

# IB Learner Profile: An Annotated Bibliography

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## Introduction

This document is an annotated bibliography of picture books. These books can be used in the classroom to illustrate and support character education in various curricula, and the IBO Learner Profile in any of the three International Baccalaureate programmes, the PYP, the MYP and Diploma.

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## IBO Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences can also be right.

## The IB Learner Profile

The aim of the IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

IB learners strive to be:

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## Inquirers

They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

### *More Than Anything Else*

Bradby, Marie 0531094642 c1995

This is the story of the young life of Booker T. Washington, as he works with his father and brother in a salt mine, but dreams of the day when he will be able to read. (5-8yrs.)

### *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*

Brett, Jan 09922033X c1989

Lost in the woods, a tired and hungry girl finds the house of the three bears where she helps herself to food and goes to sleep. (4-7yrs.)

### *The Mitten*

Brett, Jan 039921920x c1989

Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. (4-7yrs.)

### *Odd Boy Out; Young Albert Einstein*

Brown, Don 0618492984 c2004

This picture book biography of Albert Einstein, focuses on his oddness as a child, and his disinterest in school, and the significance of his discoveries in physics. (5-8yrs.)

### *Verdi*

Cannon, Janell 0152010289 c1997

A young python does not want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes he sees in the tropical jungle where he lives. (5-8yrs.)

### *Counting on Frank*

Clement, Rod 0836803582 c1991

A boy and his dog present amusing counting, size comparison, and mathematical facts. (7-12yrs.)

### *Are You My Mother?*

Eastman, P.D. 0679890475 c1998

A little bird who has fallen out of the nest, asks animals, planes, and boats, "Are you my mother?" until he finds his own mother. (4-7yrs.)

*Olivia...and the Missing Toy*

Falconer, Ian                    068985291                    c2003 re-print

When her best toy mysteriously disappears, Olivia the feisty pig is determined to find out who is responsible. (4-8yrs.)

*Stella, Queen of the Snow*

Gay, Marie-Louise (Canadian)                    088994044                    c2000

Stella answers all of Sam's questions about snow while introducing him to playing in it. (4-7yrs.)

*Around the World: Who's Been Here?*

George, Lindsay Barrett                    0688152686                    c1999

A teacher travels around the world viewing animals in their natural habitats and writes back to her class about her findings. (5-8yrs.)

*In the Snow: Who's been Here?*

George, Lindsay Barrett                    0688123201                    c1995

Two children on their way to go sledding see evidence of a variety of animal life. (4-7yrs.)

*Small Green Snake*

Gray, Libba Moore                    053107095                    c1994

Despite his mother's warning not to wander, Small Green Snake wiggles away to investigate a new sound from across the garden wall. (4-7yrs.)

*The Snowy Day*

Keats, Ezra Jack                    0670654000                    c1962

The book follows the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. (4-7yrs.)

*Anancy and the Haunted House*

Keens-Douglas, Richardo (Canadian)                    1550377371                    c2002

Anancy the spider gets a little help from his friends when he investigates an haunted house. (5-8yrs.)

*Sam Goes to School*

Labatt, Mary (Canadian)                    15533756645                    c2004

Sam the puppy, envious of the children getting on the bus for school, decides to sneak aboard and join the fun. (4-7yrs.)

*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*

Lasky, Kathryn                    0316515264                    c1995

This book describes the life and work of Eratosthenes, the Greek geographer and astronomer who accurately measured the circumference of the Earth. (8-12yrs.)  
Knowledgeable, Thinkers

*Why Explore?*

Lendroth, Susan                      1582461503                      c2005

This is the ultimate statement in a picture book form of humanity's thirst for knowledge. (5- 8yrs.) Knowledgeable

*What the Animals Were Waiting For*

London, Jonathan (Canadian)    0439956543                      c2001

What are the animals waiting for? This book tells the story of the dramatic cycles of life on the African savannah. (5-9yrs.)

*The Name of the Tree*

Lottridge, Celia Barker (Canadian)    0888990979                      c1989

When the other animals fail at the task, the slow but wise turtle finds a way to obtain the bountiful fruits of a magic tree. (5-9yrs.)

*Snowflake Bentley*

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs                      0395861624                      c1998

This is a biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. (5-9yrs.)

*The Three Questions*

Muth, Jon J.                      0439199964                      c2002

This book is based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. Nikolai asks his animal friends to help him answer three important questions: "When is the best time to do things? Who is the most important? and What is the right thing to do?" (6-12yrs.) Principled, Balanced

*How Much, How Many, How Far, How Heavy, How Long, How Tall is 1000?*

Nolan, Helen and Walker, Tracy (Canadian)    1550741640                      c1995

Provides information and asks questions about just how many items are in a thousand including how high a thousand sheets of paper are, how much space does a thousand pennies take up, and how a thousand hockey fans could fill a small stadium. (5-9yrs.)

*Peg and the Yeti*

Oppel, Kenneth (Canadian)                      00020005387                      c2004

A feisty heroine never misses a beat in her quest to climb a mountain and make a friend. (4-7yrs.)

*Meteor!*

Polacco, Patricia                      0399224076                      c1987

A quiet rural community is dramatically changed when a meteor crashes down in the front yard of the Gaw family. (5-9yrs.)

*The Subway Mouse*

Reid, Barbara (Canadian) 0439974682 c2003

A mouse named Nib leaves his dirty, crowded home under a busy subway station and sets out on a long journey, joined by Lola, a mouse he meets along the way. (4-7yrs.)

*Curious George Visits the Library (or other choice)*

Rey, Margret & H. A. 0618065652 c2003

Curious George arrives at the library just in time for story hour, but it is hard for the little monkey to sit still. (4-7yrs.)

*Starry Messenger*

Sis, Peter 0374371911 c1996

This book depicts the life of the famous scientist, mathematician, astronomer, philosopher, physicist, Galileo Galilei. (8-12yrs.) Thinkers

*Transformed; How Everyday Things Are Made*

Slavin, Bill (Canadian) 155371798 c2005

Presents full colour illustrations that describe how over sixty everyday objects are made including chewing gum, pencils, plastic wrap, paper, ice cream, toothpaste, and many more. (8-12yrs.)

*From One to One Hundred*

Sloat, Teri 0140556435 c1995

An ingenious counting book, with thousands of items imaginatively arranged for finding. (4-7yrs.)

*Yellow & Pink*

Steig, William 0374385714 c1984

Two painted wooden figures argue about where they came from, whether they just happened by accident or were created by some other being. (6-10yrs.)

*Where are you going, Manyoni?*

Stock, Catherine 0688103529 c1993

The story is of a child's long walk to school in rural Zimbabwe, encountering several wild animals on the way. (5-8yrs.)

*How much is a Million?*

Swartz, David M 068804047 c1985

Text and pictures try to make possible the conceptualization of a million, a billion, and a trillion (6-9yrs.)



*Jumanji*

Val Allsburg, Chris                      00395304482                      c1981

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. (8-12yrs.)

*What's the Matter with Albert? A Story of Albert Einstein*

Wishinsky, Frieda (Canadian) 1894379314                      c2002

A young boy is chosen by his school newspaper to interview Albert Einstein, giving him the opportunity to learn all about the great scientist's childhood. (8-12yrs.)

