

**One Winter's Day** by Christina Butler. Good Books, 2006. E But

When a wintry wind blows away Little Hedgehog's nest, he sets out for his friend Badger's house, and the generosity he shows to others during his journey is returned to him when the snowstorm is over. **Themes: Generosity, Compassion, Kindness.**

**The Way I Feel** by Janan Cain. Parenting Press, 2000. E Cai Illustrations and rhyming text portray children experiencing a range of emotions, including **frustration, shyness, jealousy, and pride.**

**Hot Day on Abbott Avenue** by Karen English. Clarion, 2004. E Eng After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad. **Themes: Friendship, Peacemaking, Reconciliation.**

**Will You Forgive Me?** by Sally Gindley and Penny Dann. Kingfisher, 2001. E Gri

When Figgy is involved in the disappearance of Jefferson Bear's favorite tickling stick, she is afraid to tell him what has happened, but he forgives her after she confesses. **Themes: Forgiveness.**

**Matthew and Tilly** by Rebecca Jones. Dutton, 1991. E Jon These friends have an occasional tiff, but their friendship prevails despite their differences. **Themes: Friendship, Peacemaking, Reconciliation.**

**A Cool Drink of Water** by Barbara Kerley. National Geographic, 2002. J 363.61 Ker

Amazing photographs of people around the world collecting, chilling, and drinking water. **Themes: Around the World, Water, Basic Needs.**

**Only One You** by Linda Krantz. Rising Moon, 2006. E Kra Adri, a colorfully painted rockfish, promises to remember his parents' words of wisdom such as "Find your own way. Love with your whole heart. You don't have to follow the crowd" and "Choose your words carefully." **Themes: Wisdom, Growing Up, Encouragement, Self-Esteem.**



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**I Like Your Buttons** by Sarah Lamstein. Whitman, 1999. E Lam

When a little girl compliments her teacher about her buttons, it starts a chain reaction of goodwill, good deeds, and thoughtfulness throughout the day. **Themes: Kindness, Thoughtfulness, Pay-it-forward.**

**If I Never Forever Endeavor** by Holly Meade. Candlewick, 2011. E Mea

A young bird, safe in its nest, debates whether or not to risk trying its wings. **Themes: Risk, Trying new things; Growing up.**

**The Way I Act** by Steve Metzger. Parenting Press, 2011. E Met

Rhyming text and color illustrations introduce young readers to ways in which children exemplify positive behaviors, like **brave, friendly, curious, considerate, cooperative and more.**

**The Recess Queen** by Alexis O'Neill. Scholastic, 2002. E O'Ne

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen. **Themes: Peacemaking.**

**The Peace Book** by Todd Parr. Little, Brown, 2004. E Par

Describes peace as making new friends, sharing a meal, feeling good about yourself, and more.

**I Imagine: a child's book of prayers** by Rachel Rivett. Lion, 2011. J 242.62 Riv

Combining an original prayer with fresh and engaging artwork, this picture book will encourage children to reflect quietly upon themselves and our world, inspiring wonder and excitement for what lies at the heart of them both. Peaceful nature scenes throughout. **Themes: Prayer, Environment.**

**Blackout** by John Rocco. Hyperion, 2011. E Roc (Best read with lights out and a flashlight!).

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once. **Themes: Business, family time, more with less.**

**A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Phillip Stead. Roaring Brook, 2010. E Stea

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day he woke with the sniffles, his friends arrived to help him get better. **Themes: Reciprocity, Kindness, Friendship.**

**Put Your Best Foot Forward: lessons for a happier world** by Allison Stoutland. Inchyinch, 2000. E Sto

Each page encourages us to live to your greatest potential. **Themes: Happiness, Do good, live well.**

**Migrant** by Maxine Trottier. Groundwood, 2011. E Tro

A sensitive look at the situation of Low-German speaking Mennonites from Mexico who migrate seasonally to Canada to work. **Themes: Immigration, Migrant workers, language differences.**

