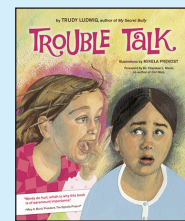


Too Perfect

Illustrated by Lisa Fields

HC: 978-1-58246-258-5

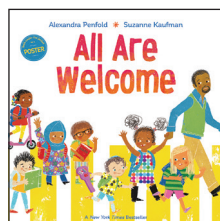
Even young children feel pressure to look and act perfect. *Too Perfect* offers solutions for readers to be more accepting of themselves.



Trouble Talk

Illustrated by Mikela Prevost;
Foreword by Charisse L. Nixon

HC: 978-1-58246-240-0
Talk to kids about the damaging consequences of gossip.



All Are Welcome

Alexandra Penfold;
Illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

HC: 978-0-525-57964-9
GLB: 978-0-525-57965-6
EL: 978-0-525-57966-3

All Are Welcome lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, and they are welcome in their school.

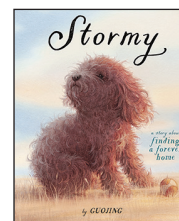


Big Feelings

Alexandra Penfold;
Illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

HC: 978-0-525-57974-8
GLB: 978-0-525-57975-5
EL: 978-0-525-57976-2

What should we do when things don't go to plan? We may feel mad, frustrated, or overwhelmed, but by talking it through, compromising, and seeing another point of view, we can start fresh, begin anew.



Stormy

Guojing

HC: 978-1-5247-7176-8
GLB: 978-1-5247-7177-5
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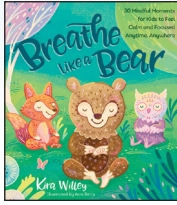
Guojing poignantly explores how trust doesn't always come easily, but how, over time, and with kindness and determination, forever love can grow. Encourage children to identify emotions in this wordless picture book.



Books for the Calm Corner

Every teacher needs a tool kit with books about mindfulness.

Create a spot in your classroom dedicated to helping children identify and work through emotions.



Breathe Like a Bear

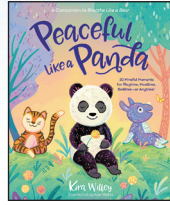
Kira Willey; Illustrated by Anni Betts

HC: 978-1-62336-885-2

PB: 978-1-62336-883-8

EL: 978-1-62336-884-5

A collection of mindfulness exercises designed to teach kids techniques to calm their bodies, breath, and emotions.



Peaceful Like a Panda

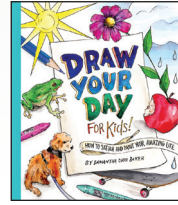
Kira Willey; Illustrated by Anni Betts

HC: 978-0-593-17924-6

PB: 978-0-593-17926-0

EL: 978-0-593-17925-3

These easy-to-follow exercises help kids calmly and mindfully navigate their day, from sunrise to sunset.

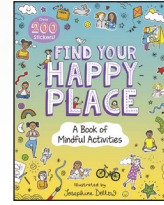


Draw Your Day for Kids

Samantha Dion Baker

PB: 978-0-593-37890-8

Drawing daily is a relaxing and reassuring way to express yourself, as well as a practical way to hone art and observation skills and creativity.



Find Your Happy Place

Rodale

PB: 978-0-593-37370-5

Jam-packed with exercises to help children manage their breath, thoughts, and feelings, this is the perfect activity book for those seeking tranquility.



Find Your Rainbow

Jenipher Lyn

PB: 978-1-5247-1850-3

This calming and reassuring guided journal is the perfect antidote to rising anxiety and worry during these challenging times, while also encouraging self-discovery, resilience, and creative expression.



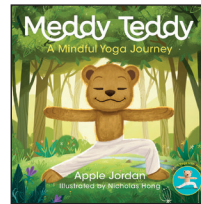
Happy

Nicola Edwards

HC: 978-0-593-12119-1

EL: 978-0-593-12120-7

This beautifully illustrated picture book gently encourages children to explore the senses and discover their path to mindfulness.



Meddy Teddy

Apple Jordan; Illustrated by Nicholas Hong

HC: 978-1-63565-046-4

EL: 978-1-63565-047-1

This cuddly teddy bear shows you his yoga poses and leads readers to their meditative yoga journey!



My Big Book of Feelings

Russell Ginn; Illustrated by Kristen Terrana-Hollis; Produced by Big Yellow Taxi, Inc.

PB: 978-0-525-57140-7

Through clever and fun activities and prompts, kids can sketch and draw to express feelings and emotions they might not otherwise be able to put into words.

Start Dealing with Feelings!

Series by Courtney Carbone; Illustrated by Hilli Kushnir



This Makes Me Angry

HC: 978-1-63565-072-3

PB: 978-1-63565-071-6

EL: 978-1-63565-073-0



This Makes Me Happy

HC: 978-1-63565-057-0

PB: 978-1-63565-038-9

EL: 978-1-63565-039-6



This Makes Me Jealous

HC: 978-1-63565-078-5

PB: 978-1-63565-077-8

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This Makes Me Sad

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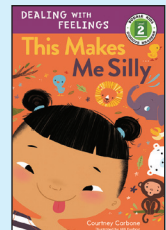


This Makes Me Scared

HC: 978-1-63565-081-5

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This Makes Me Silly

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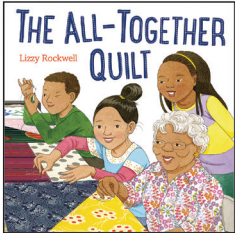
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Readers will learn how to identify, process, and respond to a range of emotions.