Compiled by Elizabeth Walters, Sunnybrook School

## Knowledgeable

They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

### *Mary Anning and the Sea Dragon*

Atkins, Jeannine 0374348405 (HC) c1999

Mary Anning knew how to remove fossils safely from their rocky bed and how to recognize something different about the row of teeth which led to her discovery of the first fossil skeleton. This was the knowledge gained through hand and eye and from patience and experience. (9-11yrs)

### *One Grain of Rice*

Demi 059093998X (HC) c1997

The knowledge of arithmetic enables the young girl to outwit the greedy raja who refuses to share his stored rice with his starving people. (8-10yrs)

### *My Great-Aunt Arizona*

Houston, Gloria 0060226064 (HC) c1992

Knowledge of the world through travel was a dream that Arizona could never afford, but she gained knowledge the next best way – through her books. (7-11yrs)

### *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*

Lasky, Kathryn 0316515264 (HC) c1994

This is the story of the Ancient Greek mathematician, Eratosthenes. Over two thousand years ago he measured the Earth by calculation to within 200 miles of its current accurate measurement. (9-11yrs)

### *Why Explore?*

Lendroth, Susan 1582461503 (HC) c2005

This is the ultimate statement in picture book form of humanity's thirst for knowledge. (9-11yrs) Inquirer

### *What You Know First*

MacLachlan, Patricia 0060244135 (HC) c1995

The family is preparing to move away from their farm and the elder daughter is reflecting on all the things she knew and loved from her earliest days so that when her baby brother is older she can tell him all about the farm. (7-11yrs) Reflective

*How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World*

McNulty, Faith 0064432181 (Pb) c1979

Children marvel at this book not simply because of the amazing description and measurements (awesomely big numbers) of the interior of our planet, but because of how they must have calculated all this. (8-10yrs)

*The Bee Tree*

Polacco, Patricia 039921965x c1993

To search his granddaughter the value of books, a grandfather leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey. (6-11yrs.)

*Officer Buckle and Gloria*

Rathman, Peggy 0399226168 (HC) c1995

Officer Buckle knows all about safety, but when he tries to impart that knowledge to the students in school he bores them to sleep! No matter because his dog Gloria knows all this stuff too and she knows exactly how to make the children sit up and take note! (7-9yrs)

*The Houdini Box*

Selznick, Brian 0689844514 (Pb) c1991

Houdini has promised to tell young Victor the secrets of all his famous escaping tricks, but he dies before he can share them. All he leaves for the boy is a locked box with someone else's initials on it. Surely this cannot contain the knowledge Victor craves? (9-11yrs)

*Ibn Sina (Avicenna) Prince of Physicians*

Shah-Kazemi, Reza 190025123X (Pb) c1997

This is an exquisitely illustrated picture book biography about the scholar whose vast knowledge of the human body and medicine made him one of the greatest figures in the history of Medicine. (8-11yrs)

*If the World Were a Village*

Smith, David J. 1550747797 (HC) c2002 (updated 2003)

This book details the basic facts about the numbers, nationalities, and needs of humanity across the globe. You need a good map of the world in addition to the book. There's information here that will startle and provoke much thinking and discussion. It is a must for Global Education. (10+)

*Tops and Bottoms*

Stevens, Janet 0152928510 (HC) c1995

Hare and Bear negotiate over the kitchen garden. The deal is one takes the tops and the other takes the bottoms of the veggies. Hare knows his vegetables so he always knows which way to call it in order to stay on top of his game! (7-9yrs)

*The Library*

Stewart, Sarah            0374343888            c1995

Elizabeth Brown loves to read more than anything else, but when her collection of books grows and grows, she must make a change in her life. (5-10yrs.)

*Voices of Ancient Egypt*

Winters, Kay            0792275608 (HC)            c2003

If the workers of Ancient Egypt could speak to us, how much more we would know about their lives. Writing in role, Winters has created a fascinating and compelling way to extend our knowledge. (9-11yrs)

*Heckedy Peg*

Wood, Audrey            0152336796 (Pb)            c1987

A mother is able to rescue her children from the witch because she knows them so well. (7-11yrs)

Compiled by Jennifer Levere, Montcrest School & Elizabeth Walters, Sunnybrook School

## Thinkers

They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

### *Leonardo and the Flying Boy*

Anholt, Laurence 0764152254 c2000

Readers learn about da Vinci's many accomplishments in art, engineering and science in this story of the experiences of his young apprentices. (8-11yrs.)

### *Elephants Can Paint Too!*

Arnold, Katya 0689869851 c2005

In this true story about Asian elephants readers learn about a program that teaches these great creatures how to paint. (5-11yrs.)

### *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!*

Beaumont, Karen 0152024883 c2005

The child in this story decides to paint himself when he is told not to paint the walls. To the tune of "It ain't gonna rain no more", this delightful story teaches children about music, art and the human body. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Clay Ladies*

Bedard, Michael (Canadian) 0887765734 c1999

One day a little girl finds a wounded bird. She is certain that her neighbours, known as the "Clay Ladies", will help her. The ladies nurse the bird back to health and introduce the little girl to the art of sculpture. (7-9yrs.)

### *Crickwing*

Cannon, Janell 0152017909 c2000

Crickwing is a cockroach with a talent for sculpting. A good idea combined with his artistic talent saves the day when leaf-cutter ants are attacked by their enemies, the army ants. (5-8yrs.)

### *Emily's Art*

Catalanotto, Peter 068983831X c2001

Even though the judge at the first grade art show mistakes Emily's picture of her dog for a rabbit, Emily continues to work to improve her artistic skills. (5-8yrs.)

*Rachel: The story of Rachel Carson*

Ehrlich, Amy 0152162275 c2003

Biologist and environmentalist, Rachel Carson, is described as a person who was always curious and wondering. This biography of the author of the "Silent Spring" is an inspiring account of the power of individuals to make a difference in the world. (7-11yrs)

*Westlandia*

Fleischman, Paul 0763610526 c2002

Wesley decides to make his own civilization during the summer vacation. Working in his backyard, he uses his imagination and skill to create a unique and self-sufficient community. (7-11yrs.)

*Dog's Night*

Hooper, Meredith 0761318240 c2000

Once a year after the museum closes for the night, all of the dogs in the paintings at the National Gallery, jump out of their pictures for a night of fun in the museum's halls. One year some of the dogs return to the wrong pictures. This story offers a fun approach to art appreciation and the creativity expressed in the works of several artists. (7-11yrs.)

*Galimoto*

Karen, Lynn 0688087892 c1991

In Africa, a toy vehicle made of wire called a galimoto, is made by a small boy named Kondi. He must wander throughout the village to find what he needs amidst discarded materials. He then designs and creates the toy for all of the village children to enjoy. (5-8yrs.)

*Baseball Bats for Christmas*

Kusuqak, Michael (Canadian) 1550371452 c1993

The children of the Arctic community of Repulse Bay have never seen trees. They decide that the funny things sent to them one year at Christmas must be baseball bats. Christmas trees are used in a novel and creative way. (5-7yrs.)

*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*

Lasky, Kathryn 0316515264 c1994

The Greek philosopher Eratosthenes was the writer of the first geography book and the first to discover how to accurately measure the circumference of the earth. Many colourful illustrations accompany the explanations of his work. (9-11yrs.) Inquirer, Knowledgeable

*Alexander Graham Bell: an inventive life*

MacLeod, Elizabeth (Canadian) 1550744585 c1999

Many of Alexander Graham Bell's inventions are highlighted in MacLeod's biography of a great inventor and thinker. Photographs and reproductions of Bell's original drawings provide a fascinating visual account of his work. (9-11yrs.)

