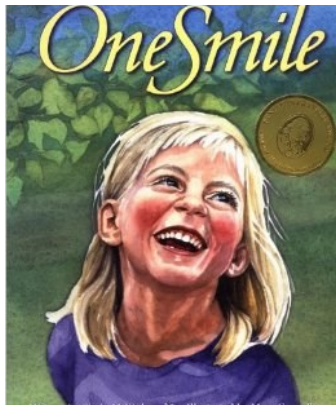


# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

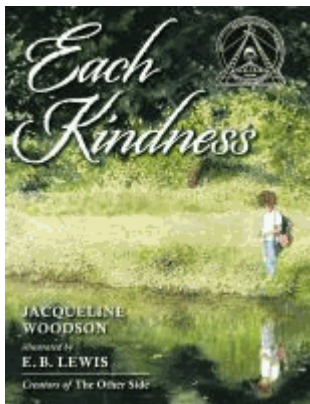
## Picture Books



### One Smile

by Cindy McKinley, c2002

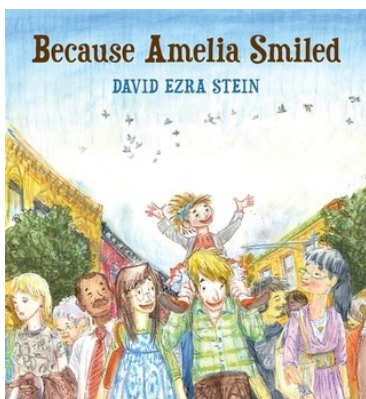
"When a child smiles at a stranger, she sets off a chain reaction of kindness that eventually comes full circle."  
- Follett



### Each Kindness

by Jacqueline Woodson, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.1)

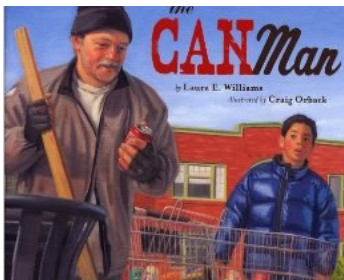
"When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her." - Follett



### Because Amelia Smiled

by David Stein, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

"A little girl's smile as she skips down the street in New York inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the good will soon spread around the world." - Follett



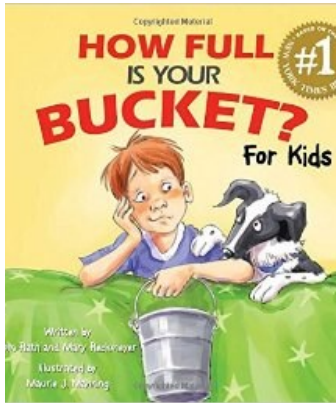
### The Can Man

by Laura E. Williams, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"After watching a homeless man collect empty soft drink cans for the redemption money, a young boy decides to collect cans himself to earn money for a skateboard until he has a change of heart." - Follett

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce  
*Picture Books*



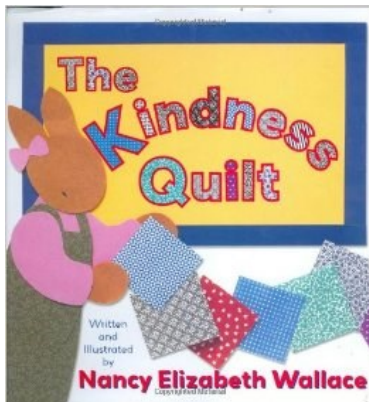
**How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids**  
by Tom Rath, c2009 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Through the story of a little boy named Felix, this charming book explains to children how being kind not only helps others, it helps them too. As he goes about his day, Felix interacts with different people. Some people are happy, but others are grumpy or sad. The way we relate to others has a profound effect on ..."  
- Pub.



