GOOD CHARACTER:
A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Preschool – Elementary)
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Books appropriate for preschool-kindergarten are marked with a *

**Activism/Environmentalism**
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown*
Butterfly Park by Elie McKay*
Giant Steps to Change the World by Spike Lee*
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
Imogene’s Last Stand by Candace Fleming
Junkyard by Mike Austin
Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
Me-Jane by Patrick McDonnell*
Miss Rumphius/La Senorita Runfio by Barbara Cooney
More by I.C. Springman*
Mossy by Jan Brett*
The Snail and the Whale by Julie Donaldson*
The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone by Timothy Ewing
Too Tall Houses by Gianna Marino

**Being a Good Friend/Compassion**
Bear in Love by Daniel Pinkwater
Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckman*
Brimsby’s Hats by Andrew Prahin
The Cardboard Piano by Lynne Rae Perkins
Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

Woodson’s newest title employs her trademark sensitivity and subtlety, while shying away from easy resolutions and moralizing. Grade-schooler Chloe ostracizes a new classmate, Maya, whose poverty is reflected in her out-of-date clothes. Chloe re-examines her aloof behavior when her teacher talks about the ripple effect of kindness. However, before Chloe can make amends, Maya moves away. Chloe is left to reflect on her behavior, and wonder what would have happened if she had not rebuffed Maya’s gestures of friendship.

Edmond, the Moonlit Party by Astrid Desbordes
Enemy Pie/Pastel para Enemigos by Derek Munson
Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won
How to Grow a Friend by Sarah Gillingham*
Hug Machine by Scott Campbell
I’m Not by Pam Smallcomb
Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eilen Spinelli

Although this story is set around Valentine’s Day, this delightful tale of community should be shared year round. Reclusive Mr. Hatch receives a valentine from a “secret admirer,” which provides him so much hope and good spirit that he becomes a do-gooder around town. What will happen when he finds that the valentine is not what
it seems?

Turtle Island by Kevin Sherry*
Xander’s Panda Party by Linda Sue Park*

The Golden Rule/Kindness
Because of You: A Book of Kindness by B.G. Hennessy*
Bee-Wigged by Cece Bell*
Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners by Laurie Keller
The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper*
Hank Finds an Egg by Rebecca Dudley*
If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson*
The Kindness Quilt by Nancy Wallace
The Lion and the Mouse illustrated by Jerry Pinkney*
Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain by Jacqueline Jules
Number One Sam by Greg Pizzoli*
Superworm by Julia Donaldson*
The Troublemaker by Lauren Castillo*
The Three Questions by Jon Muth

Gratitude/Loyalty
An Awesome Book of Thanks! by Dallas Clayton*
Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson*
The Boy in the Garden by Allen Say
Crictor by Tomi Ungerer*
The Last Stop on Market Street by Matt LaPena
Miss Hazeltine’s Home for Shy and Fearful Cats by Alicia Potter
The Quiltmaker’s Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
Rain! by Linda Ashman*
A Sick Day for Amos McGhee by Philip Stead*
Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

Honesty
Betty Bunny Didn't Do It! by Michael Kaplan*
The Boy who cried Bigfoot! by Scott Magoon*
The Empty Pot/La Maceta Vacia by Demi*
Sam Tells Stories by Thierry Robberecht*
Tell the Truth, B.B. Wolf by Judy Sierra*

Inner Beauty/Open-Mindedness
Bear and Bee by Sergio Ruzzier
Big Mean Mike by Michelle Knudsen*
Chicken Big by Keith Graves*
Dangerous! by Tim Warnes*
The Goat-Faced Girl: A Classic Italian Folktale by Leah Sharpe
I Will Fight Monsters for You by Santi Balmes
Julia’s Home for Lost Creatures by Ben Hatke

Larf by Asley Spires

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach by Carmen Agra Deedy

The Monster Princess* by D.J. MacHale

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe  A Zimbabwean tale with echoes of Cinderella tells of two sisters, one vain and selfish, the other kind and generous, and a clever test to determine which will become queen. This timeless tale is supported by superb illustration, which at times appears photorealistic. Share this flawless tale with an elementary-aged audience.

The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton*

Kindness to Animals

Before You Were Mine by Maribeth Boelts*

The Blue House Dog by Deborah Blumenthal

How to Heal a Broken Wing/Como Puede Curarse una Ala Rota by Bob Graham*

I Wish I had a Pet by Maggie Rudy

“Let’s Get a Pup!” Said Kate by Bob Graham*

Leopard & Silkie: One Boy’s Quest to Save the Seal Pups by Brenda Peterson

Little Dog Lost: The True Story of a Dog Named Baltic by Monica Carnesi

Melvin and the Boy by Lauren Castillo*

A Mom for Umande by Maria Faisal Faulconer

Naptime with Theo & Beau by Jessica Shyba*

One Day at Green Wood Animal Shelter by Patricia Casey*

One Gorilla by Anthony Browne*

Saving Audie: A Pit Bull Puppy Gets a Second Chance by Dorothy Patent

The Scrawny Cat by Phyllis Root*

Trouper by Meg Kearney

Peace/Forgiveness

Can You Say Peace? by Karen Katz*

The Enemy: A Book about Peace by Davide Cali

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams

The Forgiveness Garden by Lauren Thompson

The Grudge Keeper by Mara Rockliff

The Olive Tree by Elsa Marston

Peace, Baby! by Linda Ashman*

The Peace Bell by Margi Preus

Peace is an Offering by Annette LeBox

Peaceful Pieces: Poems and Quilts about Peace by Anna Hines

Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad by James Rumford

Sir Lofty and Sir Tubb by Binette Shroeder

Smoky Night by Eve Bunting

The Sunflower Sword by Mark Sperring

Perseverance/Courage
Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming
Elecopter by Stephen Savage
Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle by Christopher Raschka*
Flight School by Lita Judge
Goodnight, Dragons by Judith Roth*
A Hen for Izzy Pippik by Aubrey Davis
A Home for Bird by Philip Stead*
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
How to be a Viking by Cressida Cowell*
Little Kinouchi, the Ninja Girl by Sanae Ishida*
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson *
A Place Where Hurricanes Happen by Renee Watson
Quickie Makes the Team by Donald Driver*
Supertruck by Stephen Savage
Touch the Sky: Alice Coachman, Olympic High Jumper by Ann Malaspina
Tsunami! by Kamiko Kajikawa
A Visitor for Bear by Bonnie Becker*
When Lions Roar by Robie Harris*

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