*Katie and the Mona Lisa*

Mayhew, James                      053130177X                      c1999

Katie is invited into one of the most famous paintings in the world, the Mona Lisa, by the Mona Lisa herself. Together they visit other artists of the Italian Renaissance. (8-11yrs.)

*Katie Meets the Impressionists*

Mayhew, James                      0531301516                      c2000

On a visit to an art gallery with her grandmother, Katie becomes so interested in the work of the Impressionists that she enters the paintings of Renoir, Monet and Degas. (8-11yrs.)

*Ish*

Reynolds, Peter                      076362344X                      c2004

Ramon's creativity is almost shut down by a careless remark by his older brother. His little sister saves the day and spurs him on by teaching him that it is more important to think creatively than to concentrate on "getting it right". (5-9yrs.) Open-minded

*The Dot*

Reynolds, Peter    0763619612                      c2003

This is the tale about the creative spirit in all of us. Vashti is a little girl who can't draw. Her teacher's invitation to "make a mark and see where it takes you", leads Vashti on a surprising journey. (5-9yrs.)

*Starry Messenger*

Sis, Peter    0374371911                      c1996

*Starry Messenger* tells the story of Galileo, the scientist who discovered that the earth, and all of the other planets, revolves around the sun. The story is simply written and illustrated with pictures rich in detail. (9-11yrs.) Inquirer

*The Genius of Leonardo*

Visconti, Guido    184148301X                      c2000

This biographical account of the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci is told by his servant Giacomo. Many of da Vinci's original words and drawings are included. (9-11yrs.)

*The Naked Lady*

Wallace, Ian (Canadian)    076132660X                      c 2002

Tom is inspired to become an artist when he becomes friends with his new neighbour, a sculptor. (9-11yrs.)

*The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*

Winter, Jeanette 0152054456 c2005

A librarian in war-torn Iraq is determined to protect and save her community's priceless collection of books. Alia Muhammad Baker's creative solutions for saving the books amidst bombings and fires and danger to personal safety are an inspiration to all who love books. (8-11yrs.)

Compiled by Judy Stickney, St. John's-Kilmarnock School



## Communicators

They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

### *Diary of a Spider*

Cronin, Doreen                      006000153                      c2005  
This book is a simple and comical journal from a young spider's perspective. (6-9yrs)

### *Diary of a Worm*

Cronin, Doreen                      006000150X                      c2004  
This book is a simple and comical journal from a young worm's perspective. (6-9yrs)

### *Click Clack Moo*

Cronin, Doreen                      068983213                      c2003  
The farm animals communicate to Farmer Brown by typing and writing their demands. (7-9yrs)

### *Dear Tooth Fairy*

Durant, Alan                      0763621757                      c2003  
This book details letters between the tooth fairy and a little girl who is uncertain about giving up her newly loosen tooth. (7-9yrs)

### *Diary of a Wombat*

French, Jackie                      000200561                      c2003  
Few words are used to describe the antics of a wombat's every day life. (5-7yrs)

### *The Cow that went OINK*

Moot, Bernard                      015204764                      c2003  
This comical barnyard tale centres on a cow that 'OINKS', who strikes up a friendship with a pig. This duo help each other out to eventually be accepted by the other animals. (7-9yrs)

### *Sitti's Secrets*

Nye, Naomi Shihab                      0689817061                      c1994  
An American girl visits her grandmother, who does not speak English, in her Middle Eastern village. The book illustrates their new relationship, despite the language difference. (9-11yrs)

*I Speak English for my Mom*

Stanek, Muriel                      08075366                      c1989

A young Mexican American girl must translate for her mother until one day, her mother realizes that she must learn English in order to find a better job. (9-11yrs)

*Dear Baby, letter from your big brother*

Sullivan, Sarah                      076362127                      c2005

Before the arrival of his baby brother, Mike decides to write letters to him which detail several humorous, heartfelt family moments. (7-9yrs)

*Dear Mrs. LaRue, Letters from Obedience School*

Teague, Mark                      1570613737                      c2002

This hilarious book is comprised of letters that Ike the dog writes to his owner, Mrs. LaRue, of why he has wrongfully sent to obedience school. (9-11yrs)

*Detective LaRue; Letters from the Investigation*

Teague, Mark                      043920663                      c2000    The comical sequel ???

Compiled by Sara Spencer, The York School

## Principled

They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

### *Koi and the Kola Nuts: a tale from Liberia*

Aardeme, Verna      0689817606      c1999

An African folktale in which the son of the chief must make his way in the world with only a sack full of kola nuts and the help of some creatures that he has treated with kindness. He discovers that his selfless acts are repaid in full measure. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Gold Coin*

Ada, Alma Flor      068931633X      c1991

Juan has been a thief for many years. When he follows Doña Josefa to steal her gold, he encounters many people who have been helped by the old woman. By the time he finds her he has been transformed from his experiences into someone who knows the joys of honest work and helping others. (6-9yrs.)

### *A Picture Book of Rosa Parks*

Adler, David A.      082341177X (Pb)      c1993

This is a simple biography in picture book form suitable for primary and lower junior readers. (7-9yrs)

### *The Summer My Father was Ten*

Brisson, Pat      1563974355      c2003

While planting a garden together, a father recalls to his daughter how, when he was a child, he participated in ruining a neighbour's garden. In time, he musters up the courage to apologize to the old man and attempts to make up for the vandalism by helping to replant the garden. (6-9yrs.)

### *A Day's Work*

Bunting, Eve      0395845181      c1994

Francisco, a young Mexican American boy, is desperate to help his Spanish speaking grandfather find a job. Without thinking, he lies to his employer about his grandfather's qualifications. When the two pull plants instead of weeds Francisco is mortified. When his grandfather learns the truth he insists on redoing the work before being paid. (7-10yrs.)

*Your Move*

Bunting, Eve            0152001816            c1998

One night while their mom is at work, ten-year-old James and his six-year-old brother, Isaac, meet a group of boys who give James some tasks to perform as an initiation into their gang. After participating in an act of vandalism, and confronting some dangerous older boys, James worries that he has placed his young brother at risk. James finds the courage to refuse the gang's offer of membership. (9-11yrs.)

*Guji Guji*

Chen, Chih-Yuan    c2004 1929132670

Guji Guji is a crocodile born into a family of ducks. He loves his family. One day three bad crocodiles try to persuade Guji Guji to serve up his duckling brothers and sisters to them. Instead he thinks of a clever way to stop them and teach them a lesson. (5-8yrs.)

*The Name Jar*

Choi, Yangsook            037580613X            c2001

A young girl is embarrassed by her unusual Korean name and wishes to change it on the first day of school in America. She is encouraged to be known by her Korean name after several English names don't suit her and the special meaning of her Korean name. (7-10yrs)

*The Story of Ruby Bridges*

Coles, Robert            0590572814 (HC)            c1995

Repeatedly, Ruby walked through the jeering mob of white parents into her empty classroom. She could have enjoyed going to school with her fellow black children, but she, like her parents, believed that she was doing the right thing for the whole black community. (9-11yrs)

*Miss Rumphius*

Cooney, Barbara            0670479586 (HC)            c1982

Guided by the principle laid down by her grandfather, Miss Rumphius makes sure she does something to make the world a more beautiful place. (6-11yrs) Reflective

*Bagels From Benny*

Davis, Aubrey [Canadian]            1553374177 (HC)            c2003

Benny knows how important it is to say thank you, but he is a little confused about how to convey his thanks to God. An act of generosity seems a good plan. (7-11yrs) Caring

*The Yellow Star: the Legend of King Christian of Denmark*

Deedy, Carmen Agra            1561452084 (HC)            c2000

King Christian knew he could not save Denmark from Hitler's armies, but he refused to co-operate with them. Led by their king, every Danish citizen donned the yellow star in order to thwart the Nazis' effort to identify Danish jews. (9-11yrs) Risk-taker

*Gandhi*

Demi 0689841493 (HC) c2001

Illustrated in Demi's exquisitely Indian style, this biography stresses Gandhi's underlying beliefs, compassion, and his unwavering integrity as well as the factual events of his life and achievements. (9-11yrs)

*The Empty Pot*

Demi 0805049002 c1996

The Chinese Emperor announces that his heir will be the child who can grow the best flower. The children do not realize that all of the seeds distributed to the children have been boiled and cannot grow. When young Ping admits to the Emperor that he is unable to grow anything, his honesty is rewarded with the Emperor's entire kingdom. (6-9yrs.)