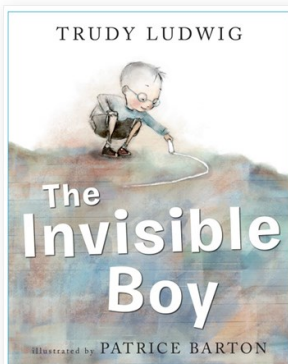
**Oskar and the Eight Blessings**  
by Richard Simon and Tanya Simon,  
c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"A young Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany arrives in New York City on the seventh night of Hanukkah and receives small acts of kindness while exploring the city." - Follett



**The Kindness Quilt**  
by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, c2006 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"Minna and her classmates have been asked by their teacher, Mrs. Bloom, to work on a Kindness Project. Mrs. Bloom wants them to do, draw and share an act of kindness." - Follett



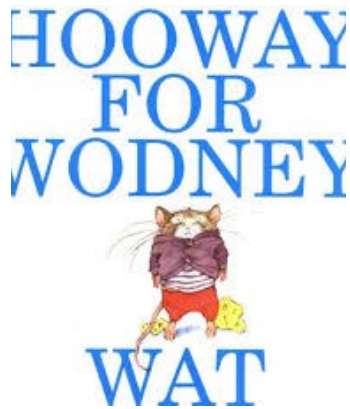
**The Invisible Boy**  
by Trudy Ludwig, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Brian has always felt invisible at school. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome." - Follett

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

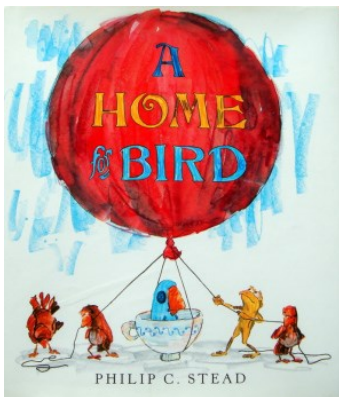
## Picture Books



### Hooway for Wodney Wat

by Helen Lester, c1999 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

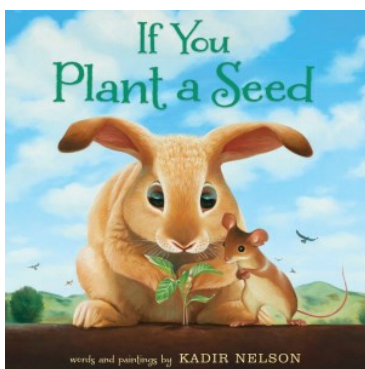
"All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully." - Follett



### A Home for Bird

by Philip C. Stead, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

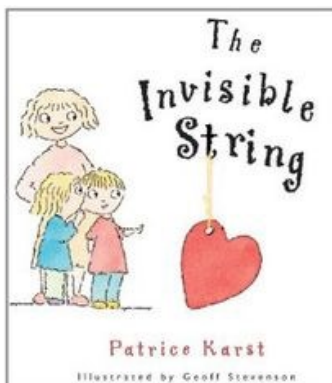
"While out foraging for interesting things, Vernon the toad finds a new friend—a small blue bird who is curiously silent. Vernon shows Bird the river and the forest and some of his other favorite things, but Bird says nothing. A tender tale of a thoughtful friend who is determined to help his quiet companion." - Follett



### If You Plant a Seed

by Kadir Nelson, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"If you plant a carrot seed...a carrot will grow. If you plant a cabbage seed...cabbage will grow. But what happens if you plant a seed of kindness... or selfishness? A resonant, gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity." - Pub.



### The Invisible String

by Patrice Karst, c2000 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.8)

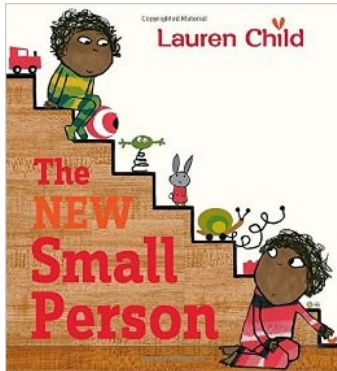
"Delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all, and by extension, ultimately binds every person on the planet to everyone else." - Pub.



# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

## Picture Books



### The New Small Person

by Lauren Child, c2014 ((IL: K-3, RL: 2.5))

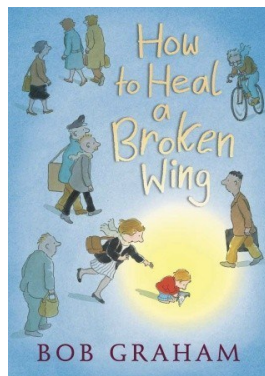
"When a new small person (new sibling) comes into Elmore's life, Elmore finds adapting hard. But one day a small act of kindness by the new small person helps Elmore to see her in a new light." - Follett



### Pine and the Winter Sparrow

Retold by Alexis Lumbard, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

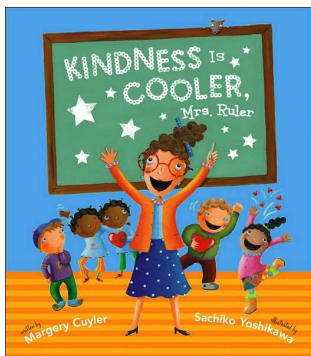
"Have you ever wondered why pine trees stay green all winter long and don't lose their leaves like other trees? According to an ancient legend attributed to the Cherokee Indians, it was a simple act of kindness towards an injured little bird that earned pine trees this very honour." - Pub.



### How to Heal a Broken Wing

by Bob Graham, c2008 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

"When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, amongst the hustle and bustle of people walking by in a big city, he takes it home and nurses it back to health." - Follett



### Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler

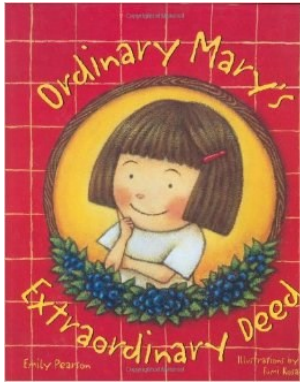
by Margery Cuyler, c2007 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

"When Mrs. Ruler asks five of her kindergarteners to miss recess, she's got a special plan up her sleeve. She's about to teach a new golden rule: Kindness is cool! Soon the entire class is doing so many good deeds that their kindness bulletin board barely fits in their classroom." - Pub.

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

## Picture Books

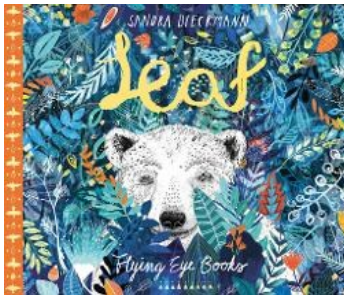


### Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed

by Emily Pearson, c2002 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.2)

"A young girl's good deed is multiplied as it is passed on by those who have been touched by the kindness of others. It's a feel-good story that inspires and celebrates a world full of ordinary deeds!"

- Pub.

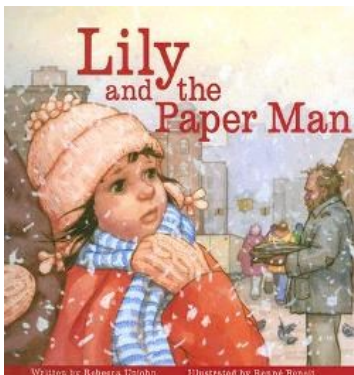


### Leaf

by Sandra Dieckmann, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust. Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colorful leaves...just trying to go home."

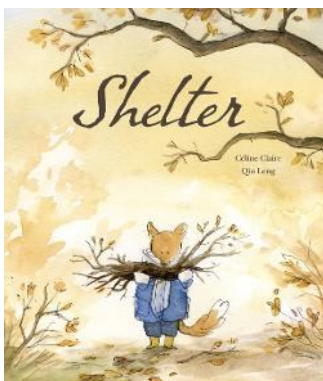
- Follett



### Lily and the Paper Man

by Rebecca Upjohn, c2007 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"Walking with her mother on the way home from school one day, Lily runs straight into a gruff and untidy-looking man selling papers on the street. Frightened, Lily insists on taking the bus home every day for fear she will run into him again. But when the weather turns cold, Lily starts to see the Paper Man differently; she sees his bare toes through the holes in his boots and his thin shirt through the holes in his coat." - Pub.