Picture Books to Support Social Emotional Learning

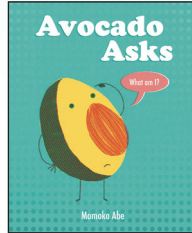
Build strong foundations for healthy self-esteem, emotional resilience, positive relationships with others, and responsible decision-making.



The All-Together Quilt
Lizzy Rockwell

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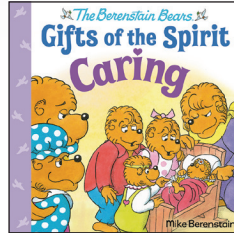
Celebrate creativity and teamwork with this joyful story about what we can accomplish when we work together.



Avocado Asks
Momoko Abe

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EL: 978-0-593-17794-5

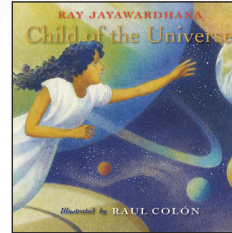
Avocado is feeling just fine in the produce section at the supermarket until a young customer asks a difficult question: Is an avocado a fruit or a vegetable? This is a humorous book about identity and feeling confident in your own skin.



Caring (Berenstain Bears Gifts of the Spirit)
Mike Berenstain

HC: 978-0-593-30240-8
EL: 978-0-593-30520-1

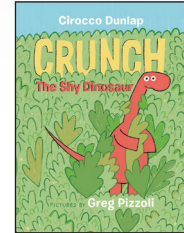
Enjoy this story about the joy of caring for family and friends!



Child of the Universe
Ray Jayawardhana;
Illustrated by Raul Colón

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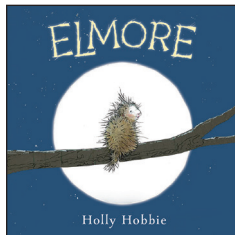
Readers will feel connected to the cosmos in this story that celebrates the preciousness of every individual.



Crunch the Shy Dinosaur
Cirocco Dunlap;
Illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

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PB: 978-0-593-17568-2
EL: 978-0-399-55060-7

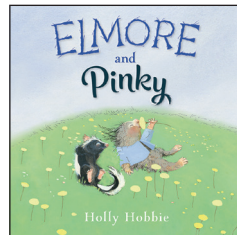
Teach children how to engage with new friends—especially children who are shy or different from them.



Elmore
Holly Hobbie

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EL: 978-1-5247-1865-7

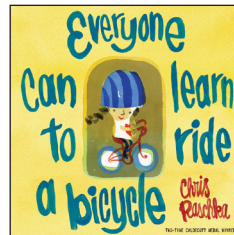
Elmore shares the story of a porcupine who suffers rejection and heartbreak before he makes some new friends. Model community with Elmore's forest friends!



Elmore and Pinky
Holly Hobbie

HC: 978-1-5247-7081-5
EL: 978-1-5247-7083-9

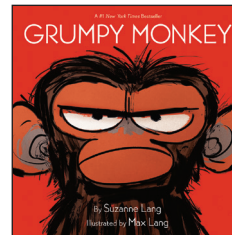
Talk about qualities in a healthy friendship—and how that might mean accepting each other's shortcomings.



Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle
Chris Raschka

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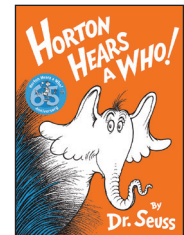
Here is what it is like to fall . . . get up . . . and fall again. Take kids on an emotional journey and teach a lesson in growth mindset.



Grumpy Monkey
Suzanne Lang; Illustrated by Max Lang

HC: 978-0-553-53786-4
GLB: 978-0-553-53787-1
EL: 978-0-553-53788-8

Feelings can be confusing. Readers will learn that they are allowed to feel their feelings with *Grumpy Monkey*.



Horton Hears a Who!
Dr. Seuss

HC: 978-0-394-80078-3
EL: 978-0-385-37205-3

Choose kindness with Horton the elephant in Dr. Seuss's classic picture book about caring for others!



How to Be a Lion
Ed Vere

HC: 978-0-525-57805-5
EL: 978-0-525-57807-9

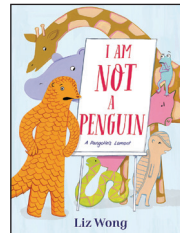
This charming story features two unlikely friends who learn to be true to themselves, ignore pressure, and stand by their friends.



How to Solve a Problem
Ashima Shiraishi;
Illustrated by Yao Xiao

HC: 978-1-5247-7327-4
GLB: 978-1-5247-7328-1
EL: 978-1-5247-7329-8

Build growth mindset with Ashima Shiraishi, one of the world's youngest and most skilled climbers. Share how failing can give us information to succeed.



I Am Not a Penguin: A Pangolin's Lament
Liz Wong

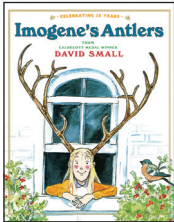
HC: 978-0-593-12740-7
GLB: 978-0-593-12741-4
EL: 978-0-593-12742-1

In this hilarious story, an unusual mammal shares what it's like to feel different and to be misunderstood.