*Rosa*

Giovanni, Nikki 0805071067 (HC) c2005

"She was not going to give in to that which was wrong." Giovanni focuses on the moment when Rosa Parks made the decision that became the catalyst for the great Civil Rights events of the sixties. (9-11yrs)

*Johnny Appleseed*

Kellogg, Steven 0688064175 (HC) c1988

Johnny Appleseed spent his life ensuring that something of great benefit would reach everyone on the continent. His legacy lives on. (6-11yrs)

*Just Like New*

Manson, Ainslie [Canadian] 0888992289 (HC) c1995

Canadian children are asked to send toys to English children who have lost everything to German bombing raids. They are asked to send something of their own that is "just like new." Though Sally is tempted to send something more worn, she eventually sends her beloved newest doll, and when she does she makes a new friend. (8-10yrs)

*The Rough-face Girl*

Martin, Rafe 0698116267 c2002

A variation on the Cinderella story, the Rough-face girl is an Algonquin Indian whose cruel and dishonest sisters have tried and failed to win the affections of the Invisible Being. Her scarred face does not prevent her from seeing the beauty of the earth, or disguise her kind honest heart. The Invisible Being sees her true self and marries her. (7-9yrs.)

*The Three Questions*

Muth, John 0439199964 (HC) c2002

When is the best time to do things? Who is the most important one? What is the right thing to do? The boy who asks the questions finds that he has already answered them through his own actions. (7-11yrs) Inquirer, Balanced

*Reginald*

Newman, Jeff 0385746342 c2003

A humorous story about a bull named Reginald, who lives in the jungle with some very unwelcoming animals. Reginald is always true to himself and ignores the threats, taunts, and teasing of the other jungle residents. By being consistently friendly and helpful, he eventually earns their respect. (5-7yrs.)

*Chicken Sunday*

Polacco, Patricia 0698116151 c2002

A young Russian American girl and her African American friends decide to buy their grandma, Eula, a beautiful Easter hat. When they are accused of throwing eggs at Mr. Kodinski's hat shop door the children are determined to change his opinion of them by proving their integrity and caring. (7-10yrs.) Caring

*Silver Packages*

Rylant, Cynthia 053130051X (HC) c1997

A wealthy man is rescued from a blizzard by a poor rural community and every year after that as long as he lives he returns bearing gifts for the children each Christmas. One of those children will never forget and grows up determined, in his own way, to give back to the community. (9-11yrs)

*A Bad Case of Stripes*

Shannon, David 0439598389 c1998

Camilla Cream loves lima beans, but she refuses to eat them because she is willing to do anything to fit in with her friends. When Camilla arrives at school she begins to take on the appearance of everything around her. The problem escalates until an old woman encourages her to eat some lima beans. Camilla learns that appearances aren't as important as being true to oneself. (6-8yrs.)

*The Composition*

Skarmeta, Antonio 0888995504 c2003

Set in a military dictatorship in Latin America, this book explores the moral dilemma faced by a third grade student named Pedro. He is asked by a government official to betray his parents by writing a composition about "What My Family Does at Night." Pedro decides to lie to the officials to protect his family. (9-11yrs.)

*Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins*

Weatherford, Carole Boston 0803728603 (HC) c2005

Young blacks take a stand against discrimination at the lunch counter and the civil rights movement takes a big step forward. This is a picture book version of a true story. (9-11yrs)

Compiled by Jennifer Levere, Montcrest School & Pam Love, Upper Canada College

## Open-minded

They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

### *Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon*

Bass, Jules                    1841481270                    c2001

Herb, a gentle vegetarian is wrongly accused of eating people. He is rescued by a brave girl who convinces the other knights to accept Herb's lifestyle. (5-8yrs.)

### *Old Henry*

Blos, Joan                    0688099351                    c1990

When an unusual man named Henry moves into a vacant house, the people in the community criticize him for his untidy house and yard. They make several attempts to change him, but Henry will have none of it. Finally he gets fed up with the neighbours, packs up and moves away. Henry and the community end up being unhappy with this outcome. (5-9yrs.)

### *Stellaluna*

Cannon, Janell            015201540X                    c1993

When a baby bat is knocked out of her mother's safe arms, she lands in a bird's nest. Stellaluna must learn to adapt to the lifestyle of a bird, even though she finds their habits very peculiar. She discovers that even though they are very different, they are very much alike. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Camel's Lament*

Carryl, Charles            (Canadian) 0375914269                    c2004

This humorous poem is about a camel who compares his life with that of many other animals. While the camel comments on the living conditions of the other animals, he surmises that anyplace does for him. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Brand New Kid*

Couric, Katie              03855000300                    c2000

Laslo, the new boy in second grade, speaks and dresses differently than the other students. Instead of welcoming him the children taunt and tease him, and exclude him from their games. Ellie finally realizes that his life is miserable and invites him to play, discovering that he is not that different from her. She then invites her friends to try to get to know him. (6-9yrs.)

*Snow in Jerusalem*

Da Costa, Deborah                      0807575216                      c2001

Two boys, one Muslim and one Jewish, living in different quarters of Jerusalem, discover that they have been caring for the same white cat. At first they are angry at each other, and jealous of the cat's attention. Eventually they work out a compromise which suits all three of them. (6-9yrs.)

*Oliver Button is a Sissy*

De Paola, Tomie                      0156681404                      c1979

Oliver Button is teased and ostracized because he prefers to dance and read and paint rather than play sports. When he participates in a contest and loses, he is disappointed until his classmates recognize him. (5-8yrs.)

*The Sissy Duckling*

Fierstein, Harvey                      1416903135                      c2002

Unlike any of the other boy ducklings, Elmer likes to draw, bake and perform puppet shows. When Elmer plays baseball with the other boys it is a disaster, and he later hears his father call him a sissy. In the end Elmer proves himself a hero and the other ducks begin to accept him for who he is. (5-8yrs.)

*Feathers and Fools*

Fox, Mem                      0152023658                      c2000

This is a contemporary fable about a flock of peacocks and a flock of swans who fear each other because of their perceived differences. Over time their fears escalate and the flocks begin to fight; killing until every bird is dead. There is hope for peace in the future when two surviving eggs hatch and the baby birds notice how very much alike they are. (6-8yrs.)

*How My Parents Learned to Eat*

Friedman, Ina                      0395442354                      c1987

An American soldier meets and falls in love with a Japanese woman, and she with him. They are self conscious because he can't use chop sticks, and she has no idea how to use a knife and fork. They refuse to eat with each other until it is time for the soldier's ship to leave, and he wants to ask her to marry him. In the end they both try to learn the other's way of eating. (7-10yrs.)

