



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 Carpet Boy's Gift](#) by Pegi Shea
- [The Curious Garden](#) by Peter Brown*
- [Giant Steps to Change the World](#) by Spike Lee*
- [Imogene's Last Stand](#) by Candace Fleming
- [The Lorax](#) by Dr. Seuss
- [Miss Rumphius/La Senorita Runfio](#) by Barbara Cooney
- [Mossy](#) by Jan Brett*
- [The Snail and the Whale](#) by Julie Donaldson*

Being a Good Friend/Compassion

- [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 Grade-schooler Chloe ostracizes a new classmate, Maya, whose poverty is reflected in her out-of-date clothes.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.

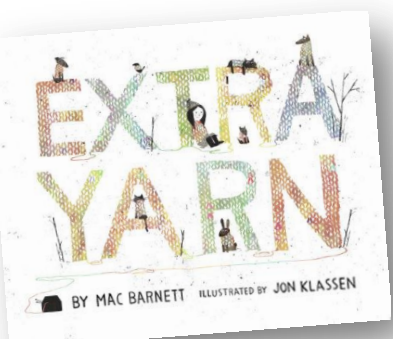
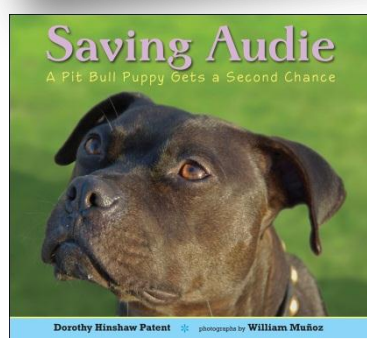
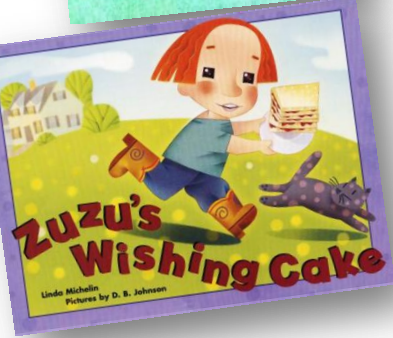
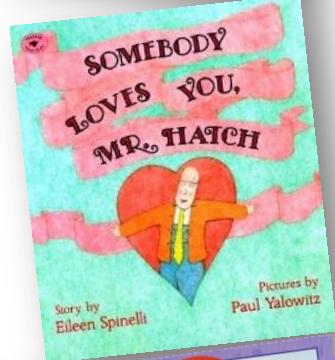
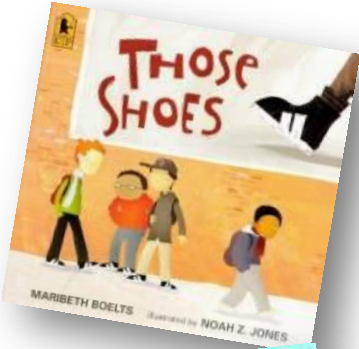
- [Enemy Pie/Pastel para Enemigos](#) by Derek Munson
- [Jamaica's Blue Marker](#) by Juanita Havill
- [Leonardo the Terrible Monster](#) by Mo Willems*
- [My Best Friend](#) by Mary Ann Rodman*
- [The Name Jar](#) by Yangsook Choi
- [One](#) by Kathryn Otoshi*
- [One Green Apple](#) by Eve Bunting
- [Say Hello](#) by Jack Foreman*
- [You Can Be a Friend](#) by Tony Dungy
- [Yo? Yes!](#) By Chris Raschka*
- [Zuzu's Wishing Cake](#) by Linda Michelin*

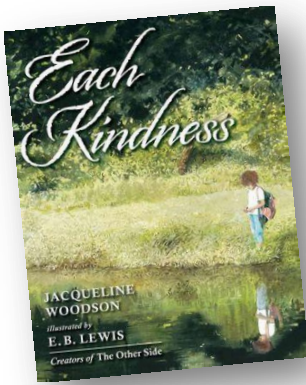
Charity/Community

- [The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes](#) by Linda Glaser
- [Extra Yarn](#) by Mac Barnett*
- [The Girl Who Drew a Phoenix](#) by Demi
- [Hooray for Grandparents Day!](#) by Nancy Carlson*
- [Laundry Day](#) by Maurie Manning*
- [The Magic Gourd](#) by Baba Diakite
- [Mrs. Muddle's Holidays](#) by Laura Nielsen*
- [Our Community Garden](#) by Barbara Pollak*
- [The Runaway Rice Cake](#) by Ying Compestine*
- [Seed Magic](#) by Jane Buchanan*
- [Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch](#) by Eileen 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?*