Picture Books to Support Social Emotional Learning

Build strong foundations for healthy self-esteem, emotional resilience, positive relationships with others, and responsible decision-making.



Imogene's Antlers

David Small

HC: 978-0-375-81048-0

PB: 978-0-593-12576-2

EL: 978-0-385-75540-5

Imogene's Antlers models self-acceptance and show students that they can choose to remain unaffected by the things they cannot control.



Imogene Comes Back!

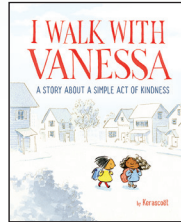
David Small

HC: 978-0-593-12374-4

GLB: 978-0-593-12375-1

EL: 978-0-593-12376-8

The story of *Imogene* continues with a powerful message of acceptance.



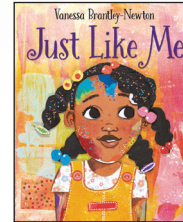
I Walk with Vanessa

Keracoe

HC: 978-1-5247-6955-0

EL: 978-1-5247-6957-4

Readers will learn how a single act of kindness can inspire an entire community in *I Walk with Vanessa*.



Just Like Me

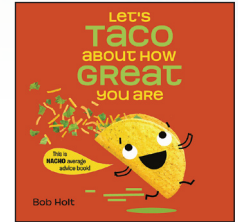
Vanessa Brantley-Newton

HC: 978-0-525-58209-0

GLB: 978-0-525-58210-6

EL: 978-0-525-58211-3

The vivid poems in *Just Like Me* will teach readers about joy, self-acceptance, and respect for others.



Let's Taco About How Great You Are

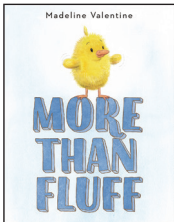
Bob Holt

HC: 978-0-593-18201-7

GLB: 978-0-593-18202-4

EL: 978-0-593-18203-1

Show readers that kindness is cool (and fun!) with this punny book of compliments.



More Than Fluff

Madeline Valentine

HC: 978-0-593-17905-5

GLB: 978-0-593-17906-2

EL: 978-0-593-17907-9

Talk about personal space after reading this lesson in consent. *More Than Fluff* encourages readers to use their voice and speak up for themselves and others.



My First Day

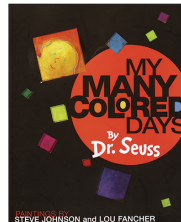
Phùng Nguyễn Quang and Huynh Kim Liên

HC: 978-0-593-30626-0

GLB: 978-0-593-30627-7

EL: 978-0-593-30628-4

My First Day tells the tale of a boy on a journey who, despite his fear, journeys on.



My Many Colored Days

Dr. Seuss

HC: 978-0-679-87597-0

Normalize talking about emotions with *My Many Colored Days*, which discusses moods as colors. Notice with students that there are many colors and they are all beautiful.



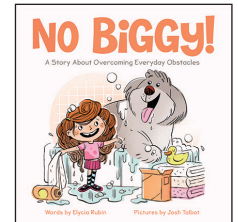
The Name Jar

Yangsook Choi

PB: 978-0-440-41799-6

EL: 978-0-593-30628-4

The Name Jar is a lesson in honoring difference and accepting our own identities.



No Biggy! A Story About Overcoming Everyday Obstacles

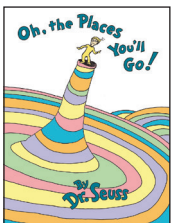
Elycia Rubin; Illustrated by Josh Talbot

HC: 978-1-63565-048-8

PB: 978-1-9848-9249-2

EL: 978-1-63565-049-5

An empowering book to help students manage frustration!



Oh, the Places You'll Go!

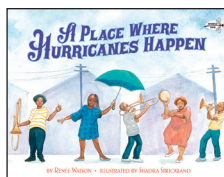
Dr. Seuss

HC: 978-0-679-80527-4

GLB: 978-0-679-90527-1

EL: 978-0-385-37208-4

This Dr. Seuss classic tells us that both celebratory and difficult moments are natural in life. *Oh, the Places You'll Go* inspires self-confidence to navigate the highs and lows.



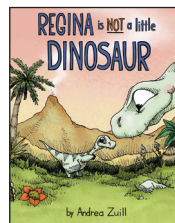
A Place Where Hurricanes Happen

Renée Watson; Illustrated by Shadra Strickland

PB: 978-0-385-37668-6

EL: 978-0-375-98307-8

Help children contextualize and discuss difficult and tragic events with *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*—the story of Hurricane Katrina.



Regina Is NOT a Little Dinosaur

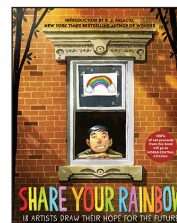
Andrea Zuhl

HC: 978-0-593-12728-5

GLB: 978-0-593-12729-2

EL: 978-0-593-12730-8

A story that celebrates balancing fierce independence-seeking with scaffolded support.



Share Your Rainbow and Other Stories

Various Authors

PB: 978-0-593-37521-1

EL: 978-0-593-37397-2

Share optimism with *Share Your Rainbow*. Inspired by children who hung rainbows in their windows during the COVID-19 pandemic, eighteen artists celebrate caring for each other and share their hope for the future.