*Teammates*

Golenblock, Peter                      1152842861                      c1990

This story recounts the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he became the first black player to join the previously all white Brooklyn Dodgers during the 1940s. The story describes the acceptance and support that Jackie received from his team mate Pee Wee Reese. (8-11yrs.)



*Henry and the Kite Dragon*

Hall, Bruce Edward            0399237275            c2004

Based on true events, this is the story of a group of Chinese American children who help Grandfather Chin make gorgeous kites. When the local children from the Italian part of town continually throw stones and ruin these kites, the Chinese children become very angry and decide to retaliate. Soon they discover that the Italian children are only trying to protect their pet pigeons who are frightened of the kites. Once each side understands the others' problem they quickly work out a solution. (6-9yrs.)

*Amazing Grace*

Hoffman, Mary            0803710402            c1991

Although a classmate says that Grace can not play the part of Peter Pan in the school play because she is black and a girl, Grace decides, that she will try. Grace discovers, with the help and support of her family that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. (6-9yrs.)

*The Most Magnificent Mosque*

Jungman, Ann            1845070127            c2004

Three naughty boys, play in the gardens of the great mosque in Cordoba. When the boys are seen throwing rotten oranges and are caught by the Caliph's soldiers, their punishment is to work in the gardens of the mosque. When they grow up and discover that the mosque is to be torn down by a Christian king, the young men decide they must speak up on behalf of the Jews, the Christians and the Muslims who all value the mosque. (6-8yrs.)

*Hooway for Wodney Wat*

Lester, Helen            061821612X            c2002

Rodney is the object of constant teasing from his classmates because he has a speech impediment. When a new student arrives at school who bullies the entire class, Rodney rises to the occasion and drives her away. (5-8yrs.)

*Hope*

Monk, Isabell            1575057921            c2004

Hope loves spending time with her great-aunt, but one day the visit is spoiled by a thoughtless, ignorant comment by one of Aunt Poogee's friends. Later that night, Aunt Poogee tells Hope the story of her name, of the strength and courage of her ancestors, and the significance of her mixed-race heritage. (7-10yrs.)

*Ish*

Reynolds, Peter            076362344X            c2004

Ramon is devastated one day when his older brother laughs at his drawings. He is frustrated by trying to make them look just right until his little sister's enthusiasm allows him to look at his art in a new way. (5-9yrs.)

*Wanda's Monster*

Spinelli, Eileen                      0807586579                      c2002

Wanda is frightened of the monster in her closet, despite what her parents and brother tell her. But Granny helps Wanda understand the monster's point of view, which gives Wanda a whole new perspective. (5-7 yrs.)

*Pugdog*

U'Ren, Andrea                      0374361495                      c2001

When Mike discovers that his new puppy is a female, he begins to treat her differently. Mike's pre-conceived ideas regarding the proper way to treat a female are completely lost on Pug herself. This is an amusing examination of sex-role stereotypes. (5-8 yrs.)

*Odd Velvet*

Whitcomb, Mary                      0811820041                      c1998

Velvet is an unusual girl who dresses and behaves differently, and is ignored by the other girls in her class. As the year unfolds, the children discover that her different behaviours make her a fun and interesting person, and they come to appreciate her. (5-8yrs.)

*The Other Side*

Woodson, Jacqueline                      0399231161                      c2002

Two girls, one white and one black gradually come to know each other by sitting together on the fence that is meant to divide them. At the end of the summer, Clover and Annie jump off the fence to play together with the other girls, who earlier, would have nothing to do with Annie. (6-9yrs.)

*Share the Sky*

Ye, Ting-xing(Canadian)                      1550375784                      c1999

When a young Chinese girl who lives with her grandparents finally rejoins her parents in Canada, she is full of doubts. She has many misconceptions, but soon learns that life in the new land, though different in many ways, is full of excitement and wonder, and is not so very different after all. (6-9yrs.)

Compiled by Pam Love, Upper Canada College

## Caring

They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

### *The A+ Custodian*

Borden, Louise                      0689849958                      c2004

The students and teachers at Dublin Elementary School make banners, posters, and signs for their school custodian to show how much they appreciate him and all the work he does. (7-10 yrs.)

### *Oma's Quilt*

Bourgeois, Paulette (Canadian)   1550747770                      c2003

Emily's grandmother must move to a nursing home. Life in her new home makes her very unhappy so Emily decides to make her Oma a patchwork quilt using pieces of cloth from treasured articles that hold fond and happy memories for her grandmother. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Wednesday Surprise*

Bunting, Eve                      0899197213                      c1989

Anna and her grandmother meet every Wednesday night to prepare a surprise for her father's birthday. The Wednesday night surprise turns out to be the best gift of all. Anna has helped her grandmother learn to read. (5-8yrs.)

### *The Mother's Day Mice*

Bunting, Eve                      0899193870                      c1986

Three little mouse brothers go into the meadow to find a present for their mother but it is the littlest mouse that comes up with the most unusual gift of all. (5-9yrs.)

### *The Polar Bear's Gift*

Bushey, Jean (Canadian)                      0889952205                      c2000

Pani, a young Inuit girl, dreams of becoming a great hunter of polar bears like her parents. When she finds a wounded polar bear cub far out on the polar ice, she must decide whether to be a helper or a hunter. Based on a traditional Inuit legend, the story is about compassion and friendship. (7-10yrs.)

### *Albert Le Blanc*

Butterworth, Nick                      2003 0007119712

When Albert Le Blanc arrives at Mr. Jolly's toy shop, the other toys think that he is the saddest looking bear that they have ever seen. They devise a plan to cheer him up with hilarious and heart-warming results. (5-8yrs.)

*A Circle of Friends*

Carmi, Giora 1932065008 c2003

A young boy shares his snack with a homeless man to begin a cycle of sharing and caring. This is a story without words with delightful pen and ink drawings. (7-9yrs.)

*Miss Rumphius*

Cooney, Barbara 0670479586 c1992

After making her girlhood dreams of world travel and living by the sea come true, a retired librarian follows her grandfather's old advice of doing something to make the world more beautiful, and then passes that wisdom on to her grandniece. (6-10yrs.)

Reflective, Principled

*Bagels from Benny*

Davis, Aubrey (Canadian) 1553374177 c2003

Benny inadvertently helps a homeless man when he regularly takes bagels to the synagogue for God. The story explores the values of caring, sharing and giving thanks. (5-8yrs.)

*Old Thomas and the Little Fairy*

Demers, Dominique (Canadian) 1894363450 c2000

Old Thomas, an angry, bitter old man who lives by the sea, finds a little girl washed up on the shore. He nurses her back to health and again experiences happiness, companionship and the joy of caring for another. (7-10yrs.)

*Crispin the Pig Who had it All*

Dewan, Ted 0385325401 c2000

Crispin is so spoiled that he fails to appreciate what he has, or to understand that people are more important than things. He learns a lesson in this Christmas story. (6-10yrs.)

*Big Ben*

Ellis, Sarah (Canadian) 1550416790 c2001

Ben thinks he's too little to do anything until his older siblings produce his first report card, grading him on all the things little brothers do best. (5-7yrs.)

*The Cat Who Loved Potato Soup*

Farrish, Terry 0763608343 c2003

This is a story of love and heroism. The cantankerous and delightful characters are an elderly man and his cat. (5-8yrs.) Principled

*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*

Fox, Mem 0916291049 c1984

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge is a little boy who lives beside a nursing home. He has many friends there but his favourite is Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper because she has four names just like he does. When Miss Delacourt loses her memory, Wilfrid develops a plan to help her find it. (5-8yrs.)

