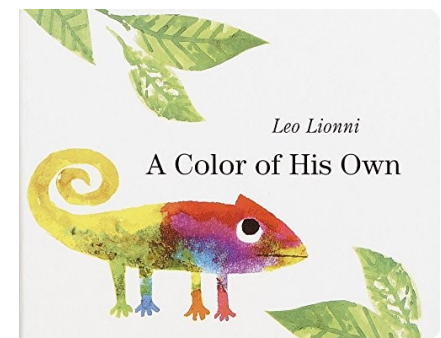
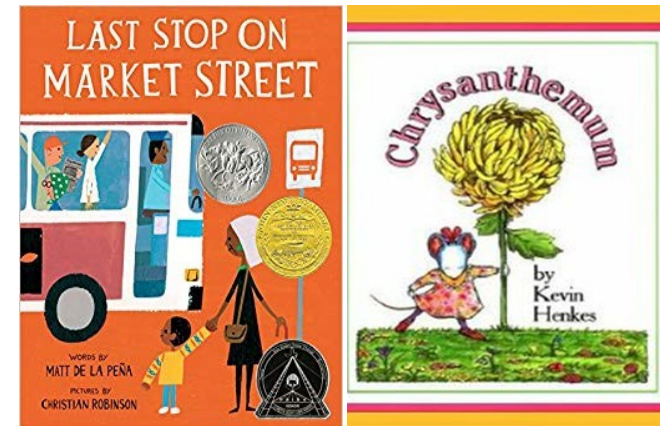


Empathy and Respect for the Very Young

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Books that help us...

- ♥ embrace people's differences
- ♥ stand up for what we believe in
- ♥ respect others



++ Parr, Todd

It's Okay to be Different

It's okay to be a different color. It's okay to dance by yourself. It's okay to wear glasses. It's okay to have a pet worm. It's okay to be different!

++ Pla, Sally

Benji, the Bad Day, and Me

Sammy is having a very bad day at school and at home until his autistic brother, Benji, finds a way to make him feel better.

++ Rosenthal, Amy Krouse

Exclamation Mark

He stood out here. He stood out there. He tried everything to be more like them. It's not easy being seen, especially when you're NOT like everyone else. especially when what sets you apart is YOU. Sometimes we squish ourselves to fit in. We shrink. Twist. Bend. Until a friend shows the way to endless possibilities.

++ Stead, Philip Christian

A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends. One day he woke up with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.

++ Verde, Susan

I am Human

A child recognizes his own humanity, his capacity for doing harm and being harmed, his ability to feel joy and sadness, and his belief in hope and promise to keep learning.

++ Vere, Ed

How to be a Lion

When Leonard the lion and his friend Marianne, a duck, are confronted by a pack of lion bullies, they find a creative way to stand up for themselves.

++ Walton, Jessica

Introducing Teddy

In this story, a boy and his teddy bear, Thomas, are best friends. But one day, the boy finds that Thomas the Teddy is sad, and can't figure out why until the teddy shares that she's really Tilly the Teddy.

++ Williams, Vera B.

A Chair for My Mother

After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy.

++ Willis, Jeanne

That's Not Funny

When Hyena puts a banana skin in Giraffe's path, causing a chain reaction of accidents that Hyena finds hilarious, he soon learns what it is like to be the butt of a joke.

++ Woodson, Jacqueline

Each Kindness

Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Maya is different--she wears hand-me-downs and plays with old-fashioned toys. Eventually, Maya plays alone, and then stops coming to school altogether.

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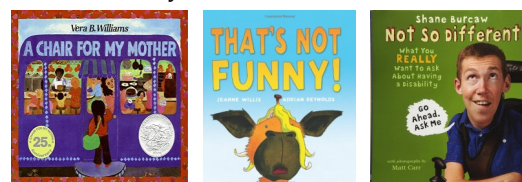
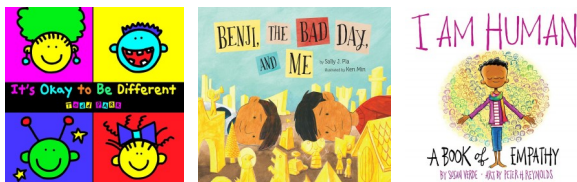
Not So Different by Shane Burcaw

A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

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All the World by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon

Following a circle of family and friends through the course of a day from morning until night, this book affirms the importance of all things great and small in our world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky.