The Sneetches and Other Stories

Dr. Seuss

HC: 978-0-394-80089-9

GLB: 978-0-394-90089-6

EL: 978-0-385-37360-9

The Sneetches shows readers how silly it is to judge others by their appearances. Use this as a springboard for talking about difference and accepting others.



Something Beautiful

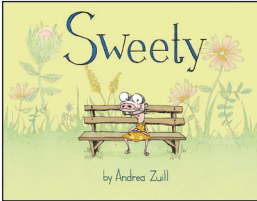
Sharon Dennis Wyeth; Illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet

PB: 978-0-440-41210-6

A girl's search for something beautiful leaves her with new experiences of friendship and hope. Encourage students to seek out positivity with this inspiring story.

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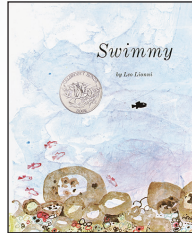


Sweety

Andrea Zull

HC: 978-0-525-58000-3
EL: 978-0-525-58002-7

Readers will learn self-acceptance and to embrace difference with *Sweety*, a character who is definitely adorably awkward.

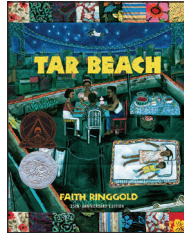


Swimmy

Leo Lionni

HC: 978-0-394-81713-2
PB: 978-0-399-55550-3
EL: 978-0-307-97451-8

Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and teamwork—they can overcome any danger.



Tar Beach

Faith Ringgold

HC: 978-0-517-58030-1
PB: 978-0-517-88544-4
EL: 978-0-593-37786-4

In *Tar Beach*, a young girl goes on a dream adventure in which she flies over the city—far above all her problems.

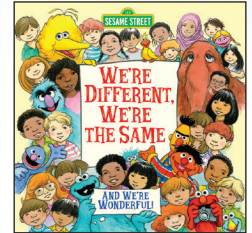


We're All Wonders

R. J. Palacio

HC: 978-1-5247-6649-8
GLB: 978-1-5247-6650-4
EL: 978-1-5247-6651-1

Talk about empathy and kindness using Auggie's story, which speaks to every child's desire to belong.

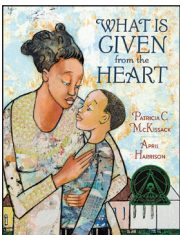


We're Different, We're The Same

Bobbi Kates; Illustrated by Joe Mathieu

HC: 978-1-5247-7056-3
PB: 978-0-679-83227-0
EL: 978-1-5247-7057-0

This enduring, colorful, and lovingly illustrated book offers an easy, enjoyable way to learn about differences—and about what truly matters.

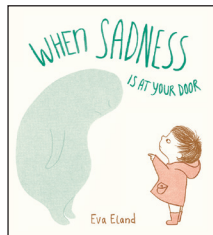


What Is Given from the Heart

Patricia C. McKissack; Illustrated by April Harrison

HC: 978-0-375-93615-9
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EL: 978-0-375-98800-4

This is a poignant and uplifting celebration of the joy of giving.

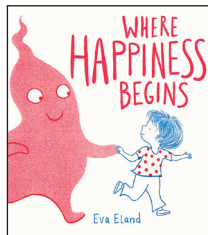


When Sadness Is at Your Door

Eva Eland

HC: 978-0-525-70718-9
PB: 978-0-525-70719-6

A comforting primer in emotional literacy and mindfulness that suggests we approach the feeling of sadness as if it is our guest.



Where Happiness Begins

Eva Eland

HC: 978-0-593-12770-4

This follow-up to *When Sadness Is at Your Door* suggests that happiness can always be found by looking within.

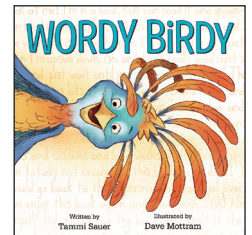


Who Will You Be?

Andrea Pippins

HC: 978-1-9848-4948-9
GLB: 978-1-9848-4949-6
EL: 978-1-9848-4950-2

Here is a joyful picture book about how family and community help shape the wonderful people our children become.

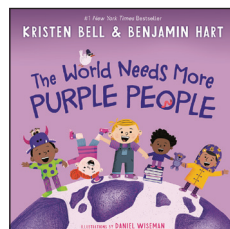


Wordy Birdy

Tammi Sauer; Illustrated by Dave Mottram

HC: 978-1-5247-1929-6
GLB: 978-1-5247-1930-2
PB: 978-0-593-11898-6
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A funny, fast-paced, lovable caper about the importance of paying attention and of standing by your friends through thick and thin.

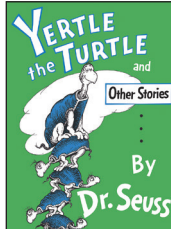


The World Needs More Purple People

Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart; Illustrated by Daniel Wiseman

HC: 978-0-593-12196-2
EL: 978-0-593-12198-6

A picture book with a wonderful message about embracing the things that bring us together as humans. This book will inspire your students to paint the school purple!