*Koala Lou*

Fox, Mem 0152005021 c2001

Koala Lou decides to enter the Bush Olympics. Her mother has become so busy that she forgets to tell Koala Lou how much she loves her. Koala Lou hopes to win her mother's love and a medal all at the same time. (5-8yrs)

*Erika's Story*

Innocenti, Roberto 1568461763 c2001

In 1944, a young child is thrown from a train bound for a Nazi death camp. She was raised by a woman who risked her own life to save her. This is a haunting a beautiful recollection of Emika's experiences. (9yrs and up)

*Rose Blanche*

Innocenti, Roberto 1568461895 c2001

During World War II, a young German girl's curiosity leads her to discover a group of starving children imprisoned by the Nazi regime. Secretly she visits regularly to bring food to them. This story of compassion and caring amidst the horrors of war is most suitable for students in grade 5 and up. (9-12yrs.)

*Pippin the Christmas Pig*

Little, Jean (Canadian) 0779114205 c2003

In the guise of a Christmas manger story, author Jean Little introduces children to snobbery about one's forebears and an appreciation of what really matters. Here, we have a humble pig from whom the other animals learn to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas spirit. (5-8yrs.)

*Frog and Toad are Friends*

Lobel, Arnold 0064440206 c1970

Five tales recount the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad. Friends appreciate each other's strengths and forgive weaknesses. (4-7yrs.)

*Chicken Sunday*

Polacco, Patricia 0399221336 c1992

Three children of different races and religions join forces to purchase a special Easter hat for their beloved grandmother and friend Miss Eula. (7-10yrs.)

*Mrs. Katz and Tush*

Polacco, Patricia 0553081225 c1992

Larnel, a young African-American boy, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely Jewish widow, begin a special and supportive friendship when Larnel gives Mrs. Tush an abandoned kitten. (7-10yrs.)

*Thank You Mr. Falker*

Polacco, Patricia 0399231668 c1998

At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem. (7-11yrs.)

*Silver Packages*

Rylant, Cynthia 053130051X c1987

Every year at Christmas a rich man rides a train through Appalachia and throws gifts to the poor children who are waiting, in order to repay a debt he owes the people who live there. (7-11yrs.) Principled

*Whale Brother*

Steiner, Barbara 0802768040 c1995

Omu is a young Inuit boy who aspires to be a carver and a musician. He is frustrated in his efforts by a lack of maturity and depth of feeling. His discovery of a pod of killer whales, and his care of its dying leader, provide the inspiration and insight to develop his talents to the fullest. (7-10yrs.)

*Give Maggie a Chance*

Wishinsky, Frieda (Canadian) 1550416820 c2002

Maggie is anxious to read in front of the class but when it is her turn, she is so nervous that she can't say a word. To make matters worse, a classmate who reads very well makes fun of her. Maggie continues to be too fearful to speak until she rises to the defense of a friend when he is teased for stuttering. (5-8yrs.)

Compiled by Judy Stickney, St. John's-Kilmarnock School & Zoë Huggins, Branksome Hall

## Risk-takers

They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

### *Another Important Book*

Brown, Margaret Wise                      0060262834                      c1999  
Illustrations and simple rhyming text describe how a child grows from ages one through six. (4-8 yrs.)

### *The Important Book*

Brown, Margaret Wise                      0060207213                      c1949  
Points out how all things, from an apple to a spoon, and from the sky to a shoe, have certain important qualities that are special about them, and that the most important thing about you is that you are you. (4-8 yrs.)

### *The Yellow Star: the Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*

Deedy, Carmen Agra                      1561452084                      c2000  
This book retells the story of King Christian X and the Danish resistance to the Nazis during World War II. King Christian, so the legend goes, risked the wrath of the Nazis by wearing a Star of David when Danish Jews were forced to do so. (9-11yrs.) Principled

### *Roller Coaster*

Frazee, Marla                      0452045546                      c2003  
Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one who has never done so before. (4-7yrs.)

### *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*

Gerstein, Mordicai                      0761317910                      c2003  
A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers. (5-12yrs.)

### *Courage to Fly*

Harrison, Troon (Canadian) 0889952736                      c2002  
Meg has come to the city from a small Caribbean island and is finding it hard to adjust to the city with its high buildings—she stays in her apartment, afraid to go out. She learns that, like the little injured bird she rescues, she needs to brave the outside world and fly in order to flourish. (7-10yrs.)

*Sheila Rae, the Brave*

Henkes, Kevin 0688071554 c1987

When brave Sheila Rae, who usually looks out for her sister Louise, becomes lost and scared one day, Louise comes to the rescue. (4-8yrs.)

*Alfie Gets in First*

Hughes, Shirley 0688070361 C1991

Alfie accidentally locks his mother and baby sister Annie Rose outside and can't reach the latch to let them in. Soon the whole neighbourhood is involved in getting the door open. (3-7yrs.)

*Jess Was the Brave One*

Little, Jean (Canadian) 0670834955 c1991

Even though she is older, Claire is not as brave as her sister Jess. Then one day, Jess' teddy bear is kidnapped by bullies, and Claire surprises herself by coming to the rescue. (4-8yrs.)

*Mirette on the High Wire*

McCully, Emily Arnold 0698114434 c2002

Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear. (4-8yrs.)

*Name of the Child*

Reynolds, Marilyn (Canadian) 1551432218 c2002

Sent to stay with his aunt and uncle on an isolated farm to avoid the flu epidemic of 1919, a fearful boy must save a baby by driving a wagon through the deserted countryside in a terrible rainstorm. (7-10 yrs.)

*Emily Just in Time*

Slepian, Jan 0399230432 c1998

As a small girl grows from "not-being-able, to "now-she-can," she wonders if she will ever spend a whole night at her grandmother's house without being afraid. (6-8yrs.)

*Brave Irene*

Steig, William 0374309477 c1986

Brave Irene, the dressmaker's daughter, ventures out into a fierce snowstorm to deliver the beautiful ball gown her mother has made for the duchess. (4-8yrs.)



*Suki's Kimono*

Uegaki, Chieri (Canadian) 1553370848 c2003

A little girl declares that on the first day of school she will wear the kimono that her grandmother brought her during her visit from Japan, no matter what anyone says. (7-9 yrs.)

*Ira Sleeps Over*

Waber, Bernard 0329013947 c2000

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear, Foo Foo. (6-8yrs.)

*Courage*

Waber, Bernard 0618238557 c2002

This book provides examples of the many kinds of courage found in everyday life and in unusual circumstances, from tasting the vegetable before making a face to being a firefighter or police officer. (7-10yrs.)

*Little Farmer Joe*

Whybrow, Ian 0753452138 c2001

During the first night he has ever spent away from home, Joe helps his uncle with a sheep and her new baby lamb, and finds that comforting the animals helps lessen his own fear. (5-7yrs.)

*Don't Let Go*

Willis, Jean 039924008X c2002

Megan is nervous about her dad letting go of her bike as she learns to ride, and her dad is nervous about how far into the world she will go once she does. (4-7yrs.)

Compiled by Zoë Huggins, Branksome Hall & Elizabeth Walters, Sunnybrook School

## Balanced

They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

### *Song and Dance Man*

Ackerman, Karen 0394893301 c2003

Three children follow their Grandpa to the attic. When he pulls out his top hat, cane, and tap shoes, they discover that he once was a dancer on the vaudeville stage. (4-6yrs.)

