

Early Years Children's Booklist (Birth-5 years)

"Mummy. Do you ever wish a book will never end?"

— Angela D'Ambrosio

"Oh, how scary and wonderful it is that words can change our lives simply by being next to each other." -

Kamand Kojouri

"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light" – Vera

Nazarian

As a general rule, the age of the main character is usually equivalent to the appropriate age for the reader.

Learning to read

For "learning to read" books the choice is Oxford Reading Tree. They are organised in stages depending on ability of the child. The stories include a range of experiences (e.g. going to school, getting a haircut, nightmares, the babysitter, birthday parties, etc.) and are written with wit and reference to feelings and relationships.

Language development

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

A story written in rhyme to help young children develop their language and humour in a positive way. Winner of the Smarties book prize.

Commotion in the Ocean

Andréa and David Wojtowycz

A story about animals written in rhyme to help young children to develop their language and humour. A positive way to explore language and humour without swearing and name calling. Also by the same author - *Rumble in the Jungle, A Lion who wanted to love* and *Farmyard Hullabaloo*.

Hairy Maclary

Lynley Dodd

A series of books written in rhyme to help young children to develop their language and humour. A positive way to explore language and humour without swearing and name calling.

The Great Divide

Dayle Ann Dodds

A story about a mathematical marathon written in rhyme to help young children to develop their language and humour. A positive way to explore language and humour without swearing and name calling.

Dr Seuss

A series of children's stories told through rhyme and clever use of words, such as, *"Oh, the places you go," "Mother."* Helps development of language in a positive way.

Willy the Dreamer

Anthony Browne

Winner of the Hans Christian Andersen Medal. A beautifully illustrated book about a monkey who loves to dream. Also by the same author for *Dads* and *My Dad*.

Typical stages of development for early years

First Experience Series

Fred Rogers

A series of books that help young children with transitions, going to the potty, going to day care, going to the doctor and The new Baby.

The Berenstain Bears

Stan and Jan Berenstain

A series of books to help young children through transitions, *My Trusty Car Seat, Pacifier Days, My Potty and I, My New Bed.*

Mercer Mayer Little Critter Series

Mercer Mayer

A collection of stories that help children with a variety of changes, transitions and difficult times in their lives. The stories help to see the positive side of each situation and include: *The New Baby, I was so mad, I just forgot, Just a day dream, All by myself, Me Too, A very special critter, Just go to bed, Just me and my Mum, When I get bigger, Just me and my Dad, Just me and my little brother, Just me and my little sister, Just a mess, Just me and my babysitter, Just Grandma and me, Just me in the Tub, Just lost, Just me and my puppy, Just Grandpa and me, Just a bad dream and Just my friend and me.* Order from Amazon.com

Franklin series

A series of books for young readers about first experiences, transitions and normal childhood problems. Titles include, *Franklin goes to school, Franklin in the dark, Hurry up Franklin, Franklin Fibs, Franklin is lost, Franklin is bossy, Franklin is messy, Franklin wants a pet, Franklin plays the game, Franklin's blanket, Franklin and the tooth fairy, Franklin has a sleepover, Franklin's Halloween, Franklin's school play, Franklin's bad day, Franklin rides a bike, Franklin's new friend, Finders keepers for Franklin, Franklin and the thunderstorm, Franklin's secret club, Franklin's Christmas gift, Franklin's class trip, Franklin's neighbourhood, Franklin goes to the hospital, Franklin's baby sister and Franklin and Harriet.* Order from scholastic.com, or scholastic.com.uk, or scholastic.com.au)

I want my Potty

part of a Collins Picture Lions Book series for toddlers

"I want...." Collection of books to help toddlers deal with potty training, dreaming, eating and a new sibling. Also by the same author, *Reckless Ruby, Why, The Pet Person, Nicky, The Second Princess and A Message for Santa.* The titles indicate their purpose.

Be gentle

Virginia Miller

A series of books to help toddlers deal with their independence. Also by the same author *Eat your dinner, On your potty and Get into bed.*

I will not ever Never eat a tomato

Lauren Child

Winner of Kate Greenaway medal. A lovely story about a toddlers refusal to eat the good foods. Many other titles equally fabulous for young children.

The Runaway Bunny

Margaret Wise Brown

A baby rabbit fantasises about running away from his Mother. With each fantasy, his Mother reassures him that she'll be there to find and protect him.

The Three Little Pigs

A children's classic telling the tale of three pigs earning their independence from their mother and supporting each other when confronted by the big bad wolf. For a humorous change, *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury.

Come on Daisey

Jane Simmons

A story about a duckling who wanders away from her mother. The importance of listening to parents and not wandering off.

Owl Babies

Martin Waddell and Illustrated by Patrick Benson

A story to help children deal with separation from their mother such as being looked after by a babysitter or going to nursery. It helps young children feel the reassurance that their mother will return.

My Do it

Ros Asquith and illustrated Sam Williams

A lovely lift the flap book about a toddler who wants to do everything himself. Also in the same series, *Ned's Rainbow, Here comes the rain, One Smiling Sister, Grumble-Rumble, Ball and Baby loves hugs and Kisses.*

Understanding of self

Quick as a Cricket

Audrey Wood

A story about self image told through the way children can be like the characteristics of animals - I am as happy as a lark, as sad as a bunny, as strong as an ox, etc.

Where do babies come from?

Angela Royston

This book helps young children understand how life begins, not only for humans but for plants and animals too. A good book for sex education.

Human Body

Scholastic inc. (USA) and Moonlight Publishing (UK). Conceived by Claude Delafosse and Gallimard Jeunesse, Illustrated by Pierre-Marie Valat

A unique way of telling a story about the human body, and how people around the world are the same on the inside. It includes a cardboard torch which helps a young child interact with the story by placing it under each page to highlight the different biological systems of the human body. Also many more different titles on a whole range of topics as well. Buy from Amazon.com and search under "A First Discovery Book"

"Mr" and "Little Miss" Books

Roger Hargreaves

There are 30 Little Miss books and 43 Mr books which help children to understand different personalities and moods.

Cars and Trucks and Things that Go

Richard Scarry

This is a busy book where children have to find "*Goldbug*". It sharpens the reticular activating system and is good for concentration and focusing on something. Good for boys who are active and need to learn to focus their attention. Also by the same author, "*Busiest People Ever*", "*What do People do all Day*", "*Funniest Storybook Ever*", "*Best Counting Book Ever*", "*ABC*".

Values

Pumpkin Soup

Helen Cooper

A lovely story about the importance of sharing, with beautiful illustrations. A nice story to teach territorial toddlers and young children about the value of sharing and taking turns. Winner of Kate Greenaway award for illustrations. Also by the same author - *The baby who wouldn't go to bed*, *Little Monster did it* and *The Bear under the Stairs*.

Pinocchio

Carlo Colloidi

A childhood Italian classic about a boy who is transformed into a toy and must learn the importance of listening to his conscience, the cricket and his father, Gepetto.

The Ugly Duckling

Hans Christian Anderson

A childhood classic about a duck that is ostracised from his family for not looking like them only to discover when he grew older that he was actually a swan. A comforting story which demonstrates the need to feel included.

The Selfish Giant

Oscar Wilde

The story of a selfish giant who did not want the children to play in his tree. He learns that sharing leads to love and happiness.

The Rich Man and the Shoemaker

Brian Wildsmith

The story of a shoe maker who is given lots of gold but does not know where to hide it, so becomes increasingly stressed and gives it back so that he can have his freedom again.

How Leo the Lion learned to be King

Marcus Pfister

The story of a lion that was told he was not fit to be a King. He left ashamed and reflected on his behaviour and starting helping the other animals in the Kingdom, and then was asked to reign again. The importance of feedback.

The Bad Good Manners Book

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Babette Cole

It helps children with their manners. It is also a good book to remind parents to use DO rather than DON'T. Also by the same author, *Bad Habits*, *Winni Allfours*, *Princess Smartypants* and *Prince Cinders*.

The Real Fairy Storybook

Georgie Adams and Sally Gardner

A collection of stories told by fairies that demonstrate certain values such as thoughtfulness, sharing, caring, respect, not being greedy, and so forth.

Resilience and Grief

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf (Ages 5-adult)

Leo Buscaglia

This story by Leo Buscaglia is a warm, wonderfully wise and strikingly simple story about a leaf names Freddie. How Freddie and his companion leaves change with the passing seasons, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow, is an inspiring allegory illustrating the delicate balance between life and death.

Goodbye Mousie (Ages 3-8)

Robert Harris

One morning a boy finds that his pet, Mousie, won't wake up. The truth is Mousie has died. At first the boy doesn't believe it. He gets very mad at Mousie for dying, and then he feels very sad. But talking about Mousie, burying Mousie in a special box, and saying good-bye helps this boy begin to feel better about the loss of his beloved pet.

I Miss You (Ages 4-8)

Pat Thomas

When a close friend or family member dies, it can be difficult for children to express their feelings. This book helps boys and girls understand that death is a natural complement to life, and that grief and a sense of loss are normal feelings for them to have following a loved one's death. Titles in this sensitively presented series explore the dynamics of various relationships experienced by children of preschool through early school age. Kids are encouraged to understand personal feelings and social problems as a first step in dealing with them.