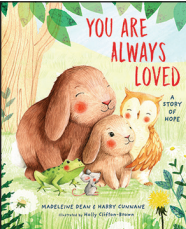


Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories

Dr. Seuss

HC: 978-0-394-80087-5
GLB: 978-0-394-90087-2
EL: 978-0-385-37363-0

Share this collection of three modern fables to teach children the importance of generosity, sympathy, and humility.



You Are Always Loved

Madeleine Dean and Harry Cunnean; Illustrated by Holly Clifton-Brown

HC: 978-0-593-30924-7
GLB: 978-0-593-30925-4
EL: 978-0-593-30926-1

You Are Always Loved reassures children that, even when the grown-ups in their life are absent, they are loved and enough as they are.

Chapter Books for Social Emotional Learning

Help students navigate emotions and problems independently as they learn to read independently.



Ballet Bunnies #1: The New Class

Swapna Reddy;
Illustrated by Binny Talib
GLB: 978-0-593-30493-8
PB: 978-0-593-30492-1
EL: 978-0-593-30494-5

Enjoy this chapter book about a young ballerina named Millie who is trying new things!



Ballet Bunnies #2: Let's Dance

Swapna Reddy;
Illustrated by Binny Talib
GLB: 978-0-593-30496-9
PB: 978-0-593-30495-2
EL: 978-0-593-30497-6

Millie is a little nervous to go on stage—she has butterflies in her stomach. But with the help of friends, she can overcome her nervousness!



Bug Boys

Laura Knetzger
HC: 978-1-9848-9676-6
GLB: 978-0-593-12522-9
EL: 978-1-9848-9677-3

The Bug Boys are best friends who spend their time exploring Bug Village and beyond, as well as their own—sometimes confusing and complicated—thoughts and feelings.



Bug Boys: Outside and Beyond

Laura Knetzger
HC: 978-1-9848-9678-0
GLB: 978-0-593-12535-9
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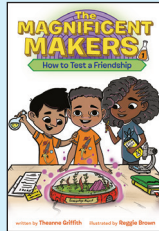
Each day is new and exciting for these two beetles; together they'll face challenges and help their friends along the way.



Donut Feed the Squirrels

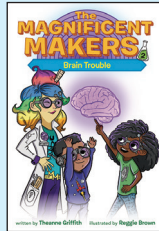
Mika Song
HC: 978-1-9848-9583-7
GLB: 978-0-593-12527-4
EL: 978-1-9848-9584-4

A fun donut caper graphic novel that focuses on madcap action, problem-solving, and the power of working together.



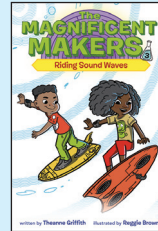
Magnificent Makers #1: How to Test a Friendship

Theanne Griffith; Illustrated by Reggie Brown
GLB: 978-0-593-12299-0
PB: 978-0-593-12298-3
EL: 978-0-593-12300-3



Magnificent Makers #2: Brain Trouble

Theanne Griffith; Illustrated by Reggie Brown
GLB: 978-0-593-12302-7
PB: 978-0-593-12301-0
EL: 978-0-593-12309-6



Magnificent Makers #3: Riding Sound Waves

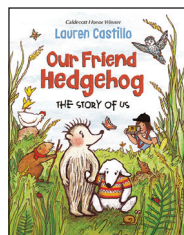
Theanne Griffith; Illustrated by Reggie Brown
GLB: 978-0-593-12311-9
PB: 978-0-593-12310-2
EL: 978-0-593-12312-6



Magnificent Makers #4: The Great Germ Hunt

Theanne Griffith; Illustrated by Reggie Brown
GLB: 978-0-593-37961-5
PB: 978-0-593-37960-8
EL: 978-0-593-37962-2

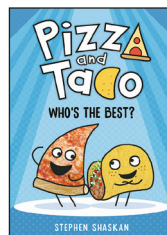
Cover scientific topics while also exploring issues such as managing failure, teamwork, courage, and jealousy.



Our Friend Hedgehog

Lauren Castillo
HC: 978-1-5247-6671-9
GLB: 978-1-5247-6672-6
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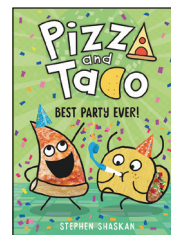
This cozy classic-in-the-making will teach students about the importance of finding your friends and sticking together through thick and thin.



Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?

Stephen Shaskan
HC: 978-0-593-12330-0
GLB: 978-0-593-12331-7
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Boost reading confidence with this hilarious story about friendship and competition.



Pizza and Taco: Best Party Ever!

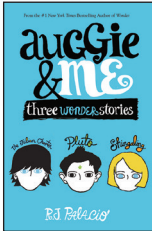
Stephen Shaskan
HC: 978-0-593-12334-8
GLB: 978-0-593-12335-5
EL: 978-0-593-12336-2

Pizza and Taco have the problem of not knowing what to do when boredom strikes. They decide to throw a party. Students will learn from Pizza and Taco's mistakes—just like Pizza and Taco do!



Social Emotional Learning Books for Grades 3 to 7

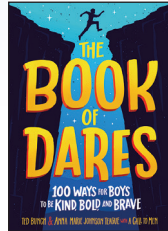
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**Auggie & Me:
Three Wonder Stories**
R. J. Palacio

HC: 978-1-101-93485-2
GLB: 978-1-101-93486-9
EL: 978-0-525-64424-8

Auggie & Me gives readers a special look at Auggie—the protagonist of *Wonder*—through three new points of view. Choose kindness with this book!