The Golden Rule

- [Because of You: A Book of Kindness](#) by B.G. Hennessy*
- [Bee-Wiggled](#) by Cece Bell*





[The Golden Rule](#) by Ilene Cooper*
[The Kindness Quilt](#) by Nancy Wallace
[The Lion and the Mouse](#) illustrated by Jerry Pinkney*
[The Three Questions](#) by Jon Muth

Gratitude

[An Awesome Book of Thanks!](#) by Dallas Clayton*
[Bear Says Thanks](#) by Karma Wilson*
[The Quiltmaker's Gift](#) by Jeff Brumbeau
[Those Shoes](#) by Maribeth Boelts *This likeable story deals with empathy and gratitude in a modern grade- school setting. Jeremy covets the current trendy sneakers, and to his delight, finds a newish pair at a thrift store. Jeremy buys the shoes even though they are several sizes too small. Seeing a classmate with taped-together shoes offers Jeremy a chance to do good while also awakening his sense of gratitude. Boelts manages to create a story that educates without lecturing, making this an ideal classroom read.*

Honesty

[The Empty Pot/La Maceta Vacía](#) by Demi*
[Sam Tells Stories](#) by Thierry Robberecht*
[Tell the Truth, B.B. Wolf](#) by Judy Sierra*

Inner Beauty

[The Goat-Faced Girl: A Classic Italian Folktale](#) by Leah Sharpe
[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.*

Kindness to Animals

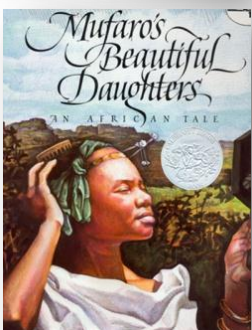
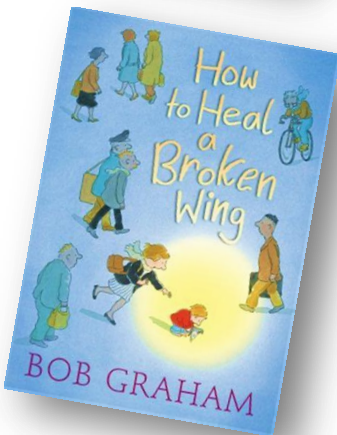
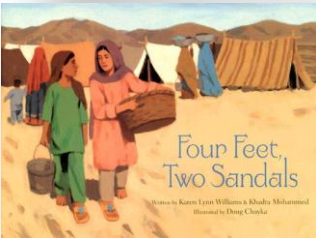
[The Blue House Dog](#) by Deborah Blumenthal
[How to Heal a Broken Wing/Como Puede Curarse una Ala Rota](#) by Bob Graham*
["Let's Get a Pup!" Said Kate](#) by Bob Graham*
[Melvin and the Boy](#) by Lauren Castillo*
[One Day at Green Wood Animal Shelter](#) by Patricia Casey*
[Saving Audie: A Pit Bull Puppy Gets a Second Chance](#) by Dorothy Patent
[The Scrawny Cat](#) by Phyllis Root*

Peace/Forgiveness

[Can You Say Peace?](#) by Karen Katz*
[The Earth Shook: A Persian Tale](#) by Donna Jo Napoli
[The Enemy: A Book about Peace](#) by Davide Cali
[Four Feet, Two Sandals](#) by Karen Lynn Williams
[The Forgiveness Garden](#) by Lauren Thompson
[14 Cows for America](#) by Carmen Agra Deedy
[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

Perseverance/Courage

[Amandina](#) by Sergio Ruzzier*
[Clever Jack Takes the Cake](#) by Candace Fleming*
[Courage](#) by Bernard Waber*
[A Home for Bird](#) by Philip Stead*
[Horton Hatches the Egg](#) by Dr. Seuss
[The Other Side](#) by Jacqueline Woodson *
[Quickie Makes the Team](#) by Donald Driver*
[Tsunami!](#) by Kamiko Kajikawa
[A Visitor for Bear](#) by Bonnie Becker*



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