The Next Place (Ages 5-adult)

Warren Hanson

An inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind. An uncomplicated journey of awe and wonder to a destination without barriers.

Sad Isn't Bad: Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing with Loss Series (Ages 5-8)

Michaelene Mundy

Sad Isn't Bad offers children of all ages a comforting, realistic look at loss--loaded with positive, life-affirming helps for coping with loss as a child. It's a book that promotes honest and healthy grief--and growth.

Badger's Parting Gifts

Susan Varley

A story about a group of animals who must deal with the death of their dear friend, Badger. It shows the importance of focusing on the positive. Badger taught them all very special things and that learning can be continued.

Goodbye Pappa

Una Leavy and Jennifer Eachus

A warm and moving celebration of life as two little boys mourn the death of their grandfather.

Mammy, sugar falling down

Trish Cooke

The story of Elizabeth, a West Indian girl who moves to England. She is sad at her new school but finds comfort in a new friend who likes to play jacks.

How the Whale Became

Edward Hughes

The story of a whale who did not want to move into the ocean, but when he did he felt so much better. Resistance to change can be difficult, but with perseverance it becomes the familiar again.

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Starting school**When I get bigger**

Anne Civandi, Osborne First Experiences

A story to help small children with the transition of going to school for the first time.

First Day

Margaret Wild

A story to help small children with the transition of going to school for the first time.

Billy and the Big New School

Catherine and Lauren Anholt

A story to help small children with the transition of going to school.

Going to school

Osborne First Experiences

Also *Going to the dentist*, *Moving house*, *Going on a plane*, *The new puppy* and *Going to the doctor*.

A new sibling**The night you were born**

Wendy McCormick and Sophy Williams

A story about a little boy waiting for the birth of his baby sister or brother.

There's a house inside my mummy

Giles Andreae and Vanessa Cabban

A story about the arrival of a new sibling. The child describes his mothers pregnant body as a house.

Brand new baby

Bob Graham

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The arrival of a new baby.

Family Relationships

Baby Dance (Ages infant-4)

Ann Taylor

Up and down, to and fro, coo and crow baby, there you go. Up to the ceiling, down to the ground, backward and forward, round and round ... All babies love to be lifted, twirled and held in loving arms. Now a rhythmic poem by nineteenth century poet Anne Taylor makes a delightful board book perfect for baby and parent to share. Marjorie van Heerden has captured the energy and joy of this playful text in vivid pastel illustrations full of the soft, gentle motion of dance.

Because I Love You So Much (Ages 2-5)

Guido van Genechten

Although Snowy the polar bear asks his mother many questions, he already knows many things, including the fact that his mother loves him very much, in a story with special flocking on every spread.

Counting Kisses (Ages infant-5)

Karen Katz

How many kisses does a tired baby need? Find out in this adorable kiss-and-count board book from Karen Katz!

Full, Full, Full of Love (Ages 4-6)

Trish Cooke

For the youngest member of an exuberant extended family, Sunday dinner at Grannie's can be full indeed - full of hugs and kisses, full of tasty dishes, full to the brim with happy faces, and full, full, full of love. With a special focus on the bond between little Jay Jay and his grannie, Trish Cooke introduces us to a gregarious family we are sure to want more, more, more of.

Guess How Much I Love You (Ages infant-5)

Sam McBratney

Here is a truly endearing keepsake that invites parents to enter firsts, favourites and fondest memories of their little one's life. Starting even before baby is born, Mum or Dad can share excitement while expecting, then capture moments from birth to age two - from the most personal details to world events - in words, pictures, footprints, memorabilia and more.

Guji Guji (Ages 5-8)

Chih-Yuan Chen

Guji Guji is just your ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill duck...um, crocodile...um, duck... In this engaging story about identity, loyalty and what it really means to be a family, Guji, Guji makes some pretty big decisions about who he is, what he is, and what it all means, anyway.

How Do I Love You? (Ages infant-5)

P.K. Hallinan

Now, for the first time, How Do I Love You? is available in the popular small boardbook format. The lyrical meter and simple rhyme makes this "love poem" especially suitable for the toddler age. And the message is simple: Mom or Dad loves the child -no matter what. P.K. Hallinan's delightful cartoon art will bring a smile to children of all ages.

I Love it When You Smile (Ages 3-5)

Sam McBratney

When Little Roo wakes up, he just feels grumpy. His mother tries everything to make him feel better, but nothing she does makes any difference. So how will a deep, wide, and muddy-at-the-bottom hole make Little Roo smile?

I Love You the Purplest (Ages 4-8)

Barbara M. Joose

Early in the evening two young brothers and their mama finish supper in the sturdy red cabin and set out to fish. While digging for worms, rowing the boat and pulling in fish, each brother asks his mama which one is the best at each task and, as they are being tucked into bed, which one she loves the best. Barbara Joosse's heartwarming text is beautifully complimented by Mary Whyte's engaging watercolor illustrations. Readers will delight in the tender message that every child holds a special place in a parent's heart.

No Matter What (Ages 2-5)

Debi Gliori

"I'm grim and grumpy," says Small to Large, "and I don't think you love me at all." But nothing could be further from the truth--and Large knows just how to reassure Small in this warm and tender story about a child's biggest worry and a parent's endless capacity for love.

Please, Baby, Please (Ages infant-5)

Spike Lee

Academy-Award nominated filmmaker Spike Lee and his wife, producer Tonya Lewis Lee, present a behind-the-scenes look at the chills, spills, and unequivocal thrills of bringing up baby!

Te Amo Bebe, Little One (Ages infant-3)

Lisa Wheeler

The sweet illustrations and rhythmic text of this mother-child love story follow a mother and child from the baby's birth to his first birthday, bringing the fiestas and mariachis resoundingly to life.

You're All My Favorites (Ages 5-7)

Sam Mc Bratney

Every night, while tucking in their three cubs, Mommy and Daddy Bear tell them they're the most wonderful baby bears in the whole wide world. But one day the three little bears start to wonder: How do Mommy and Daddy know this is true? And even more worrisome to each sibling: What if my parents like my brother or sister better than me? From the team who brought us the beloved Big and Little Nutbrown Hare comes a tale that answers a timeless question with the ultimate reassurance — and offers the perfect way for parents to remind their own little cubs how very much each one is loved.

Mamma's Morning

Kate Sternberg

Story of a busy and stressed out Mother Hamster who tries to get her four children ready for school is delighted when they do finally get ready. Good for showing children how to be empathetic towards busy Mum.

When Mum turned into a Monster

Joanna Harris

A story about Mum's frustration and her ability to manage her temper.

Harriet, You drive me Wild

Mem Fox

An Australian classic about a girl called Harriet who frustrates her mother because she spills and makes messes constantly. The mother screams but they forgive each other.

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I Love You All Day Long (Ages 3-5)

Francesca Rusackas

Owen's anxious question prompts this heartwarming, comforting tale of how a parent's love stays with a child whether they are together or apart -- all day long.

I Love You: A Rebus Poem (Ages 1-6)

Jean Marzollo

The author of the I Spy series offers preschoolers a gently illustrated poetic tale with simple text, pictures to decode, and a loving message to share. By the illustrator of the Caldecott Honor book, *Alphabetics*.

I Love You Through and Through (Ages 1-5)

Bernadette Rossetti-Shustak

A toddler and his teddy bear illustrate a young child's happy side, sad side, silly side, mad side, and more! Babies and toddlers will feel loved all over when they hear this declaration of adoration and affection! The book has sturdy cardstock pages and a padded cover with rounded corners for safe handling by little ones.

The Kissing Hand (Ages 3-8)

Audrey Penn

The Kissing Hand, used by millions of parents and children starting school or facing separation, is now brought to life in audio form. Package includes a paperback book and a reading of the story on CD, with and without page-turn signals. Also included on the CD, on a separate track, is the new, original "Chester's Song" with lyrics by Audrey Penn and set to beautiful music. A perfect addition to the home, classroom or library audio collection!

Koala Lou (Ages 4-7)

Mem Fox

When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time.

Mama, Do You Love Me? (Ages 3-6)

Barbara Joosse

This beloved story of a child testing the limits of her independence, and a mother who reassuringly proves that a parents love is unconditional and everlasting is a perfect first book for toddlers.

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Owl Babies by Martin Waddell (Ages 3-7)

"I want my mommy!" Three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, and they can't help but wonder where she is. What is she doing? When will she be back? What scary things move all around them? Stunning illustrations from striking perspectives capture the anxious little owls as they worry. Not surprisingly, joyous flapping and dancing and bouncing greet the mother's return, lending a celebratory tone to the ending of this comforting tale. Never has the plight of young ones who miss their mother been so simply told or so beautifully rendered.

Separation and Divorce

Badger's bad mood

Kathryn White

The story of a badger whose parents fight and find ways to resolve their differences. Managing conflict and stress is a normal part of life and learning to cope with it is an essential skill in life.