### *Me, all alone, at the end of the world*

Anderson, M.T. 0.76361586 c2005

This beautifully illustrated book depicts the quiet outdoor life of a content boy. One day, the boy's life, and the forest, is turned upside down by the construction of a theme park. The human impact on the environment is emphasized in this story. (8-11yrs.)

### *I like Myself*

Beaumont, Karen 0152020136 c2004

In rhyming text a little girl enthusiastically describes all the different aspects of herself which she likes and would not change. (4-6 yrs.)

### *Gifts*

Bogart, JoEllen (Canadian) 059024177X c1994

A grandmother travels the world bringing back mementos from everywhere she has been. Barbara Reid illustrates the text with plasticine illustrations. In rhyming text the author describes the diverse interests of the grandmother. (5-7 yrs)

### *A Fine, Fine, School*

Creech, Sharon 0060007281 c2003

When Mr. Keene, the exemplary principal of this fine, fine school extends school to include Saturday, the entire weekend and eventually the summer break, Tillie has to re-establish some balance between school life and other loves. (5-9 yrs.)

### *The Village of Round and Square Houses*

Grifalconi, Ann 0316328626 c1986

From the perspective of the African village of Tos, a folktale explaining why the men live in square houses and the women live in round. Each group has a time to be together and a time to be apart. (7-9 yrs.)

*One of Each*

Hoberman, Mary Ann 0316367311 c1997

Oliver Tolliver, the terrier who lives alone in his perfect little house with one of everything, discovers through a chance encounter with an attractive cat lady that his life is unbalanced without friendships. (5-8 yrs.)

*My Great-Aunt Arizona*

Houston, Gloria 0060226064 c1997

A true story, Arizona grew up to be a beloved teacher. She always dreamed of the places she would visit one day. Even though she never traveled to these places, she lived a full, rich, life. (7-9 yrs)

*Cinder Edna*

Jackson, Ellen 0688123228 c1998

Cinderella and Cinder Edna were neighbours. Both worked long hours for their wicked step-mother and step-sisters. Their situations change in different ways though. Cinderella is rescued by her fairy godmother while Edna depends on strength, self-reliance and a positive attitude to change her situation for the better. (5-9yrs.)

*The Gift of Nothing*

McDonnell, Patrick 031611488X c2005

This book is an interesting look at our super-consumer society. Sometimes the only gift a friend can give to someone with everything is nothing but friendship. (5-9 yrs.)

*Roxaboxen*

McLerran, Alice 0688075924 c1991

Marian called her special place Roxaboxen. To Marian and those open to dreams and imagination, it was more than a rocky hill it was magic. (5-9yrs.)

*The Three Questions*

Muth, Jon J. 0439199964 c2002

This book is based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. Nikolai asks his animal friends to help him answer three important questions: "When is the best time to do things? Who is the most important? and What is the right thing to do?" (6-12yrs.) Principled, Inquirer

*I am Canada*

Patterson, Heather (Canadian) 0439957575 c2006

Bright photographs and very simple text illustrate the many diverse faces and interests of Canada's children. (4-6 yrs.)

*Ish*

Reynolds, Peter 076362344X c2004

Ramon is devastated one day when his older brother laughs at his drawings. He is frustrated by trying to make them look just right until his little sister's enthusiasm allows him to look at his art in a new way. (5-9 yrs.)

*Little Pea*

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse 081184658X c2005

Food is a subject of controversy in many households. Little Pea learns to balance out what he eats in a funny reversed story about childish eating habits. (4-7 yrs.)

Compiled by Pamela Love, Upper Canada College, Judy Stickney, St. John's Kilmarnock & Zoë Huggins, Branksome Hall

## Reflective

They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

### *The Cat Who Walked Across France*

Banks, Kate and Georg Hallensleben 0374399689 c2004

After his owner dies, a cat wanders the countryside of France, unable to forget the home he had in the stone house by the edge of the sea. (6–8yrs)

### *Miss Rumphius*

Cooney, Barbara 0670479586 c1982

Miss Rumphius explores the world and leaves a lasting legacy with her garden of lupins. (6–9yrs) Principled

### *Only Opal: The Diary of a Young Girl*

Cooney, Barbara 0399219900 c1999

A touching diary of Opal Whiteley, an orphaned child who works hard for her foster family but has her own secret dreams. (7–9yrs)

### *Queen Nadine*

Kovalski, Maryann (Canadian) 1551430932 c1998

Nadine is not your ordinary cow. She likes singing to the stones in her old field. But after a harrowing move to a new farm, she discovers that nothing is better than being friends with a chicken. (5–8yrs)

### *Stormy Night*

Lemieux, Michele (Canadian) 1550746928 c1999

A child and her dog ponder life's great questions throughout a stormy night. (7–10yrs)

### *What You Know First*

MacLachlan, Patricia 0060244135 c1995

The family is preparing to move away from their farm and the elder daughter is reflecting on all the things she knew and loved from her earliest days, so that when her baby brother is older she can tell him all about the farm. Knowledgeable

### *Zen Shorts*

Muth, Jon J. 0439339111 c2005

Three classic Zen stories are told in a frame story of three children who meet a strange and wonderful bear. (7–10yrs)

*Christmas Tapestry*

Polacco, Patricia 0399239553 c2002

Jonathan is unhappy about his family's first Christmas in their new parish, but when a chance meeting leads to a Christmas miracle, he understands why things happened as they did. (8–11yrs)

*Michael Rosen's Sad Book*

Rosen, Michael and Quentin Blake 0763625973 c2004

The author looks back with sadness and joy at the too-short life of his son, Eddie. (8–11yrs)

*Many Moons*

Thurber, James and Louis Slobodkin 0152518738 c1971

This is the classic story of a little girl who solves the problem of how to have the moon. (8–10yrs)

*Elsina's Clouds*

Winter, Jeanette 0374321183 c2004

A young Basotho girl from South Africa paints her house and waits for her ancestors to bring the rain. (6–8yrs)

Compiled by Mary Anne Cree, Bishop Strachan School

## BOOK LIST FOR ELEMENTARY

### APPRECIATION

Frog and Toad are Friends  
George and Martha by James Marshal  
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe  
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein  
Being Wasteful by Joy Berry  
Elmer by David McKee  
Tacky by Helen Lester

### COMMITMENT

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbey  
The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper  
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Suess  
Fourth of July by Barbara Joosse  
Not So Fast, Songololo by Niki Daly  
The Signmaker's Assistant by Ted Arnold  
The Story of Lightning and Thunder by Ashley Bryan  
Pedrito's Day by Luis Garay  
Winners Never Quit by Mia Hamm

### CONFIDENCE

Mirette on the Highwire by Emily McCully  
I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson  
Cosmo Zooms by Arthur Howard  
Horace and Morace but Mostly Delores by James Howe  
Feeling Left Out by Kate Petty  
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes  
Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michele Maria Surat  
Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes  
Brave Irene by William Steig  
I'm Gonna Like Me by Jamie Lee Curtis  
Stand Tall by Molly Lou Mellon by Patty Lovell  
Prince Cinders by Babette Cole  
Arnie and the Skateboard Gang by Nancy Carlson  
Captain Snap and the Children of Vinegar Lane by Roni Schotter  
A Little Excitement by Ted Rand

