

LEVEL 1**Kindergarten*****Another Important Book by Margaret Wise (2006)***

The important thing about being One is that life has just begun. Look inside and discover all the important things about being Six, Five, Four, Three, One, Two, and YOU, in this lively picture book by Margaret Wise Brown.

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I'm Here by Peter H. Reynolds (2011)

I'm here. And you're there. And that's okay. But... maybe there will be a gentle wind that pulls us together. And then I'll be here and you'll be here, too.

It's Mine by Leo Lionni (1996)

Three selfish frogs live together on an island in the middle of Rainbow Pond. All day long they bicker: *It's mine! It's mine! It's mine!* But a bad storm and a big brown toad help them realize that sharing is much more fun.

Mine! Mine! Mine! by Shelley Becker (2006)

Gail's favorite words are "Mine! Mine! Mine!" and she uses them all the time. Even when she tries to follow her Mom's good examples of generosity, Gail doesn't get it quite right. "An ugly hat, a broken bat, a smelly, chewed-up shoe..." are all she'll hand over during her Cousin Claire's visit. Will Gail EVER become a "sharing superstar"?

My Friend Fred by Hiawyn Oram (2012)

Grace loves her best friend Fred, the family dog, but when she tries to keep Fred all to herself, she learns that the very best friends are the ones who share.

One of Each by Mary Ann Hoberman (2000)

Oliver lives alone in a one-of-each house -- "One plum and one apple, one pear and one peach." But he discovers that two of each is even better because sharing makes room for friends.

Selfish Sophie by Damian Kelleher (2003)

Sophie is usually selfish with the things she owns, but when her class goes on a field trip to the zoo, she learns that sharing can be fun.

Share and Take Turns by Cheri J. Meiners M.Ed (2003)

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. This book includes a note to teachers and parents, additional information for adults, and activities.

Sharing: How Kindness Grows by Fran Shaw (2006)

This book truly creates a cause-and-effect circle for children to follow. They learn that by sharing and being kind to others, it encourages others to do the same. Children are shown sharing not only tangible items like crayons and cookies but they also share hugs and kind words.



So Few of Me by Peter H. Reynolds (2006)

Leo's list of things to do keeps growing, until one day he wishes, "If only there were two of me." Just as the words are out of his mouth, poof! Another Leo appears! Two Leos become three, three become four, and four become more . . . but Leo can't help but notice that he has even more to do than before. As he struggles to deal with his overcomplicated life, Leo realizes that there may be a simpler solution to his overscheduling woes.

The Best Part of Me by Wendy Ewald (2002)

An award-winning photographer asked several children "What is the best part of you?", and presents their answers in this sometimes funny, sometimes moving, deeply personal book that includes striking black-and-white photographs taken by the author. This book is ideal for parents and teacher to use to discuss body image, self-esteem, and diversity, with children.

The Boy Who Wouldn't Share by Mike Reiss (2008)

Edward has oodles of toys but doesn't share any of them with his little sister, Claire. She cannot ride his rocking horse, hug his teddy bear, or even think about touching his Slinky. "They're mine!" he says. That is, until one day when Edward finds himself stuck under his enormous pile of toys and can't move! With a little help from an unlikely ally, he learns that if he can share with others, they'll share right back with him.

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds (2003)

Her teacher smiled. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." Art class is over, but Vashti is sitting glued to her chair in front of a blank piece of paper. The words of her teacher are a gentle invitation to express herself. But Vashti can't draw - she's no artist. To prove her point, Vashti jabs at a blank sheet of paper to make an unremarkable and angry mark. "There!" she says. That one little dot marks the beginning of Vashti's journey of surprise and self-discovery.

The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown (1990)

The important thing about The Important Book--is that you let your child tell you what is important about the sun and the moon and the wind and the rain and a bug and a bee and a chair and a table and a pencil and a bear and a rainbow and a cat (if he wants to). For the important thing about The Important Book is that the book goes on long after it is closed. What is most important about many familiar things—like rain and wind, apples and daisies—is suggested in rhythmic words and vivid pictures.