Two homes

Claire Masurel and Kady MacDonald Dentor

A story about living in two homes when parents divorce.

What Mommies and Daddies do best

Laura Numeroff

A lovely book about what mum's and dad's can do - they can both do the same. Good for divorce, separation or death of one parent.

Feelings

ABC Look at Me (Ages infant-4)

Roberta Grobel Intrater

A is for Angry when I'm having a bad day./ B is for Bashful when I'm too shy to play./ C is for Cheerful when things are going my way/..." Learning the alphabet has never been more fun! Kids will love lifting the big, colorful letters and discovering other children expressing their feelings and moods. The engaging rhymes and creative layout, with 26 letter flaps and delightfully charming photographic portraits, will keep kids captivated from A to Z!

"Baby Faces" books (Ages infant-4)

(most are by Roberta Grobel Intrater)

The perfect bath-time book and an ideal first read-aloud book, this new addition to the popular Baby Faces series, has appealing photos of multicultural babies and toddlers, and a brief, rhyming text.

Baby Faces (Ages infant-3)

Margaret Miller

This book catches some of the classic expressions that moms and dads are always trying to elicit when Grandma and Grandpa are visiting: smiles, pouts, wrinkly noses, and more.

Baby Senses Sight (ages infant-3)

Dr S Beaumont

Part of "Baby Senses" early development program focusing on the 5 senses and on speech development - In "Baby Senses Sight" babies are encouraged to observe the faces shown in the book, and then copy them in the enclosed mirror.

Can You Tell How Someone Feels? (Early Social Behavior Book Series) (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

This book helps your children identify different emotions and how others feel. Students examine the nonverbal aspects of a portrayed emotion in personified animal characters. Then the emotion is illustrated in real-life applications. Interactive questions build participation and help students explore feelings.

Double Dip Feelings (Ages 5-8)

Barbara Cain

Discusses how natural it is to feel contradictory emotions; presents situations, such as the first day of school, the birth of a sibling, or a move to a new house; and identifies two emotions each event is likely to elicit.

The Feelings Book (Ages 3-8)

Todd Parr

The Feelings Book vibrantly illustrates the wide range of moods we all experience. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to discuss their multitude of feelings in a kid-friendly, accessible format, told through Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes.

Feeling Happy (Ages infants -3)

Ellen Weiss

Introduces emotions, from happiness to sadness, using PBS Kids characters and a wheel for young readers to turn to the emotion that each character is feeling.

Glad Monster, Sad Monster (Ages infant-5)

Ed Emberley and Anne Miranda

Glad, sad, silly, mad - monsters have all kinds of different feelings! In this innovative die-cut book, featuring a snazzy foil cover, you'll try on funny masks as you walk through the wide range of moods all little monsters (and kids!) experience.

The Grouchy Ladybug (Ages 1-6)

Eric Carle

As children follow the Grouchy Ladybug on her journey, they will learn the important concepts of time, size, and shape, as well as the benefits of friendship and good manners.

The Pout Pout Fish (Ages 3-5)

Deborah Diesen

Swim along with the pout-pout fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading "dreary wearies" isn't really his destiny. Bright ocean colors and playful rhyme come together in Deborah Diesen's fun fish story that's sure to turn even the poutiest of frowns upside down.

The Three Grumpies (Ages 4-8)

Tamra Wight

A hilarious romp through one little girl's bad day-she wakes up on the wrong side of the bed, and all day the three Grumpies: Grumpy, Grumpier and Grumpiest, follow her around. She tries everything to get rid of them: stomping, hollering, and even ignoring them. But they only grin and retaliate by tripping her or splattering paint on her brand-new shirt. It seems she will never be rid of them...until a little smile creeps across her face and with an arsenal of giggles she soon manages to make the Grumpies flee.

Happy and Sad, Grouchy and Glad (Ages 4-7)

Constance Allen

In this Sesame Street Little Golden Book, Elmo and his friends put on a play all about feelings. Girls and boys ages 2 to 5 will giggle at seeing their favorite Sesame Street Muppets happy and sad, grouchy and glad!

Lizzy's Ups and Downs (Ages 3-9)

Jessica Harper

Lizzie goes about her crazy day at school and experiences different things, both good and bad, along the way, such as not being able to sit in her usual seat on the bus to reciting her special poem to her entire class.

My Many Colored Days (Ages 3-8)

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss's youngest concept book is now available in a sturdy board book for his youngest fans! All of the stunning illustrations and imaginative type designs of Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher are here, as are the intriguing die-cut squares in the cover. A brighter, more playful cover design makes this board book edition all the more appropriate as a color concept book to use with babies or a feelings and moods book to discuss with toddlers.

On Monday When It Rained (Ages 3-8)

Cheryl Kachenmeister

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In simple, straightforward text and marvelously expressive pictures, the author and photographer have captured the thoughts and feelings of one small boy. Whether he is proud or scared, lonely or excited, the boy's face mirrors his emotion with the wonderful directness of childhood.

Proud of Our Feelings (Ages 4-8)

Lindsay Leghorn

Priscilla takes the reader on an A-B-C tour of the emotions. The watercolour illustrations express the whole range of emotional reactions to various settings and situations, drawing the reader into Priscilla's world.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Storm Cloud (Ages 4-8)

Lezlie Evans

This story takes readers through the everyday ups and downs of the extreme feelings of childhood, using analogies like a storm cloud that's big, dark, rumbling, grumbling, and ready to burst into a shower of tears.

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If You're Happy and You Know it! (Ages 2-6)

David Carter

A favourite children's rhyme springs to life with clever pull-tabs and plenty of pop-up surprises.

If You're Happy and You Know It by Scholastic/Taggies book (Ages infant-2)

This jungle version of the classic song IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT! is a real read-along sing-along safari! Get ready to stomp your feet, flap your wings, and scratch your fur!

The Feel Good Book (Ages 3-6)

Todd Parr

Saying 'I Love You' in sign language feels good. Having a ladybug land on your hand feels good. Making a new friend feels good.

Peekaboo Morning (Ages 2-5)

Rachel Isadora

A toddler plays a game of peekaboo, and you're invited to play too. First there's Mommy to find, with Daddy not far behind. Then Puppy comes peeking around the corner, and a favorite toy train brings the toddler to Grandma and Grandpa. Isadora's brilliant, joyful pastel illustrations capture the familiar and cozy people, toys and animals that will delight babies.

When I Feel Happy (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

This book is one of a series designed to help you and your child to talk about feeling sad. Here are practical suggestions for dealing with those feelings. Parents can use this little book as a way to help the child to get over being sad.

"What Went Right Today?" (Ages 3-8)

Joan Buzick and Lindy Judd

Do you know what went right for your child today? Does your child know what went right for you? WWRT is a children's book to be shared by parents, grandparents, teachers, or anyone who would like to be remembered for the good times. The book comes with a music CD.

Sad Feelings

Let's Talk About Feeling Sad (Ages 3-5)

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Joy Wilt Berry

"Let's Talk About Feeling Sad" (Let's Talk About series) helps children understand and manage the emotion of sadness. Joy Berry's pragmatic approach shows children real ways to handle sadness over situations such as disappointment, separation, and loss. Like all of Joy Berry's books, Let's Talk About Feeling Sad speaks directly to the child and acts as a problem-solving resource for parents and caregivers. The book is filled with full-color illustrations and simple text that make the sometimes-difficult information easy to take in.

Franklin's Bad Day (Ages 5-8)

Paulette Bourgeois & Brenda Clark

Since Franklin's friend Otter moved away, nothing seems to go right -- until Franklin figures out a way he and Otter can stay friends.

How I Feel Sad (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

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Hurty Feelings (Ages 5-8)

Helen Lester

Fragility was a solid piece of work. But despite her sturdy exterior, Fragility was fragile. Anything and everything hurt her feelings. In the most benign compliment, Fragility heard an insult. No one could even say she looked nice without evoking images of big, squishy cupcakes—since they are also nice—and causing Fragility to flop on the ground and weep. Fragility's friends stop speaking to her for fear of another fit, but Rudy, a very rude bully, has other ideas. In the face of real insults, will Fragility finally learn to take a compliment?

Knuffle Bunny (Ages 3-6)

Mo Willems

Trixie, Daddy, and Knuffle Bunny take a trip to the neighborhood Laundromat. But the exciting adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes somebunny was left behind?Using a combination of muted black-and-white photographs and expressive illustrations, this stunning book tells a brilliantly true-to-life tale about what happens when Daddy's in charge and things go terribly, hilariously wrong.

Sometimes I Feel Awful (Ages 5-8)

Joan Singleton Prestine

This sensitive series offers a comforting and realistic look at some of the critical emotional issues that today's children face. These five extraordinary books are wonderful resources for children and the parents, teachers, and counselors who care for them.

The Very Lonely Firefly (Ages 4-7)

Eric Carle

In this classic and heartwarming story, a very lonely firefly finally finds the friends he is seeking at the end of a tireless search for belonging. Carle's rich, collage-like art and gentle text will be comfortingly familiar to his millions of fans. An accessible Level 2 reader, The Very Lonely Firefly is one that parents and children will read over and over again.