The Book of Dares
Ted Bunch and
Anna Marie Johnson Teague
HC: 978-0-593-30298-9
GLB: 978-0-593-30299-6
EL: 978-0-593-30300-9

Help boys develop a healthier concept of manhood. Students will love the 100 original dares, and adults will love the afterword—a resource on growing boys to be their most authentic selves.



**The Boy at the
Back of the Class**
Onjali Q. Rauf

HC: 978-1-9848-5078-2
GLB: 978-1-9848-5080-5
PB: 978-1-9848-5081-2
EL: 978-1-9848-5079-9

The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting kindness in a world that doesn't make sense.



The Cardboard Kingdom
Chad Sell

HC: 978-1-5247-1937-1
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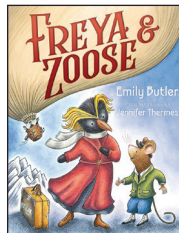
This graphic novel shares the power of imagination and identity. A neighborhood of kids transform ordinary cardboard into fantastical homemade costumes as they explore conflicts with friends, family, and even themselves.



**Flying Lessons
& Other Stories**
Ellen Oh

HC: 978-1-101-93459-3
GLB: 978-1-101-93460-9
EL: 978-1-101-93461-6

Whether it is new neighborhoods, basketball dreams, family fiascos or first crushes, these stories celebrate the uniqueness in all of us.



Freya & Zoose
Emily Butler

GLB: 978-1-5247-1772-8
PB: 978-1-5247-1774-2
EL: 978-1-5247-1773-5

Freya and Zoose are unlikely friends who discover true friendship! Enjoy this adventure story with students.



Goodbye Stranger
Rebecca Stead

HC: 978-0-385-74317-4
PB: 978-0-307-98086-1
EL: 978-0-307-98085-4

Goodbye Stranger explores multiple perspectives on the bonds and limits of friendship.



The Hero Next Door
Various authors; in collaboration
with We Need Diverse Books

HC: 978-0-525-64630-3
GLB: 978-0-525-64631-0
PB: 978-0-525-64633-4
EL: 978-0-525-64632-7

This vibrant anthology features thirteen acclaimed authors whose powerful and diverse voices show how small acts of kindness can save the day.



Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero
Kelly J. Baptist

HC: 978-0-593-12136-8
GLB: 978-0-593-12137-5
PB: 978-0-593-12139-9
EL: 978-0-593-12138-2

Model emotional resilience with *Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero*, which tackles alcoholism, homelessness, and peer pressure and offers writing as an outlet for big feelings.



**Jake the Fake
Keeps It Real**
Craig Robinson and
Adam Mansbach;
Illustrated by Keith Knight

HC: 978-0-553-52351-5
PB: 978-0-553-52354-6
EL: 978-0-553-52353-9

Jake the Fake explores impostor syndrome in adolescence. Follow this hilarious protagonist on a relatable journey through feeling like a fake.



**Jake the Fake
Goes for Laughs**
Craig Robinson and
Adam Mansbach;
Illustrated by Keith Knight

HC: 978-0-553-52355-3
PB: 978-0-553-52358-4
EL: 978-0-553-52357-7

Jake's mentor has to teach him the ropes about humor—and humility—before Jake loses all his biggest fans and best friends! Readers will see Jake as a model for managing ego.



**Jake the Fake
Keeps His Cool**
Craig Robinson and
Adam Mansbach;
Illustrated by Keith Knight

HC: 978-0-553-52359-1
PB: 978-0-553-52362-1
EL: 978-0-553-52361-4

Jake feels he has to fake being happy—but he has good friends and laughs on his side to get him through pressure at school and stresses at home.



Lemons
Melissa Savage

HC: 978-1-5247-0012-6
PB: 978-1-5247-0015-7
EL: 978-1-5247-0014-0

In *Lemons*, we meet a girl who needs to rebuild her life with her estranged grandfather and the quirky neighbor she befriends as they go on a search for Bigfoot. Share this book about adapting to change.



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Like Nothing Amazing Ever Happened

Emily Blejwas

HC: 978-1-9848-4848-2
GLB: 978-1-9848-4849-9
EL: 978-1-9848-4850-5

A poignant story about a boy picking up the pieces of his life after the unexpected death of his father, and the loyalty, concern, and friendship he finds in his small-town community.



The Lion of Mars

Jennifer L. Holm

HC: 978-0-593-12181-8
GLB: 978-0-593-12182-5
EL: 978-0-593-12183-2

A kid raised on Mars learns that he can't be held back by the fears of the grown-ups around him. Share this story about breaking out of constraints.

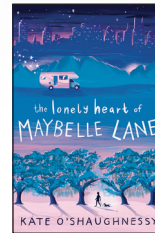


The List of Things That Will Not Change

Rebecca Stead

HC: 978-1-101-93809-6
GLB: 978-1-101-93810-2
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At a time when everything is changing for Bea and her family, the important things will always stay the same. Bea must learn to let go of the things she cannot control.

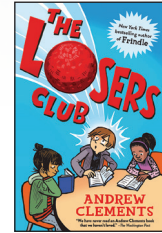


The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane

Kate O'Shaughnessy

HC: 978-1-9848-9383-3
GLB: 978-1-9848-9384-0
PB: 978-1-9848-9386-4
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Maybelle Lane is looking for her father, but on the road to Nashville she finds so much more: courage, brains, heart—and true friends.