Little Polar Bear and the Brave Little Hare by Hans DeBeer  
The Tale of Custard the Dragon by Ogden Nash  
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco  
"What was I Scared Of?" from Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Suess  
I Like Myself! By Karen Beaumont  
Ella Sets the Stage by Carmela and Steven D'Amico  
The Shark Who Was Afraid of Everything by Brian James  
Pinduli by Janell Cannon  
Ella Takes The Stage by Carmela and Steven D'Amico  
Elmer by David McKee  
Tacky by Helen Lester

### COOPERATION

The Seven Chinese Brothers by Margaret Mahy  
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman  
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins  
Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Bernard by Bernard Waber  
The Crack-of-Dawn Walkers by Amy Hest  
How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman  
Loudmouth George and the New Neighbors by Nancy Carlson  
Toestomper and the Caterpillars by Sharleen Collicott  
Cactus Soup by Eric A. Kimmel

### CREATIVITY

Free Fall by David Wiesner  
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson  
Mouse T.V. by Matt Novak  
Oh the Thinks You Can Think by Dr. Suess  
If I Ran the Circus by Dr. Suess  
If by Sarah Perry  
Ella Sets the Stage by Carmela and Steven D'Amico  
Elmer by David McKee  
Tacky by Helen Lester  
The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer  
Earth Dance by Joanne Ryder

### CURIOSITY



Curious George by Margaret and H. A. Rey's  
Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow  
If by Sarah Perry  
Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr Suess

### EMPATHY

The Bear's Toothache by David McPhail  
Through Grandpa's Eyes by Patricia McLachlan  
Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister  
Helping Out by George Ancona  
The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper  
Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill  
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams  
Wilford Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox  
Hey Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose  
The Spiffiest Giant by Julia Donaldson  
All Kinds of Families by Nora Simon  
Bub or the Very Best Thing by Natalie Babbitt  
Crow Boy by Yashima Taro  
The Five-Dog Night by Eileen Christelow  
Lucy's Picture by Nicola Moon  
Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog by Cynthia Rylant  
Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli  
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan  
Pinduli by Janell Cannon  
How Do I Stand In Your Shoes? By Susan DeBell

### ENTHUSIASM

Emma by Wendy Kesselman  
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae  
I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson  
Finklehopper Frog by Livingston  
Tacky by Helen Lester

### INDEPENDENCE

Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester  
No Fighting, No Biting by Else Hlmelund Minarik

I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson  
Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow  
Duck for President by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin

## INTEGRITY

Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill  
Oops! Excuse Me Please! And Other Mannerly Tales by Bob McGrath  
Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Berenstain Bears Tell the Truth by Jan and Stan Berenstain  
Rainbow Fish-Puffer Cries Shark by Marcus Pfister  
A Big Fat Enormous Lie by Marjorie Weinman  
A Day's Work by Eve Bunting  
The Empty Pot by Demi  
The Honest-to-Goodness Truth by Patricia McKissack  
Honest Tulio by John Himmelman  
And to Think I Saw it on Mulberry Street by Dr. Suess ??  
Ivan the Great by Isabel Langis Cusack  
The Emperor's New Clothes by Harcourt Brace & Company  
A Big Fat Enormous Lie by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
Leonard The Llama That Lied by Susan Cameron  
Shark Tales: Lenny's Fishy Fib  
Don't Tell A Whopper on Friday by Adolph Moser  
The Dog Who Cried Wolf by Keiko Kasza

## RESPECT

Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg  
Fireflies by Julie Brinkloe  
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney  
Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells  
Manners by Alike  
I Have a Cold by Grace Maccarone  
The Berenstain Bears-No Girls Allowed by Jan and Stan Berenstain  
The Blind Men and the Elephant by Karen Backstein  
Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes  
Earth Dance by Joanne Ryder  
Just Plain Fancy by Patricia Polacco  
Police Officers by Paulette Bourgeois

Pinduli by Janell Cannon  
Sorry! by Trudy Ludwig

### **TOLERANCE**

A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan  
The Bearstain Bear's New Neighbors by Jan and Stan Berenstain  
How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman  
Soccer Sam by Jean Morzollo  
Watch Out For the Chicken Feet in Your Soup by Tomie de Paola  
A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon  
Someone Special Just Like You by Tricia Brown  
Finklehopper Frog by Irene Livingston  
This is Our House by Michael Rosen  
The Sneetches by Dr. Suess  
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Suess  
Just the Way You Are by Max Lucado  
You Are Special by Max Lucado  
Is There Really a Human Race by Jamie Lee Curtis  
Pinduli by Janell Cannon  
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles  
Tacky by Helen Lester  
All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka  
Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester

### **BULLY PROOFING**

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill  
Loudmouth George and the Sixth Grade Bully by Nancy Carlson  
Toestomper and the Caterpillars by Sharleen Collicott  
Arthur's April Fool by Marc Brown  
Emily Breaks Free by Marsh Media  
The Ant Bully by John Nickle  
King of the Playground by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson  
Nora and the Nonapus by fifth graders at Estes Hill Elementary in Chapel Hill, NC  
The Berenstain Bears and the Bully by Jan and Stan Berenstain

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Teasing by Jan and Stan Berenstain  
Bully Trouble by Joanna Cole  
Don't Laugh at Me by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin  
My Secret Bully by Trudy Ludwig  
Honey...Honey...Lion by Jan Brett  
The Shark Who Was Afraid of Everything by Brian James  
Pinduli by Janell Cannon  
My Secret Bully by Trudy Ludwig  
Just Kidding by Trudy Ludwig  
Sorry! by Trudy Ludwig  
Tacky by Helen Lester  
Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester  
Miranda Peabody and the Magnificent Friendship March (A Story About Bullies, Bystanders and Friendship) by Susan DeBell  
Blue Cheese Breath and Stinky Feet (How to Deal with Bullies) by Catherine DePino

#### FRIENDSHIP

We are Best Friends by Aiki  
A Friend for Oscar Mouse by Joe and Maria Majewska  
Cap it Off With a Smile- A Guide for Keeping and Making Friends by Robin Inwald  
Nobody Likes Me by Raoul Krischamitz  
Ruby the Copy Cat by Peggy Rathman  
Monkey See, Monkey Do by Linda Schwartz  
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel  
How to Be a Friend by Laurie and Mark Brown  
And to Think That We Thought We'd Never Be Friends by Mary Ann Hoberman  
Best Friends by Loretta Krupinski  
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco  
George and Martha Encore by James Marshal  
The Hating Book by Charlotte Zolotow  
Maebelle's Suitcase by Tricia Tusa  
Margaret and Margarita by Lynn Reiser  
Mrs. Rose's Garden by Elaine Greenstein  
One of Each by Mary Ann Hoberman

Tacky by Helen Lester

### **MOODS**

Sometimes I'm Bombaloo by Rachel Vail

What Are You So Grumpy About by Tom Lightenheld

Glad Monster, Sad Monster by Ed Emberley and Anne Miranda

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Pressure by Stan and Jan Berenstain

I Was So Mad by Mercy Mayer

Do I Have to Go to School Today? by Larry Shles

Don't Laugh at Me by Steve Seskin

When Sophie Gets Angry- Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang

The Grouchy Lady Bug by Eric Carle

### **TATTLING/RUMORS**

The Big Bad Rumor by Jonathon Meres

Rainbow Fish: Tattle Tale by Marcus Pfister

Tattlin' Madeline by Carol Cummings

Armadillo Tattletale by Hellen Ketterman

Don't Squeal unless It's a Big Deal: A Tale of Tattletales by Jeanie Franz

Ransom

### **Pass It Forward**

The Flower Man by Mark Ludy

### **Listening Skills**

Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binkow