When I'm Feeling Sad (Ages 2-5)

Tracey Moroney

Have you ever been so sad that the world seems gray and droopy? Does being sick or hearing a family argument make you want to cry and cry until it floods? The little rabbit knows how it feels to be sad and just what to do to feel better. Read along, and you too might find that a great big hug is all you need to make the sadness go away.

When I Feel Sad (Ages 5-7)

Cornelia Maude Spelman

A young guinea pig describes situations that make him sad, how it feels to be sad, and how he can feel better, in a tale that uses simple and reassuring language to help young children understand and manage their feelings.

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Angry or Mad Feelings

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (Ages 4-8)

Judith Viorst

He could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. He went to sleep with gum in his mouth and woke up with gum in his hair. When he got out of bed, he tripped over his skateboard and by mistake dropped his sweater in the sink while the water was running. He could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Bootsie Barker Bites (Ages 4-8)

Barbara Bottner

Seeing bully Bootsie Barker get her comeuppance is guaranteed to make young readers smile. It's the worst when Bootsie Barker comes to my house. Bootsie's the one who pulls my hair and tears my books. She hates Charlene, my pet salamander. She says that I'm a turtle and she's a turtle-eating dinosaur.

The Chocolate Covered Cookie Tantrum (Ages 5-8)

Deborah Blementhal

While in the park Sophie decides she wants a cookie and throws a tantrum when her mother will not give her what she wants.

How I Feel Frustrated (Ages 3-8)

Marcia Leonard

A children's book that helps kids sort out the inevitable feelings of frustration that they face.

How I Feel Angry (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

How I Feel books help children ages 2-6 recognize and identify their emotions and give them a vocabulary to describe what they are feeling. If children can name an emotion, they are on their way to understanding it. And when children can talk about what they are feeling, their parents will be better able to help them.

Llama Llama Mad at Mama (Ages 2-5)

Anna Dewdney

Does any child like to go shopping? Not Llama Llama! But Mama can't leave Llama at home, so off they go to Shop-O-Rama. Lots of aisles. Long lines. Mama is too busy to notice that Llama Llama is getting m-a-d! And before he knows it, he's having a full-out tantrum! Mama quickly calms him down, but she also realizes that they need to make shopping more fun for both of them.

Sometimes I'm Bombaloo (Ages 3-8)

Rachel Vail

A delightful tale of learning how to deal with anger follows Katie, who occasionally loses her temper and becomes Bombaloo, as she learns that a little time-out and a whole lot of love can pacify Bombaloo and make her feel like herself once again.

That Makes Me Mad! (Ages 4-8)

Steven Kroll

What makes Nina mad? Well, just the kinds of things that would make any kid mad—Sometimes you talk about me like I'm not even there . . . When I want you fast and it takes you forever . . . When it's my turn to talk and nobody listens . . . that makes me mad!

The Rain Came Down (Ages 4-8)

David Shannon

Once upon a sunny day, the sky clouded over and the rain came down. The chickens squawked, the dog barked, the baby cried, the traffic snarled, the groceries fell, the people bickered and still, the rain came down.

When I'm Angry (Ages 3-7)

Jane Aaron

Often children are frightened and confused by their own angry feelings. They need to be reassured that this emotion is a normal part of life. When I'm Angry, one of the first books in the Language of Parenting series, explains this difficult subject in a completely original and practical way. Jane Aaron's boldly illustrated children's book features simple language and vivid images that capture a child's attention. Depicting kids in typical situations that evoke anger, the illustrations help children realize that others not only experience the same feelings, but find positive ways to cope with them.

When I'm Feeling Angry (Ages 2-5)

Tracey Moroney

When you're feeling angry you feel like you're going to explode. It's okay to be angry sometimes, as long as you don't hurt anyone. What do you do when your child is feeling angry? In 'Notes for Parents' at the back of the book, a child psychologist offers some helpful insights.

When I Feel Angry (Ages 5-7)

Cornelia Maude Spelman

Anger is a scary emotion for young children, their parents, and caregivers. As this little bunny experiences the things that make her angry, she also learns ways to deal with her anger--ways that won't hurt others.

When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry (Ages 3-7)

Molly Garrett

'Oh is Sophie ever angry now!' Everybody gets angry sometimes. For children, anger can be very upsetting. Parents, teachers and children can talk about it. People do lots of different things when they get angry. In this Caldecott honor book, kids will see what Sophie does when she gets angry.

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse (Ages 4-8)

Kevin Henkes

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her cool teacher, Mr. Slinger. But when Lilly brings her purple plastic purse and its treasures to school and can't wait until sharing time, Mr. Slinger confiscates her prized possessions. Lilly's fury leads to revenge and then to remorse and she sets out to make amends.

Scared or Worried Feelings

Creepy Things are Scaring Me (Ages 4-8)

Jerome and Jarrett Pumphrey

A little boy's bedroom fills with creepy shadows and sounds at night, until his mother turns on the light and explains them all away, in a bedtime story told with just the right mix of humor and understanding.

Franklin in The Dark (Ages 5-8)

Paulette Bourgeois & Brenda Clark

Poor little Franklin has one of the most common childhood afflictions -- he is afraid of the dark. This is particularly distressing for Franklin as he happens to be a turtle, and the darkness he fears is, of course, inside his own shell. Bravely, with shell in tow, he sets forth to seek help and in the course of his travels discovers a bird who is afraid of heights, a polar bear who is afraid of the cold, and even a hydrophobic duck. In the end, Franklin discovers that everybody is afraid of something, even his own mother, and his response to what he has learned is guaranteed to draw a smile.

How I Feel Scared (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

For ages baby to pre-school. This book is one of a series designed to help you and your child to talk about their feelings of fright. Here are practical suggestions for dealing with those feelings. Parents can use this little book as a way to help the child to control fear.

I Am Not Going to School Today (Ages 4-8)

Robie H. Harris

When a child gets ready for the first day of school, it feels very exciting. But doing something new for the first time can also feel somewhat scary.

No Such Thing (Ages 5-8)

Jackie French Koller

There is no such thing as a monster, and certainly no such thing as a monster under the bed. That's what Howard's mother tells him. There is no such thing as a boy, and certainly no such thing as a boy on top of a bed. That's what Monster's mother tells him. But no matter what their mothers say, Howard and Monster remain afraid of the dark . . . until one spooky night when both face their deepest fears. Jackie French Koller and Betsy Lewin have created a "monster-under-the-bed" story that offers the perfect cure for fear of the dark—laughter!

Sam's First Day (In multiple languages) (Ages 3-7)

David Mills & Lizzie Finlay

The story is one which children can identify with as we follow Sam from home to his first day at school. Although a chatterbox at home, he becomes very quiet at school. It is only at the end of the day when he sees his mother and sister coming to pick him that he finds his voice again.

Sheila Rae, the Brave (Ages 5-8)

Kevin Henkes

Sheila Rae, the Brave is a warm, humorous, and loving story of sibling sympathy and support. Just because Sheila Rae is older, she doesn't always know better!

Wemberly Worried (Ages 5-8)

Kevin Henkes

Wemberly worried about spilling her juice, about shrinking in the bathtub, even about snakes in the radiator. She worried morning, noon, and night. "Worry, worry, worry," her family said. "Too much worry." And Wemberly worried about one thing most of all: her first day of school. But when she meets a fellow worrywart in her class, Wemberly realizes that school is too much fun to waste time worrying!

When I'm Feeling Scared (Ages 2-5)

Trace Moroney

It's easy for anyone to be scared of some things, like the dark or dangerous animals! But lots of other things aren't really as scary as they seem. Each of the books in this series has been carefully designed to help children better understand their feelings, and in doing so, develop confidence and self-esteem as they grow. Talking about feelings teaches children that it is normal to feel sad, or angry, or scared at times. With greater tolerance of challenging feelings, children become free to enjoy their world, to feel secure in their abilities, and to be happy.

When I Feel Scared (Ages 5-7)

Cornelia Maude Spelman

Children will recognise similar experiences in their own lives as this little bear describes feeling scared when he has a bad dream or his mother goes away. Eventually our hero realizes that it's OK to be scared sometimes, and there are ways he can help himself when he's frightened.

How Are You Peeling: Foods with Moods (Ages 5-8)

Saxton Freymann

What better way for a child to identify different emotions than with the very expressive "faces" of fruits and vegetables! Simple rhyming text and a bright array of emotional produce make this the perfect introduction to the complex world of feeling.

How Do I Feel? (Ages 2-7)

Norma Simon

A young boy describes his feelings in different situations.

How Do I Feel? (Ages infant-4)

Houghton Mifflin

This series of full-color board books, with both English and Spanish on each page, will intrigue youngsters while helping them build vocabulary and an awareness of the world around them.

How I Feel Silly (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

How I Feel books help children ages 2-6 recognize and identify their emotions and give them a vocabulary to describe what they are feeling. If children can name an emotion, they are on their way to understanding it. And when children can talk about what they are feeling, their parents will be better able to help them.