### Shelter by Céline Claire, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

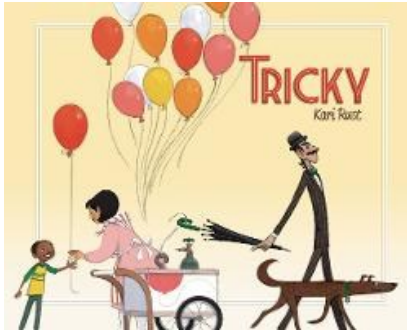
"As a big storm approaches, two strangers arrive in the forest. All the animal families, safe in their homes, are worried. They wonder, 'What are they doing there? What do they want?' So, as the pair knocks at the door of one home after another asking for shelter, all the animals turn them away, leaving them to fend for themselves. But then an accident suddenly forces the fox family out into the snow and the wind, and the foxes find they must ask these outsiders for help. Will they find it in their hearts to give it?" - Pub.



# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

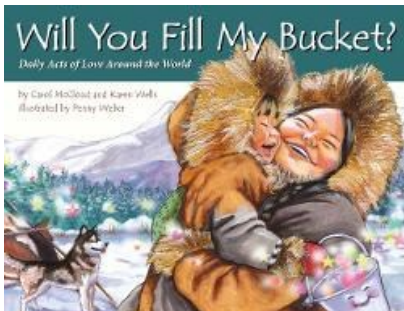
## Picture Books



### Tricky

by Kari Rust, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

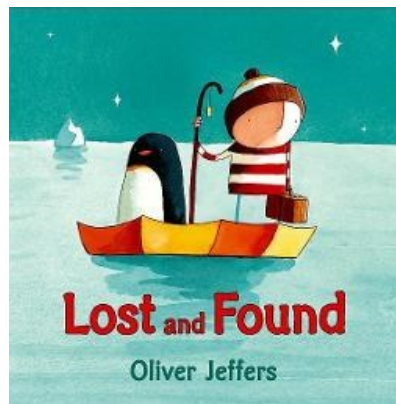
"The Duke and his dog, Tricky, spend their days making trouble. They cheat, steal, and play cruel-hearted pranks on their neighbors, just for fun. But one day, somebody new comes to town and gives Tricky a treat that melts his mischievous heart—and sets him thinking about the effect his actions have on others." - Amazon.ca



### Will You Fill My Bucket? Daily Acts of Love Around the World

by Carol McCloud, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

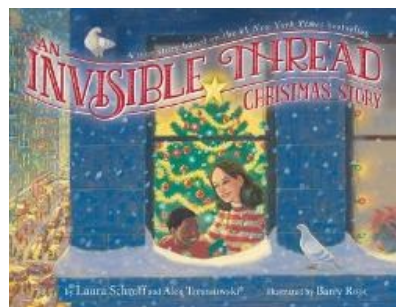
"A simple question, 'Will you fill my bucket?', is fervently asked by children from twelve different countries. Sweet rhyming prose and vividly captivating illustrations delight the senses and express the deep joy and love we hope for all the children." - Pub.



### Lost and Found

by Oliver Jeffers, c2005 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"What is a boy to do when a lost penguin shows up at his door? Find out where it comes from, of course, and return it. But the journey to the South Pole is long and difficult in the boy's rowboat. There are storms to brave and deep, dark nights...Finally, they arrive. Yet instead of being happy, both are sad. That's when the boy realizes: The penguin hadn't been lost, it had merely been lonely." - Pub.



### An Invisible Thread Christmas Story

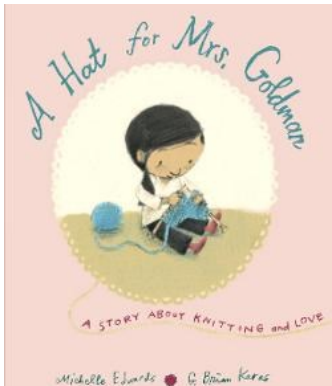
by Laura Schroff, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

"Laura retells the first Christmas that she and Maurice spent together. She shares how Maurice gave her a small white bear and, as she later learns, the only thing he had that he could truly call his own—to show her how grateful he was for their friendship. This heartwarming tale captures the true meaning of the holidays and will be one you'll want to share with your family year after year as a reminder that a gift from the heart is always the best present under the tree." - Pub.