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (2001)

The new kid in school needs a new name! Or does she? Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey.

The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles (2005)

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!



LEVEL 2**Grade 1, Grade 2*****Accept and Value Each Person by Cheri Meiners (2006)***

This book introduces diversity and related concepts: respecting differences, being inclusive, and appreciating people just the way they are.

Because Brian Hugged His Mother by David Rice (1999)

Kindness IS contagious, and this story shows how even young Brian can start a chain reaction that brings a bit of joy to people he does not even know. It all starts out one morning when Brian wakes up and gives his mother a hug. A hug from Brian touches many people (and even animals), often in a humorous way.

Being A Good Citizen: A Book About Citizenship by Mary Small (2006)

This book includes activities that young children can actually do such as picking up trash and planting flowers in order to be a good citizen.

Being Responsible by Cassie Mayer (2007)

This book teaches about life skills and personal awareness. It uses simple text and engaging illustrations to teach important principles such as taking turns and sharing, leading by example and following rules.

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I Am Responsible by Sarah L. Schuette (2007)

Simple text and photographs show various ways children can be responsible including taking care of pets, brushing teeth, and performing household duties.

I Can Help by David Hyde Costello (2010)

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Jess Was the Brave One by Jean Little (1994)

When Claire and Jess go to the doctor for shots, Jess is the brave one. When the two of them climb trees, Jess scrambles right to the top. She even loves scary movies and thunderstorms. Then one day Jess's teddy bear is stolen by bullies--and it's Claire's turn to prove that she can be brave, too.



Mamma I Am Responsible by Adam Ahmed Yusuf (2011)

This book talks about thinking responsibly as a skill that can be learned and practiced.

Pebble: A Story About Belonging by Susan Milord (2007)

There once was a pebble on a rocky shore. It was small and round and nearly smooth. Amid a seascape dotted with endless rocks, one pebble yearns to be special. Can you find the pebble? This book offers a timeless message about finding one's place in the world.

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A series of photographs and descriptions by children about their favourite parts of their bodies are displayed. Each page offers insight into the qualities of each of our individual body parts, and celebrates the ways these different parts make us all unique.

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Adjustments to a new classroom can be hard, especially when children also make cultural adjustments for each other, recognizing and understanding contributing uniqueness of others.

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox (2006)

Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. But inside, they are alike.

Why Should I Help by Clarie Llewellyn (2002)

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LEVEL 3**Grade 3, Grade 4*****A Chance To Shine by Steve Seskin (2006)***

Through the eyes of a young boy, readers meet Joe, a neighborhood man down on his luck. One day, the boy's father makes Joe a deal: sweep the sidewalk each morning and he can count on his meals. From that day on, the boy begins to recognize changes in this man his father hired and when he's made stock boy, his new boss is Joe. Back at school the boy is inspired to interact with kids he used to ignore, and he realizes that Joe isn't the only one who's changed.

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Circle Of Friends by Giori Carmi (2006)

In this wordless story, a boy anonymously shares his snack with a homeless man, and inspires a cycle of good will.

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Have You Filled A Bucket Today? A Guide To Daily Happiness For Kids by Carol McCloud (2006)

This heartwarming book encourages positive behaviour as children see how very easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love on a daily basis.

Hooray For Wodney Wat by Helen Lester (2002)

Poor Rodney Rat can't pronounce his R's and the other rodents tease him mercilessly. But when Camilla Capybara joins Rodney's class and announces that she is bigger, meaner, and smarter than any of the other rodents, everyone is afraid. It seems she really is bigger, meaner, and smarter than all of the rest of them. Until our unwitting hero, Wodney Wat, catches Camilla out in a game of Simon Says. Read along with Wodney as he surprises himself and his classmates by single-handedly saving the whole class from the big bad bully.