How Kind (ages 2-5)

Mary Murphy

Hen gives Pig an unexpected present. "How kind!" says Pig. Pig is so touched, in fact, that he decides to do something kind too. So Pig gives Rabbit a gift. "How kind!" says Rabbit, who does something kind for Cow, who is kind to Cat, who wants to be kind in turn. Where will all of this kindness lead?

I Am Happy (Ages 3-6)

Steve Light

If ANGRY were something you could touch, would it be scratchy? How about LOVE? Would it feel soft and fuzzy? What does SCARED feel like, or BRAVE? Offering a variety of textures to touch, this unique interactive book invites a hands-on exploration of some very familiar feelings. For young children, who sometimes have trouble getting a handle on what they're feeling - or figuring out just how to express it - I AM HAPPY offers a creative way to start looking at and talking about the emotions people feel every day.

If You're Happy and You Know it! (Ages 3-6)

Jane Cabrera

An elephant, a monkey, and a giraffe join other animals to sing different verses of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

Little Teddy Bear's Happy Face Sad Face (a first book about feelings)

Lynn Offerman

Youngsters are invited to place die-cut faces depicting various emotions in the openings in the illustrations to reveal Little Teddy Bear's feelings as he rides his bicycle in the park, plays with his friends, and returns home to bed.

Lizzy's Ups and Downs (Ages 3-9)

Jessica Harper

Lizzie goes about her crazy day at school and experiences different things, both good and bad, along the way, such as not being able to sit in her usual seat on the bus to reciting her special poem to her entire class.

My Many Colored Days (Ages 3-8)

Dr. Seuss

A brighter, more playful cover design makes this board book edition all the more appropriate as a color concept book to use with babies or a feelings and moods book to discuss with toddlers.

On Monday When It Rained (Ages 3-8)

Cherryl Kachenmeister

The feelings a child experiences in the course of a week are clearly depicted in black-and-white photographs of a boy's facial expressions.

Proud of Our Feelings (Ages 4-8)

Lindsay Leghorn

Priscilla takes the reader on an A-B-C tour of the emotions. The watercolour illustrations express the whole range of emotional reactions to various settings and situations, drawing the reader into Priscilla's world.

See How I Feel (Ages infant-4)

Julie Aigner-Clark

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Delightful illustrations and an engaging narrative featuring Van Goat and his friends introduce children to the concept of emotions and help them understand how to identify and express their feelings.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Storm Cloud (Ages 4-8)

Lezlie Evans

This story takes readers through the everyday ups and downs of the extreme feelings of childhood, using analogies like a storm cloud that's big, dark, rumbling, grumbling, and ready to burst into a shower of tears.

The Way I Feel (Ages 4-8)

Janan Cain

Feelings are neither good nor bad, they simply are. Kids need words to name their feelings, just as they need words to name all things in their world. *The Way I Feel* uses strong, colorful, and expressive images which go along with simple verses to help children connect the word and the emotion. Your child will learn useful words, and you will have many chances to open conversations about what's going on in her/his life.

Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day (Ages 3-8)

Jamie Lee

Silly, cranky, excited, or sad—everyone has moods that can change each day. And that's okay! Follow the boisterous, bouncing protagonist as she explores her moods and how they change from day to day.

What Makes Me Happy? (Ages 3-6)

Catherine and Laurence Anholt

Happy or mad, busy or bored, young readers will recognize and relish all the ups and downs of childhood portrayed with bouncing verse and rollicking watercolors in *WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY?*

What I Look Like When I am Confused (Let's Look at Feeling Series) (Ages 5-8)

Joanne Randolph

Describes how the parts of the face look when a person is confused.

When I Feel Frustrated (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

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When I Feel Jealous (Ages 2-6)

Marcia Leonard

A children's book that helps kids sort out the inevitable feelings of frustration that they face.

Feelings of Alike

Greenwillow

A book of feelings in cartoon style representing a range of feelings experienced by children, love, joy, sorrow, hate, pride, fear and frustration.

When I feel Angry

Cornelia Spelman

A great book that helps children to label their angry feelings and manage their anger in appropriate ways, such as having time to themselves, empathise, asking for help, etc.. Other "when I feel" books in the series are great too.

Danny, the angry lion

Dorothea Lachner and Gusti

A series of surprising encounters takes the edge off Danny's appetite and his anger as Danny discovers how being friendly can lighten the blackest mood.

The bad tempered Ladybird

Eric Carle

A lovely colourful story about a ladybird who fights first, then learns that having friends is much better.

Daddy will you miss me?

Wendy McCormick and Jennifer Eachus

A story about a boy who misses his Dad when he is away from home for work. A beautiful array of feelings are explored by the little boy.

What's the Matter Davy?

Brigitte Weninger and Eve Tharlet

A story about a little rabbit who loses his comforter. This is a lovely story about feelings of sadness and joy and the values of sharing and caring. Also by the same author, "What have you done Davy?" "Where have you gone Davy?" and "Will you mind the Baby, Davy?"

Being a Friend

A Rainbow of Friends (4-8 years)

P.K Hallinan

A story in verse about how all friends are special and valuable regardless of differences or difficulties.

Best Friends (Ages 3-5)

Charlotte Labaronne

Alexander the alligator doesn't have any friends, and he's lonely. But when he hears that a new kid is coming to school, he is certain that she'll be his new friend. Alexander tries all kinds of tricks to overcome his shyness and befriend Louise the lion, but he keeps going about it all wrong.

Can You Be a Friend? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

In this story, children learn that they need to choose positive behaviors instead of negative behaviors that hurt their friends. Friendly, colorful characters and heartwarming text captivate the children and motivate them to answer questions and learn about self-control.

Can You Talk to Your Friends? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

Loveable characters and an interactive format teach children specific things to do and say in a conversation. Children answer a question on each page and, in the process, learn how to start, continue, and end a conversation.

Care Bears Caring Contest (Ages 3-6)

Nancy Parent

In Caring Contest, children will learn how the Care Bears help each other with their own challenges in caring!

Care Bears The Day Nobody Shared (Ages 3-6)

Nancy Parent

In The Day Nobody Shared, Share Bear makes Good Luck Bear realize the importance of sharing.

Fox Makes Friends (Ages 3-5)

Adam Relf

A lonely little fox masters the fine art of making friends--in a way he never imagined. The wonderfully original story, and its spectacular illustrations, will touch young children just beginning to understand the meaning of friendship themselves. In his first picture book, Adam Relf shows his truly remarkable talent.

Gigi and Lulu's Gigantic Fight (Ages 3-7)

Pamela Edwards

A story about an adorable new duo who share a gentle lesson about friendship and resolving conflicts.

Heartprints (Ages 3-6)

P.K. Hallinan

In this delightful and warm board book, best-selling author-illustrator P. K. Hallinan describes the ways our actions, small and significant, can make an impression on the hearts of others--the *heartprints* we leave behind. Full of many examples of kindness and acts of love, this book has a lesson for us all. The bright illustrations and simple text will inspire children to look for ways to have a positive impact on those around them.

How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends (Ages 3-5)

Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Time and time again, children are told to "play nice." This brilliantly illustrated board book is packed with rhymes that will teach children how. Mark Teague's laugh-aloud illustrations, along with Jane Yolen's playful text, will show children that "playing nice" can be easy and fun. Perfect for parents to read aloud with their children, this book is as humorous as it is instructive.

How to be a Friend (Ages 4-8)

Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

With playful full-color illustrations, Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown help kids cope with everyday social situations and learn.

Hunter's Best Friend at School (Ages 4-7)

Laura Malone Elliot

Laura Malone Elliott and Lynn Munsinger introduce two delightful pals who will entertain young children as they also provide an important look at peer pressure and first friendships.

I'm a Good Friend! (Ages 3-5)

David Parker

Pride in independence, being a friend, showing respect and working together is for all ages! These stories tell what some children do and happily ask "how about you?" Books about difficult concepts made accessible for the youngest children, these predictable emergent readers practically guarantee eager responses.

I Can Share (Ages infant-5)

Karen Katz

That's not fair! It's mine! For toddlers, sharing can be a hard concept to grasp, but with the help of this book, they'll learn that sharing can also be fun! Featuring simple, repetitive text and adorable toddlers, this playful little book is the perfect way to introduce the magic of sharing.

I am Generous! (Ages 2-5)

David Parker

This book is about generosity. Children at this age are typically in the egocentric phase of development. They want to know "What's in it for me?" The message that I want to send to them is that they will feel good when they do something for someone else. This book models what children can do for others right now in their lives.

I'm Sorry (Ages 4-7)

Sam McBratney

Having a best friend makes life so much better. But even best friends fight, and when that happens, "I'm sorry" is the hardest thing to say.

It's Hard to Share My Teacher (Ages 5-6)

Joan Singleton Prestine

This sensitive series offers a comforting and realistic look at some of the critical emotional issues that today's children face. These five extraordinary books are wonderful resources for children and the parents, teachers, and counselors who care for them.