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

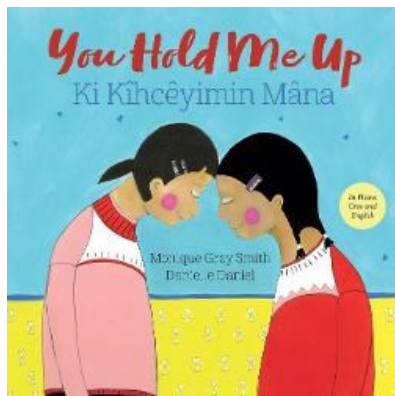
## Picture Books



### A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love

by Michelle Edwards, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

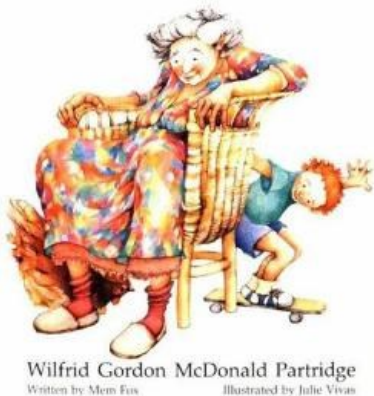
"Mrs. Goldman always knits hats for everyone in the neighborhood, and Sophia helps by making the pom-poms. But now winter is here, and Mrs. Goldman herself doesn't have a hat—she's too busy making hats for everyone else! It's up to Sophia to buckle down and knit a hat for Mrs. Goldman. But try as Sophia might, the hat turns out lumpy, the stitches aren't even, and there are holes where there shouldn't be holes." - Pub.



### You Hold Me Up

by Monique Gray Smith, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.1)

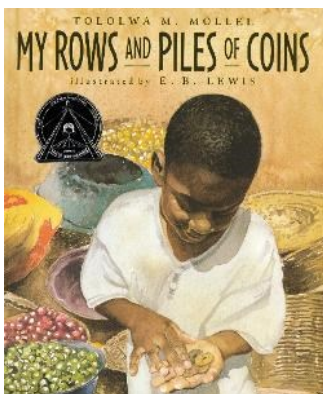
"This is a foundational book about building relationships, fostering empathy and encouraging respect between peers, starting with our littlest citizens." - Pub.



### Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge

by Mem Fox, c1985

"Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge is a small boy who has a big name—and that's why he likes Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, because she has one too. So when he finds Miss Nancy has lost her memory he determines to discover what memories are so that he can find it for her. A warm and delightful book to enchant all ages." - from the book



### My Rows and Piles of Coins

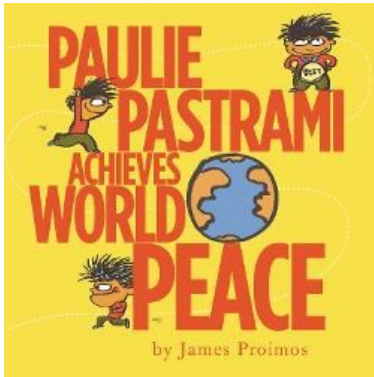
by Tololwa M. Mollel, c1999 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"I emptied my secret money box, arranged the coins in piles and the piles in rows... The market is full of wonderful things, but Saruni is saving his precious coins for a red and blue bicycle. How happy he will be when he can help his mother carry heavy loads to market on his very own bicycle—and how disappointed he is to discover that he hasn't saved nearly enough!" - Pub.



# Compassionate and Kind

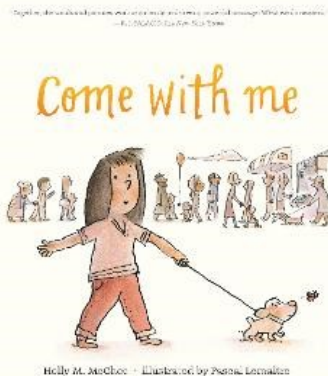
Selected by Joan Pearce  
*Picture Books*



## Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace

by James Proimos, c2009

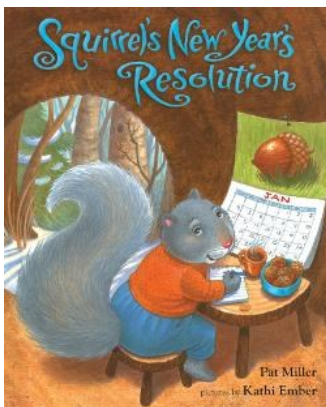
"Paulie Pastrami can't whistle, he has trouble matching his socks, and he is usually picked last in sports. But he plans to achieve world peace before he turns eight. Through simple acts of kindness—from reading to the trees and being nice to his little sister to cheering up the school principal and sharing cupcakes with strangers—Paulie learns that spreading peace isn't that hard after all." - Pub.