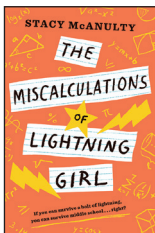


The Losers Club

Andrew Clements

HC: 978-0-399-55755-2
PB: 978-0-399-55758-3
EL: 978-0-399-55757-6

The Losers Club, which celebrates books and reading, reminds us that the best stories we create are our own.



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

Stacy McAnulty

HC: 978-1-5247-6757-0
GLB: 978-1-5247-6758-7
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EL: 978-1-5247-6759-4

This celebration of friendship encourages us to accept our differences and leave our comfort zones.

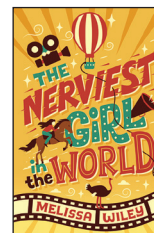


The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother)

David Levithan

HC: 978-1-9848-4859-8
GLB: 978-1-9848-4860-4
EL: 978-1-9848-4861-1

David Levithan takes young readers on a twisting journey through truth, reality, fantasy, and belief. This is a story about standing by the people we love.



The Nerviest Girl in the World

Melissa Wiley

HC: 978-0-375-87038-5
GLB: 978-0-375-87037-5
EL: 978-0-375-87039-2

The Nerviest Girl in the World introduces a spunky heroine whose bravery and ability to admit her own faults will impress readers.

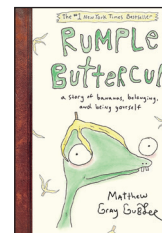


Planet Earth Is Blue

Nicole Panteleakos

HC: 978-0-525-64657-0
PB: 978-0-525-64660-0
EL: 978-0-525-64659-4

A heartrending and hopeful debut novel about a nonverbal girl and the potential others see in her.

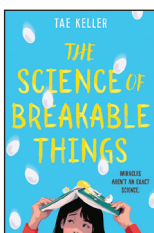


Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself

Matthew Gray Gubler

HC: 978-0-525-64844-4
EL: 978-0-525-70762-2

Join Rumple and Candy Corn Carl (his imaginary friend made of trash) as they learn the joy of individuality as well as the magic of belonging.



The Science of Breakable Things

Tae Keller

HC: 978-1-5247-1566-3
GLB: 978-1-5247-1567-0
PB: 978-1-5247-1569-4
EL: 978-1-5247-1568-7

This is the uplifting story of one girl who tried to use the scientific process to "save" her mother from depression. Readers will learn that hope is not breakable.



The Seventh Most Important Thing

Shelley Pearsall

PB: 978-0-553-49731-1
EL: 978-0-553-49730-4

An affecting and redemptive novel about discovering what shines within us all, even when life seems full of darkness.



Stargirl

Jerry Spinelli

HC: 978-0-679-88637-2
PB: 978-0-375-82233-9
EL: 978-0-375-89002-4

An emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love, perfect for middle-grade readers.



The Star Outside My Window

Onjali Q. Rauf

HC: 978-0-593-30227-9
GLB: 978-0-593-30228-6
EL: 978-0-593-30229-3

This is a story that explores the subtle faces and endless impacts of domestic violence and celebrates the power of hope and resilience—a message readers will carry with them.



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The Stars Beneath Our Feet

David Barclay Moore

HC: 978-1-5247-0124-6

PB: 978-1-5247-0127-7

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A powerful portrait of a boy teetering on the edge—of adolescence, of grief, of violence. Lolly's inventive spirit helps him build a life with firm foundations and open doors.



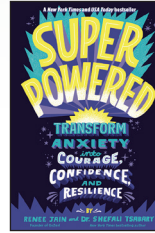
Stepping Stones

Lucy Knisley

HC: 978-0-593-12524-3

PB: 978-1-9848-9684-1

This middle-grade graphic novel explores family, belonging, feeling different, and accepting change.



Superpowered

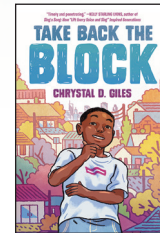
Renee Jain and Dr. Shefali Tsabary

HC: 978-0-593-12639-4

GLB: 978-0-593-12641-7

EL: 978-0-593-12640-0

This how-to book from two psychology experts—packed with fun graphics and quizzes—will help kids transform stress, worry, and anxiety by uncovering their inner superpowers.



Take Back the Block

Chrystal D. Giles

HC: 978-0-593-17517-0

GLB: 978-0-593-17518-7

EL: 978-0-593-17519-4

Take Back the Block introduces an irresistible sixth grader and asks what it means to belong—to a place, to a movement—and to fight for what you believe in.



Things Seen from Above

Shelley Pearsall

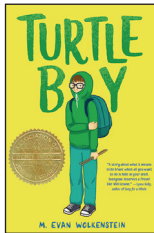
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PB: 978-1-5247-1742-1

EL: 978-1-5247-1741-4

A shift in perspective can change everything. This brilliant new novel from the author of *The Seventh Most Important Thing* celebrates kids who see the world a little differently.



Turtle Boy

M. Evan Wolkenstein

HC: 978-0-593-12157-3

GLB: 978-0-593-12160-3

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EL: 978-0-593-12158-0

A boy who has spent his life living inside a shell discovers the importance of taking chance.