Jamberry (Ages 2-5)

Bruce Degan

This bestselling classic features a berry-loving boy and an endearing rhyme-spouting bear. The fun wordplay and bright paintings with lots of details for young readers.

Join In and Play (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

It's fun to make friends and play with others, but it's not always easy to do. You have to make an effort, and you have to know the rules—like ask before joining in, take turns, play fair, and be a good sport. This book teaches the basics of cooperation, getting along, making friends, and being a friend. Includes ideas for games adults can use with kids to reinforce the skills being taught.

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear (Ages 2-5)

Don and Audry Wood

The Little Mouse and the Big Hungry Bear are known and loved by millions of children around the world. Little Mouse loves strawberries, but so does the bear... How will Little Mouse stop the bear from eating his freshly picked, red, ripe strawberry.

Making Friends (Ages 3-5)

Fred Rogers

Who better to teach children about making friends than the friendliest neighbor of them all, Mr. Rogers! In his gently written picture book, children will see firsthand how much fun making new friends can be. Loaded with real pictures of friends having fun together, this will help any early reader get excited about meeting new people.

Making Friends (Ages 4-8)

Janine Amos

Doing things independently is fun, but doing them with a friend is an exhilarating opportunity to learn from someone else. Readers explore the act of making new friends and the benefits that friendship brings.

Matthew and Tilly (Ages 4-8)

Rebecca C. Jones

Set in the diverse neighbourhood of a big city, this poignant and universal story of friendship tells about two best pals who share everything together—even making up after a quarrel.

Mine! Mine! Mine! (Ages 3-5)

Shelly Becker

My name is Gail, and here's a tale that I would like to share... Gail may happily share her tale...but never her toys, books, or other possessions. And that's the problem in this entertaining story, narrated in rhyme by the resistant little girl herself.

Mine! A Backpack Baby Story (Ages infant-2)

Miriam Cohen

Backpack Baby shows all of his things. Then he points out one special "think" and proudly proclaims it.

My Friend Bear (Ages 3-8)

Jez Alborough

Eddie's feeling sad, and so is the bear. They both wish they had a friend to talk to. All they have are their teddies, and teddies can't talk. Or can they? Teddy fans, prepare! From the author-illustrator of the best-selling WHERE'S MY TEDDY? and IT'S THE BEAR! comes a third warm and funny story about this odd-sized, lovable pair, a small boy and a rather large bear!

My Friend and I (Ages 4-8)

Lisa John-Clough

Two small children become new friends and have wonderful days playing together with their toys. But when one friend gets a new toy that he is reluctant to share, the friends are no longer so friendly. This story, told in clear, simple dialogue with bright, childlike illustrations, gives straightforward insight into the complications that can threaten even the best of friendships. The youngest audience will delight in the simple resolution that mends these friends' relationship as well as their toy.

One Lonely Sea Horse (Ages 4-8)

Saxton Freymann & Joost Elffers

One lonely sea horse learns that she has a lot of friends--friends she can really "count" on.

Perro Grande...Perro Pequeno/Big Dog...Little Dog (Ages 4-8)

P.D. Eastman

Two dogs are opposite in every way, but are the very best of friends.

The Rainbow Fish (Ages 3-8)

Marcus Pfister

In a simple and appealing way, the brief text conveys the story's universal message about sharing, and the smaller, sturdy format is just right for the toddler set.

Share and Take Turns (Ages 5-8)

Cheri Meiners

Sharing is a social skill all children need to learn—the sooner the better. Concrete examples and reinforcing illustrations help children practice sharing, understand how and why to share, and realize the benefits of sharing. Includes a note to teachers and parents, additional information for adults, and activities.

Sharing How Kindness Grows (Ages 3-5)

Fran Shaw

Children can open flaps and follow along as the boys and girls discover how sharing cookies, crayons, and a ride on a swing can brighten their day as well as avoid fights and make tears disappear.

The Selfish Crocodile (Ages 4-7)

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Faustin Charles and Michael Terry

Every morning a very large and very snappy crocodile shouts this selfish message: 'Stay away from my river! It's MY river! If you come in my river, I'll eat you all!' The animals in the forest don't know what to do. They are frightened of the crocodile. Even the fish, tadpoles, frogs, crabs and crayfish stay out of the water. Until one day the creatures are woken by a loud groaning sound which turns out to be the selfish crocodile in a lot of pain, and the smallest of them all, a little mouse, finds a way to solve their snappy dilemma!

Simon and Molly plus Hester (Ages 5-8)

Lisa Jahn-Clough

Lisa Jahn-Clough once again captures the complexities of friendship. She deftly explores the children's feelings of insecurity and exclusion, revealing both the hidden motives behind their actions and the keys to their reconciliation. Readers will discover that with a little understanding and compromise, while two is definitely better than one, three can be even more fun!

Sometimes I Share (Ages 4-6)

Carol Nicklaus

A little girl sometimes shares with her brother: she gives him half her cookie, lets him play with her toys, and even allows him to ride her bike. But when her friends come over, she doesn't always want him around. What happens then? A delightfully told and illustrated little tale that will evoke giggles even as it makes a valuable point about good behaviour.

Strawberry Shortcake and the Friendship Party (Ages 2-5)

Monique Z. Stephens

When Strawberry Shortcake decides to throw a party for her friends, Angel Cake's invitation is lost, causing her to believe that Strawberry is not her friend.

Sunshine & Storm (Ages 3-5)

Elisabeth Jones

A cat and a dog discover how to overlook the irritations that sometimes arise between the best of friends.

Talk and Work it Out (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

Children learn to calm themselves, state the problem, listen, think of solutions, try one, evaluate results, and even agree to disagree when a solution isn't possible. Includes skill-building games and role plays for adults to use with children.

That's What a Friend Is (Ages 3-8)

P K Hallinan

Helps children explore the many facets of these important relationships in their lives. The colorful illustrations and simple rhyming text will delight children, while parents will appreciate Hallinan's positive message about caring and sharing.

We Are Best Friends (Ages 4-7)

Aliki

When his best friend Peter moves away, Robert has no one to play with, no one to fight with, and no fun at all. Then he meets Will -- and finds he's not the only one who needs a new best friend.

Best Friends (Ages 3-5)

Charlotte Labaronne

Alexander the alligator doesn't have any friends, and he's lonely. But when he hears that a new kid is coming to school, he is certain that she'll be his new friend. Alexander tries all kinds of tricks to overcome his shyness and befriend Louise the lion, but he keeps going about it all wrong.

Can you be a friend? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

In this story, children learn that they need to choose positive behaviors instead of negative behaviors that hurt their friends. Friendly, colorful characters and heartwarming text captivate the children and motivate them to answer questions and learn about self-control.

Can You Talk to Your Friends? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

Loveable characters and an interactive format teach children specific things to do and say in a conversation. Children answer a question on each page and, in the process, learn how to start, continue, and end a conversation.

Care Bears Caring Contest (Ages 3-6)

Nancy Parent

In Caring Contest, children will learn how the Care Bears help each other with their own challenges in caring!

Care Bears The Day Nobody Shared (Ages 3-6)

Nancy Parent

In The Day Nobody Shared, Share Bear makes Good Luck Bear realize the importance of sharing.

Fox Makes Friends (Ages 3-5)

Adam Relf

A lonely little fox masters the fine art of making friends--in a way he never imagined. The wonderfully original story, and its spectacular illustrations, will touch young children just beginning to understand the meaning of friendship themselves. In his first picture book, Adam Relf shows his truly remarkable talent.

Gigi and Lulu's Gigantic Fight (Ages 3-7)

Pamela Edwards

introduce an adorable new duo and share a gentle lesson about friendship and resolving conflicts.

How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends (Ages 3-5)

Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Time and time again, children are told to "play nice." This brilliantly illustrated board book is packed with rhymes that will teach children how. Mark Teague's laugh-aloud illustrations, along with Jane Yolen's playful text, will show children that "playing nice" can be easy and fun. Perfect for parents to read aloud with their children, this book is as humorous as it is instructive.

How to be a Friend (Ages 4-8)

Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

With playful full-color illustrations, Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown help kids cope with everyday social situations and learn.

Hunter's Best Friend at School (Ages 4-7)

Laura Malone Elliot

Laura Malone Elliott and Lynn Munsinger introduce two delightful pals who will entertain young children as they also provide an important look at peer pressure and first friendships.

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Sunshine & Storm (Ages 3-5)

Elisabeth Jones

A cat and a dog discover how to overlook the irritations that sometimes arise between the best of friends.

Talk and Work it Out (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

Children learn to calm themselves, state the problem, listen, think of solutions, try one, evaluate results, and even agree to disagree when a solution isn't possible. Includes skill-building games and role plays for adults to use with children.

Lucy's Quarrel

Jennifer Northway

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A story about two girls quarrelling because one feels the other is bossy. They sort it out and learn an invaluable lesson about friendship. Helps young girls be less fickle about their friendships. Also by the same author, *Lucy's Rabbit* and *Get lost, Laura*.