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Mr. Peabody's Apples by Madonna (2003)

"Mr. Peabody's Apples takes place in 1949 in Happville, USA. Mr. Peabody is the beloved elementary school teacher and baseball coach, who one day finds himself ostracized when rumors spread through the small town. Mr. Peabody silences the gossip with an unforgettable and poignant lesson about how we must choose our words carefully to avoid causing harm to others.

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The Brand New Kid by Katie Couric (2000)

Everyone remembers feeling excited and nervous each fall on the first day of school. It's no different for Ellie McSnelly and Carrie O'Toole. But this year, there's not only a new teacher to meet, but a brand new kid as well. Lazlo S. Gasky doesn't look or speak quite like the other kids, and no one is sure what to make of him. In fact, they respond to his arrival at Brookhaven School by taunting and teasing him. But when Ellie realizes 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.

The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Derolf (1997)

This book has a simple message that when we all work together, the results are much more interesting and colorful.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (1964)

Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave.

The Magic Of Giving by Marc Dunston (2010)

When Marc decides to enter the school talent contest, he is at first discouraged because unlike all the other kids, he can't come up with a talent. But during a trip to the school library, he picks out a book about Harry Houdini and decides that his talent will be magic. He practices all week for the big contest, and when he wins the prize, he buys a Thanksgiving feast for his friend, whose father recently lost his job.

What Does Peace Feel Like by Vladimir Radunsky (2004)

Peace. What does that word really mean? This book asks children around the world. Peace is presented as appreciation for the little things we enjoy through the peace we know.

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Will You Fill My Bucket? Daily Acts Of Love Around The World by Carol McCloud (2012)

A simple question, "Will you fill my bucket?", is asked by children from twelve different countries.



LEVEL 4**Grade 5, Grade 6*****A Bad Case Of Stripes by David Shannon (2004)***

Camilla Cream loves lima beans, but she never eats them. Why? Because the other kids in her school don't like them. Camilla Cream is very, very worried about what other people think of her. In fact, she's so worried that she's about to break out in... a bad case of stripes!

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Bag In The Wind by Ted Kooser (2010)

A discarded plastic bag goes on a journey of being re-used and lost by a number of people, offering insight into the importance of taking care of garbage and recycling and re-using materials to take care of the Earth.

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How To Build Your Own Country by Valerie Wyatt (2009)

Want to build your very own country from scratch? It's easy: Step 1: Stake Out Your Identity ... with a flag, money and a national anthem. Learn how to put your country's name on the map. Step 2: Run the Country ... with a government, constitution, laws and an economy. Step 3: Meet the neighbors and join other nations on the big issues that face the whole world, such as poverty, global warming, security and international aid.

I Like Who I Am by Tara White (2010)

Celina is a young Mohawk girl who moves to her mother's home reserve. Her classmates, who tell her that she is not Mohawk and does not belong because she has blond hair and blue eyes, tease her. Celina starts to believe her classmates and decides not to dance at an upcoming Pow Wow. But her great-grandmother helps Celina understand that being Mohawk is not about how she looks but about what she feels in her heart. When the drumming starts at the Pow Wow, Celina decides to dance after all.

It Takes A Child by Craig Kielburger (2009)

It was an ordinary morning like any other. Twelve-year-old Craig Kielburger woke to his alarm clock and hurried downstairs to wolf down a bowl of cereal over the newspaper's comics before school. But what he discovered on the paper's front page would change his life -- and eventually affect over a million young people worldwide.

If The World Were A Village by David J. Smith (2002)

In 2002, this eye-opening book has since become a classic, promoting "world-mindedness" by imagining the world's population--all 6.8 billion of us--as a village of just 100 people. Now, *If the World Were a Village* has been newly revised with updated statistics, several new activities and completely new material on food security, energy and health. By exploring the lives of the 100 villagers, children will discover that life in other nations is often very different from their own.



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Roxie And The Hooligans by Phyllis Reynolds-Naylor (2007)

Roxie finds herself stranded on a deserted island with not only the Hooligans but also a pair of crooks on the lam, and her survival skills may just save the day -- and turn the Hooligans into surprising allies.

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