## Come With Me

by Holly M. McGhee, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

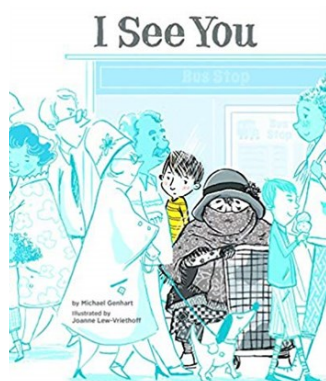
"When the news reports are flooded with tales of hatred and fear, a girl asks her papa what she can do to make the world a better place. "Come with me," he says. Hand-in-hand, they walk to the subway, tipping their hats to those they meet. The next day, the girl asks her mama what she can do—her mama says, "Come with me," and together they set out for the grocery, because one person doesn't represent an entire race or the people of a land." - Pub.



## Squirrel's New Year's Resolution

by Pat Miller, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Squirrel doesn't know what a resolution is—happily, Bear the librarian explains it quite well, both to her and to the book's audience. Squirrel then visits her forest friends to see what resolutions they have planned and hopes she'll be able to think of one for herself." - Booklist



## I See You by Michael Genhart, c2017

"I See You is a wordless picture book that depicts a homeless woman who is not seen by everyone around her - except for a little boy. Over the course of a year, the boy is witness to all that she endures. Ultimately, in a gesture of compassion, the boy acknowledges her in an exchange in which he sees her and she experiences being seen. This book opens the door for kids and parents to begin a conversation about homelessness." - Amazon.ca



# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

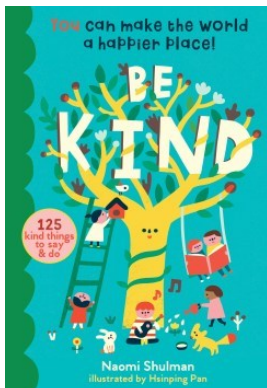
## Picture Books



### Maybe Tomorrow?

by Michael Genhart, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

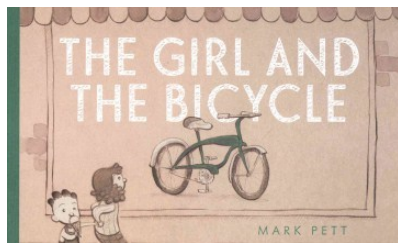
"Elba carries the black block of grief and sadness wherever she goes--until Norris comes along and helps her to let go of the block and enjoy life again." - OCLC



### Be Kind

by Naomi Shulman, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"This . . . illustrated book gives . . . ways that each child--and adult--can make the world a happier place and prove that kindness matters." - Pub.



### The Girl and the Bicycle

by Mark Peet, c2014 (IL: K-3)

"A wordless picture book in which a girl sees a bicycle she wants to buy, works hard for a kindly neighbor to earn the money for it, then gets a pleasant surprise." - Follett



### Joy

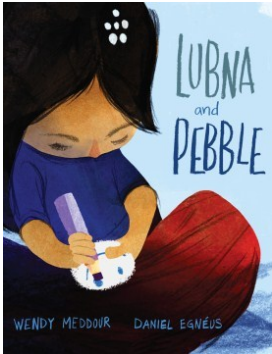
by Corrinne Averiss, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

"Fern's Nanna has not been herself of late. And when Mum remarks that all the joy seems to have gone out of her life, Fern decides to fetch the joy back. With her catching-kit at the ready, she goes to the park and finds joy in all sorts of unusual places. Whoooooshh! But Fern soon realises that joy doesn't fit in a bag, or a box or a tin! How will she manage to bring some back to Nanna?" - Pub.

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

## Picture Books



### Lubna and Pebble

by Wendy Meddour, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

"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." - Pub.