Jamaica and Brianna

Juanita Havill

A story about two girls quarrelling because they don't like each other's boots. They sort it out and learn an invaluable lesson about friendship. Helps young girls be less fickle about their friendships.

Accepting friends with differences

And Here's to You (Ages 4-8)

David Elliott

Elliott's infectious joyful poem and Randy Cecil's brilliant, amusing artwork invite us to celebrate the world's vast diversity — and feel pretty happy with our place in it, too.

Big Al (Ages 4-8)

Andrew Clements

Poor Big Al! He just wants to make friends. And in the whole wide blue sea you can't find a nicer fish. But because Big Al is large and scary-looking, the little fish are afraid to get to know him.

The Brand New Kid (Ages 3-8)

Katie Couric

When Ellie realises how tough it is for Lazlo, she reaches out, and after school one day they share an afternoon of soccer, strudel, and chess. Besides making a new friend, she and Lazlo teach their classmates an important lesson—one that isn't in their schoolbooks—about accepting people who are different...and in getting to know Lazlo, the kids learn that people aren't that different from each other after all.

Chester's Way (Ages 5-7)

Kevin Henkes

Chester and Wilson had their own way of doing things, and they did everything together. When they cut their sandwiches, it was always diagonally. When they rode their bikes, they always used hand signals. If Chester was hungry, Wilson was too. They were two of a kind, and that's the way it was - until indomitable Lilly, who had her own way of doing things, moved into the neighborhood.

Chrysanthemum (Ages 4-8)

Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is absolutely perfect—until her first day of school. "You're named after a flower!" teases Victoria. "Let's smell her," says Jo. Chrysanthemum wilts. What will it take to make her blossom again?

Franklin's New Friend by Paulette Bourgeois (Ages 5-8)

Franklin the turtle thinks the new kid in school is big and scary. But young Moose likes to do everything Franklin does, and he soon becomes a special new friend.

Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores (Ages 4-8)

James Howe

Join these three charming mouse friends as they learn to do what they like, rather than what others say they should like.

I Accept You as You Are! (Ages 3-5)

David Parker

This is a book about accepting the differences in people. Recognizing and accepting that there are differences among their peers is an important step for children at this stage of development. Trying to embrace these differences without losing their own sense of self is an essential concept addressed in the book.

It's Okay to Be Different (Ages 3-8)

Todd Parr

It's Okay to be Different is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism, and promote character growth.

Margaret and Margarita (Ages 5-8)

Lynn Reiser

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Caring about others and Empathy

Bear Feels Sick (Ages 3-5)

Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

Autumn has come to the woods, and Bear doesn't feel well. He snuffles and sneezes. He cannot sleep. He aches all over. Worst of all, he's feeling too poorly to play with his friends. How Bear's good friends take care of him with herbal tea and lullabies until he begins to FEEL BETTER is the heart of this loving story that will be familiar to any little one who has ever had the sniffles.

Can You Tell How Someone Feels (ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

This book helps your students identify different emotions and how others feel. Students examine the nonverbal aspects of a portrayed emotion in personified animal characters. Then the emotion is illustrated in real-life applications. Interactive questions build participation and help students explore feelings.

Understand and Care (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

Empathy is key to positive, healthy relationships. This book builds empathy in children. In clear, child-friendly words and illustrations, it helps them to understand that other people have feelings like theirs—and different from theirs. It guides children to show they care by listening to others and respecting their feelings. Includes questions to discuss and empathy games to play.

When I Care about Others (Ages 5-7)

Cornelia Maude Spelman

In this simple book, the author begins by helping children see that when they are sick, hurt, or unhappy, others care about them. Children can then begin to see that others need to be cared about as well.

Dealing with bullying and teasing

A Weekend with Wendell (Ages 4-8)

Kevin Henkes

Wendell was spending the weekend at Sophie's house. Playing house, Wendell was the mother, the father, and the children; Sophie was the dog. Playing bakery, Wendell was the baker; Sophie got to be the sweet roll. Wendell shone his flashlight in Sophie's eyes when she tried to sleep. But when he gave her a new hairdo with shaving cream, it was the last straw, and Sophie made up a game that left Wendell speechless for a time -- and won the day for friendship.

The Berenstain Bears and the Bully (Ages 4-7)

San and Jan Berenstain

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this timeless classic from Stan and Jan Berenstain. There is a bully at school, and the bully is picking on Sister! Will she ever be able to stand up for herself?

Big Bad Bruce (Ages 4-8)

Bill Peet

Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more ways than one by a small but very independent witch. "Another animal fantasy that children will enjoy again and again."

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Coyote Raid in Cactus Canyon (Ages 4-8)

J Arnosky

While the rest of the animals hide from view from a group of rambunctious coyotes, the fearless gang takes full advantage of the open space of Cactus Canyon and participates with great zeal in an array of nighttime activities, but an unexpected encounter with a rattlesnake quickly puts an end to the coyotes fun as they are sent running for cover, too!

Hats (Ages 3-6)

Kevin Luthardt

When a young boy enters a hat shop and sees there is a sale that day, he carefully chooses the perfect hat. Then a bully tells him, "Dumb hat!" The boy is crushed--is his hat really dumb? But other kids who come along think the hat is pretty cool.

Hooway for Wodney Wat! (Ages 5-8)

Helen Lester

The meek wodent—er, rodent—hero with a speech impediment and a heart of gold is back! So is Camilla Capybara—the BIG bully who makes poor Wodney and his classmates tremble. But this time, Wodney has a secret weapon: a robot that helps him pronounce his r's and seems to be just the thing to scare Camilla away for good.

Hugo and the Bully Frogs (Ages 3-7)

Francesca Simon

Poor Hugo! What can one small frog--with a squeaky little croak--do against a big, bad gang of bullies? Every animal has a suggestion about how he can defend himself, but Hugo is just too timid to do anything. Then bossy Duck comes by with an answer--and the next time the Bully frogs appear, they meet quite a different Hugo. Every child who has ever had to put up with a bully will take heart from this clever and reassuring tale.

Problem Solving

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (Ages 2-7)

Mo Willems

When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place, in a hilarious picture book that perfectly captures a preschooler's temper tantrum.

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late (Ages 2-7)

Mo Willems

On the very first page, the same bus driver from the earlier Pigeon books again asks the child reader to be in charge. This time the request is to get the pigeon to bed while the driver brushes his teeth. From then on, even as the pigeon yawns and yawns some more, the sleepy bird tries one diversion after another to avoid his bedtime. Everything works out in the end and the reader is congratulated on a job well done.

I Did It, I'm Sorry (Ages 5-8)

Caralyn Buehner

Ollie Octopus, Bucky Beaver, Howie Hogg, and other animal characters encounter moral dilemmas involving such virtues as honesty, thoughtfulness, and trustworthiness.

It Wasn't My Fault (Ages 4-7)

Helen Lester

When accidents happen to Murdley Gurdson, they are usually his own fault, but when a bird lays an egg on Murdley's head one day, he tries hard to find someone else to blame.

Talk and Work it Out (Ages 4-8)

Cheri Meiners

What's the best way to solve problems between people? By talking them over and working them out. It's never too soon for children to learn the process of peaceful conflict resolution. This book distills it into clear, simple language and supporting illustrations. Children learn to calm themselves, state the problem, listen, think of solutions, try one, evaluate results, and even agree to disagree when a solution isn't possible. Includes skill-building games and role plays for adults to use with children.

Self Confidence

ABC I like Me (Ages 4-6)

Nancy Carlson

Nancy Carlson's cheerful pig is back in this vibrant ABC companion book to the best-selling I Like Me!--and she's brought along a few friends to join her. The letters of the alphabet are illustrated with brightly-colored, action-packed pictures and are accompanied by read-along text. Introduce children to the alphabet and reinforce positive self-esteem with the lovable characters of ABC I Like Me!

Arthur's Nose (Ages 3-8)

Marc Brown

Unhappy with his nose, Arthur visits the rhinologist to get a new one.

The Blue Ribbon Day (Ages 4-8)

Katie Couric

Ellie McSnelly and Carrie O'Toole, the winning pair of friends from *The Brand New Kid*, are back in a new adventure. Ellie and Carrie decide to try out for the school team in their favorite sport, soccer. But when only one of the girls is selected, the inseparable pair faces a challenge.

Can You Keep Trying (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

This captivating book helps children learn to try something new or stick with something instead of giving up easily. Charming illustrations, repetitive text, and interactive questions generate enthusiasm. Children learn that tackling things that are hard at first builds self-confidence and that being more independent makes them feel proud.

I Can Do It Myself (A Sesame Street Series) (Ages 2-4)

Emily Perl Kingsley

The Sesame Street characters describe the many activities they can do on their own.

I'm in Charge of Me! (Ages 3-5)

David Parker

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This book is about self-control. Self-control, in a general sense, is a choice. Making choices puts children in charge of their own behavior instead of having someone tell them the proper way to behave. When children are empowered to make self-control choices and begin to practice making them, they start to see the positive effect these choices have on how others see them and, most important, how they see themselves in the world.