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++ Beaumont, Karen PB

I Like Myself

Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters. This story encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves, inside and out.

++ Boelts, Maribeth

Those Shoes

All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. Jeremy's grandma tells him they don't have room for "want," just "need," and what Jeremy needs are new boots for winter.

++ Brandt, Lois

Maddi's Fridge

Maddi's fridge is almost empty, while Sophia's fridge is full of food. How can Sophia help her friend Maddi without breaking her promise not to tell anyone?

++ Campbell, Marcy

Adrian Simcox Does Not Have a Horse

Adrian Simcox brags about owning a horse, and Chloe just knows he's making stuff up, until she learns an important lesson in empathy.

++ Choi, Yangsook

The Name Jar

Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. Instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week.

++ De Kinder, Jan

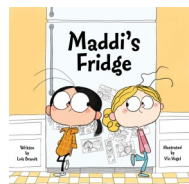
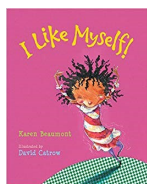
Red

Torn between her fear of the bully on the school playground and her sympathy for her classmate, a girl must make a difficult choice.

++ De la Peña, Matt

Last Stop on Market Street

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. Today CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine and the world around them.



++ Hall, Michael

Red: A Crayon's Story

A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as "red" suffers an identity crisis. This story is about being true to your inner self and following your own path, despite obstacles that may come your way.

++ Henkes, Kevin

Chrysanthemum

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is absolutely Perfect until her first day of school. "You're named after a flower!" teases Victoria. This funny and honest story about teasing, self-esteem, and acceptance is perfect to share all year round.

++ Kasza, Keiko

A Mother for Choco

Mrs. Bear looks very different from what Choco would expect his mom to look like, but then after meeting Mrs. Bear's other children it becomes clear that differences are a wonderful thing.

++ Keller, Laurie

Do Unto Otters

Mr. Rabbit wonders if he will be able to get along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the golden rule.

++ Kerascoët

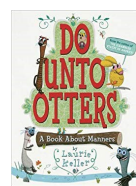
I Walk with Vanessa

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl, but she is not sure how to help.

++ Leaf, Munro

The Story of Ferdinand

All the other bulls run and jump and butt their heads together. Ferdinand would rather sit and smell the flowers. He does just that, until the day a bumblebee and some men from the Madrid bullfights give gentle Ferdinand a chance to be the most ferocious star and unexpected hero.



++ Lionni, Leo

A Color of His Own

Only the chameleon has no color of his own. One day a chameleon has an idea to remain one color forever by staying on the greenest leaf he can find, but in the autumn, the leaf changes from green to yellow to red and so does the chameleon.

++ Lucas, Lisa

Spectacularly Beautiful

A teacher helps one of her students, who is scarred from violence, see that she is spectacularly beautiful.

++ Manushkin, Fran

Happy in Our Skin

Is there anything more splendid than a baby's skin? For families of all stripes comes a sweet celebration of what makes us unique and what holds us together.

++ Meddour, Wendy

Lubna and Pebble

Lubna's best friend is a pebble. Pebble always listens to her stories. Pebble always smiles when she feels scared. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna realizes that he needs Pebble even more than she does.

++ Miller, Sharee

Don't Touch My Hair!

Aria loves her soft and bouncy hair, but must go to extremes to avoid people who touch it without permission until, finally, she speaks up.

++ Munson, Derek

Enemy Pie

Hoping that the pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend. Part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy!

++ Palacio, R.J.

We're All Wonders

Augie enjoys the company of his dog, Daisy, and using his imagination, but painfully endures the taunts of his peers because of his facial deformity.