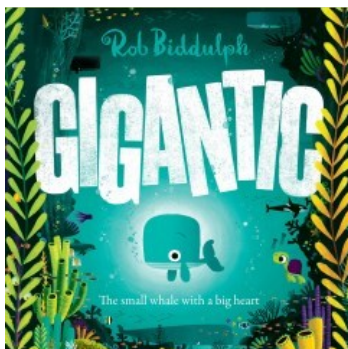


### The Kindest Red : A Story of Hijab and Friendship

by Ibtihaj Muhammad, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

#### Summary:

"It's picture day and Faizah can't wait to wear her special red dress with matching hair ribbons, passed down from her mother and sister. Faizah's teacher starts the day by asking her students to envision the kind of world they want, inspiring Faizah and her friends to spend the day helping one another in ways large and small." - Pub.



### Gigantic

by Rob Biddulph, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: ?)

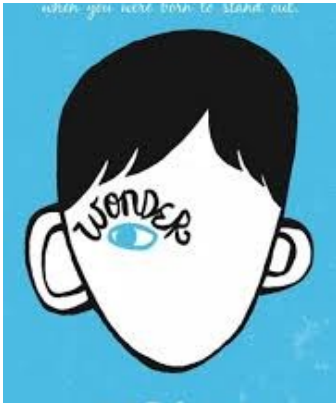
#### Summary:

A powerful and standout sea-life story featuring one very small and determined blue whale from bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph Meet Gigantic, the smallest blue whale in the Atlantic. Dwarfed by the other whales, Gigantic keeps to himself, making new friends and perfecting his somersaults and flips in the bay. But one day when..." - Pub.

# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

## Novels

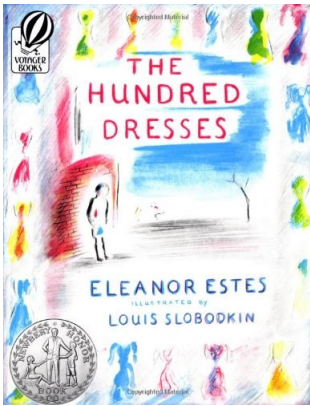


### Wonder

by R.J. Palacio, c2012 (IL: 3-6)

"Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates..."

- Pub.



### The Hundred Dresses

by Eleanor Estes, c1944 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.4)

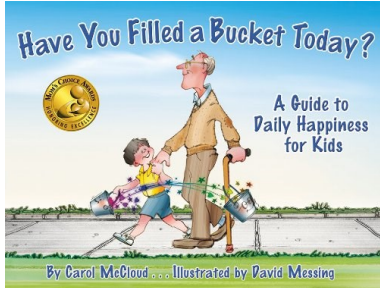
"In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson." - Follett



# Compassionate and Kind

Selected by Joan Pearce

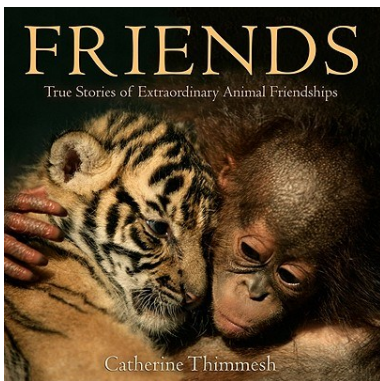
*Non-fiction*



## Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids

by Carol McCloud, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

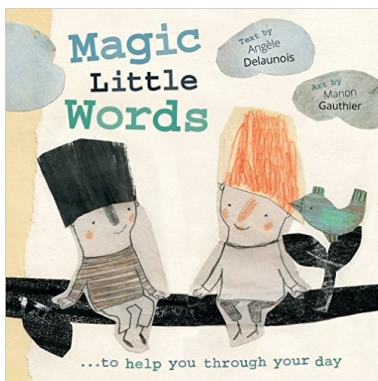
"Using the metaphor of filling a bucket to encourage children to practice kind and considerate behavior and teach them the benefits of positive relationships. Six Pillars character education: caring, civic virtue and citizenship." - Pub.



## Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships

by Catherine Thimmesh, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.4)

"Famous examples of interspecies friendships successfully translated to picture book format." - Follett



## Magic Little Words...to Help You Through Your Day

by Angèle Delaunois, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.3)

"Thank you. Sorry. Goodbye. I love you. These basic words and phrases are among the early ones we learn, but they also represent big concepts whose larger meanings can be difficult to grasp." - Pub.