I am Responsible! (Ages 3-5)

David Parker

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The Little Engine that Could (Ages 3-7)

Watty Piper

Everyone loves The Little Engine That Could, that classic tale of the determined little engine that, despite its size, triumphantly pulls a train full of toys to the waiting children on the other side of a mountain. Now the great Loren Long (Otis; Of Thee I Sing) has brilliantly re-illustrated this classic story, bringing it exuberantly to life for today's child. Get on board for the publishing event of the year.

Susan Laughs (Ages 4-7)

Jeanne Willis

Being in a wheelchair doesn't slow this youngster down as she spends a busy day playing with her friends, riding a horse, and swimming with her father, showing that disabled children enjoy many of the same activities as everyone else.

Too Loud Lilly (Ages 4-7)

Sophia Laguna

Lily Hippo is too loud. She sings too loudly, she laughs too loudly, and everyone knows when she is around. At home she disturbs the peace and wakes the baby. At school she gets her friends into trouble. She can't help it. But one day a new teacher, Miss Loopiola, comes to school to teach music and drama, and Lily discovers that she is doing exactly the right thing at last. When the school play comes around, Lily finds she is loud in just the right way.

Try and Stick With It (Ages 4-8)

Cheri Meiners

It's hard to try new things--for adults as well as children. It's even harder to stay the course when something is more difficult than we thought it would be, or when things don't work out the way we hoped. Yet flexibility and perseverance are essential to success in all areas of life, at all ages and stages. This book introduces children to the benefits of trying something new and the basics of stick-to-it-iveness. Includes suggestions adults can use to reinforce the ideas and skills being taught.

26 Big Things Little Hands Can Do (Ages 1-6)

Coleen Paratore

As children learn and review their ABCs, they discover positive actions they can perform with their own small hands—like applauding, building, giving gifts made with love, helping, planting, recycling, and volunteering. These are simple things even toddlers can do for themselves and others. The message throughout is that everyone, no matter how young or how small, can make a difference in the lives of those around them. The book ends with big hands clapping.

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle (Ages 3-7)

Eric Carle

When a little click beetle falls onto his back, he seeks the help of a wise old click beetle. "Look at me," says the more experienced click beetle, giving a loud CLICK and flipping onto its feet. But try as he might, the clumsy little click beetle just can't get the hang of it--or can he? In the tradition of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Carle creates a winning story of perseverance and pride in achievement complete with an ingenious fiber-optic microchip that truly gives voice to the valiant little beetle as it CLICKS its way through the colorful pages and somersaults into your heart.

Whistle for Willie/Sebale a Willie (Ages 4-7)

Erza Jack Keats

The story of Peter, who longs to whistle for his dog, is accessible to even the youngest child in a durable board book edition, with reinforced pages, a handy trim size, and safe, rounded corners. Ezra Jack Keats, who died in 1983, was the award-winning author of such children's favorites as The Snowy Day, which won the Caldecott Medal, and Goggles, a Caldecott Honor Book.

You Can Do It, Sam (Ages 2-6)

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Amy Hest

Endearing characters add to the sweetness and fulfillment that younger children will identify with, making this third Sam and Mrs. Bear story quite a delicious morsel.

Good behaviour expectations

Can You Listen with Your Eyes? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

This interactive story explains whole-body listening in a way that makes children want to focus in and ready their bodies for listening. Desirable behaviours are broken down into itty-bitty steps so children can attend and learn quickly. Heartwarming text and questions on each page keep youngsters engaged and eager to learn.

Can You Use a Good Voice? (Ages 3-6)

Nita Everly

This interactive story helps children discover when to use a quiet voice and when to use a loud voice, and explains why appropriate vocal loudness is important. Children learn to choose the appropriate vocal loudness during different activities throughout a typical school day.

David Goes to School (Ages 3-8)

David Shannon

David finds that school can be great fun after he takes control of his own activities, but the teachers don't think his kind of entertainment is amusing and so try to stay one step ahead of him in order to put a stop to his wild ways.

David Gets in Trouble (Ages 3-8)

David Shannon

"When David gets in trouble, he always says . . . 'NO! It's not my fault! I didn't mean to! It was an accident!'" Whatever the situation, David's got a good excuse. And no matter what he's done "wrong," it's never really his fault. Soon, though, David realizes that making excuses makes him feel bad, and saying he's sorry makes him feel better. Once again, David Shannon entertains us with young David's mischievous antics and a lighthearted story that's sure to leave kids (and parents) laughing.

Excuse Me!: A Little Book of Manners (Ages infant-5)

Karen Katz

"Please" and "thank you" are fun and easy to remember with Excuse Me!. Simple and repetitive, it's the perfect way to introduce those magic words that all little ones should know. From burping to breaking a sibling's toy, toddlers will love seeing these appealing babies in situations they know all about, and they'll have fun lifting the flaps to discover the right words to say—"Excuse me!" and "I'm sorry!"

Feet Are Not for Kicking (available in board book) (Ages 2-4)

Elizabeth Verdick

"Look at those feet! Aren't they sweet?" Yes—when they're walking, standing, leaping and landing. And when they're kicking balls or leaves. But not when they're kicking people! In simple words and charming full-color illustrations, this book helps little ones learn to use their feet for fun, not in anger or frustration. It also includes tips for parents and caregivers on how to help toddlers be sweet with their feet.

Hands are Not for Hitting (available in board book) (Ages 2-8)

Martine Agassi

Children learn that violence is never okay, that they can manage their anger and other strong feelings, and that they're capable of positive, loving actions—like playing, making music, learning, counting, helping, taking care, and much more. Includes a special section for adults with activities and discussion starters.

Hands Can (Ages 1-5)

Cheryl Willis Hudson

Hands can do much more, of course - wave hello and goodbye, play peekaboo, touch things, clap, even tie a shoe. For the very young, hands are a never-ending source of discovery and a means of mastery in an ever-unfolding world. With singsong rhythm, simple design, and alluring color photos of toddlers, HANDS CAN invites the littlest readers to discover the many things hands can do.

I Show Respect! (Ages 3-5)

David Parker

This book is about respect. Respect is a very difficult concept to explain to children. Long before children understand what respect is, they need to learn some of the behaviors associated with it. Repetition is a

wonderful way to teach this. It is the goal here through repetition to teach, review, and reinforce some of the behaviours of respect.

Know and Follow Rules (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

A child who can't follow rules is a child who's always in trouble. This book starts with simple reasons why we have rules: to help us stay safe, learn, be fair, and get along. Then it presents just four basic rules: "Listen," "Best Work," "Hands and Body to Myself," and "Please and Thank You." The focus throughout is on the positive sense of pride that comes with learning to follow rules. Includes questions and activities adults can use to reinforce the ideas and skills being taught.

Listen and Learn (Ages 3-6)

Cheri Meiners

Knowing how to listen is essential to learning, growing, and getting along with others. Simple words and inviting illustrations help children develop skills for listening, understand why it's important to listen, and recognize the positive results of listening. Includes a note to teachers and parents, additional information for adults, and activities.

No Biting (Ages infant-5)

Karen Katz

Can you bite your mom? No! What can you bite? An apple! Karen Katz's books are a must-have for every new mom and dad because they focus on how toddlers grow up and become more social.

No David (Ages 3-8)

David Shannon

David is a beloved character, whose unabashed good humor, mischievous smile, and laughter-inducing antics underline the love parents have for their children—even when they misbehave.

No Hitting (Ages infant-5)

Karen Katz

No hitting your baby brother! What can you hit? Pots and pans! Here are gentle and funny directives for "civilized" toddler behavior. Karen Katz's books are a must-have for all new parents! This 8x8 book has sturdy pages for little hands and also includes a sheet of stickers.

Please Play Safe! Penguin's Guide to Playground Safety (Ages 2-5)

Margery Cuyler

Penguin and his rambunctious young friends are off to the playground, running so fast that they knock each other down. Is that right? No, that's wrong! They should walk so that no one gets hurt. At the seesaw and slide, the silly mishaps continue, with pals like Elephant and Chimpanzee playing dangerously (in funny ways), then safely. Hippo bounces a ball off of Penguin's head (BOINK!), and Rhino throws sand in Lion's fur. But by the end of the day, the friends have learned the rights and wrongs of playground play, and they even pick up their toys before heading home!

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Quiet and Loud (Ages 1-3)

Leslie Patricelli

Whether you read it quietly or loudly, learning about opposites has never been more fun - or funny - than with this winning board book. Sniffles are quiet, but sneezes are loud. Amiably illustrated in a bright, graphic style, Leslie Patricelli's spirited board book, QUIET LOUD, stars an obliging, bald, and very expressive toddler who acts out each pair of opposites with comically dramatic effect.

Words Are Not for Hurting (Ages 3-6)

Elizabeth Verdick

The older children get, the more words they know and can use—including hurtful words. This book teaches children that their words belong to them: They can think before they speak, then choose what to say and how to say it. It also explores positive ways to respond when others use unkind words and reinforces the importance of saying "I'm sorry." Includes tips for parents and caregivers.

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