War and Millie McGonigle

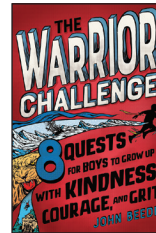
Karen Cushman

HC: 978-1-9848-5010-2

GLB: 978-1-9848-5011-9

EL: 978-1-9848-5012-6

Millie must find a way to keep calm as the world around her descends into chaos in this tale of World War II on the home front.



The Warrior Challenge

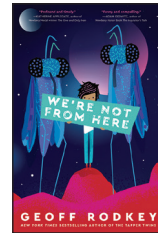
John Beede; Illustrated by Johnny Dombrowski

HC: 978-0-593-17529-3

GLB: 978-0-593-17530-9

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This action-packed illustrated guide teaches boys to develop much-needed skills of empathy and vulnerability as they grow into wonderful, self-aware men.



We're Not from Here

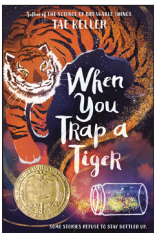
Geoff Rodkey

HC: 978-1-5247-7304-5

GLB: 978-1-5247-7305-2

EL: 978-1-5247-7306-9

A middle-grade sci-fi novel that proves friendship and laughter can transcend even a galaxy of differences.



When You Trap a Tiger

Tae Keller

HC: 978-1-5247-1570-0

GLB: 978-1-5247-1571-7

EL: 978-1-5247-1572-4

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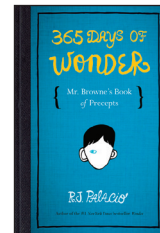
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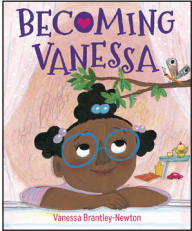
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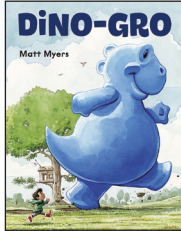


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Vanessa Brantley-Newton

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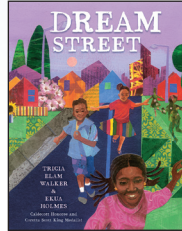


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Matt Myers

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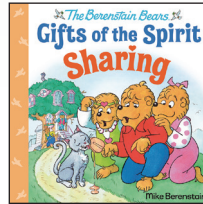


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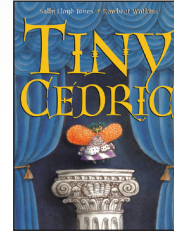
Welcome to Dream Street! It's where love rules and the warmth of a neighborhood shines. Introduce students to the importance of community.



Sharing (Berenstain Bears Give Gifts of the Spirit)

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A story about the joy of sharing with family and friends!

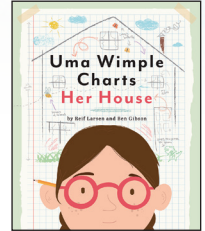


Tiny Cedric

Sally Lloyd-Jones; Illustrated by Rowboat Watkins

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A tiny king rides his palace of everyone bigger than himself until the babies teach him an important lesson: it's the size of one's heart that matters most.



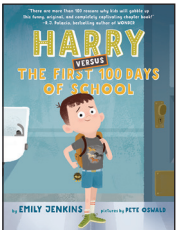
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Reif Larsen; Illustrated by Ben Gibson

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Told with humor and heart, this is the tale of one young data enthusiast's attempt at charting her family's love.

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Emily Jenkins; Illustrated by Pete Oswald

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EL: 978-0-525-64473-6

In just one hundred days, Harry will learn how to overcome first-day jitters, why guinea pigs aren't scary after all, what the silent *e* is about, how to count to 100 in tons of different ways, and much more. This is a story of adjusting to change that will normalize back-to-school worries.



Scaredy Squirrel in a Nutshell

Melanie Watt

HC: 978-0-593-30755-7
GLB: 978-0-593-30756-4
EL: 978-0-593-30757-1

Scaredy Squirrel leaps into the unknown and discovers something really uplifting. This fun graphic novel will encourage readers to leave their comfort zones.



Black Boy Joy

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Celebrate the joys of Black boyhood with stories from eighteen bestselling, critically acclaimed Black authors.

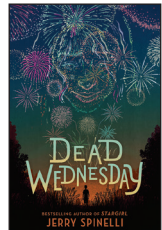


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Chad Sell

HC: 978-0-593-12554-0
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In this sequel to *The Cardboard Kingdom*, friends band together to solve a mystery.



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Jerry Spinelli

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Kristin Mahoney

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Elfie learns the value of "un-perfection" in a story that is great for middle schoolers who feel the pressure to be perfect.

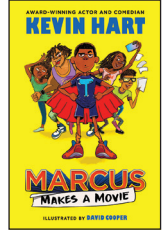


Happily for Now

Kelly Jones; Illustrated by Kelly Murphy

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Fiona wants to fix people's problems—but what if she's the one who needs help? A story about helping others and accepting help yourself.



Marcus Makes a Movie

Kevin Hart; with Geoff Rodkey; Illustrated by David Cooper

HC: 978-0-593-17914-7
GLB: 978-0-593-17915-4
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With the help of his friends, Marcus discovers that if you want your dreams to come true, you've got to put in the hustle to make it happen.

