

Books to Support Core Competencies

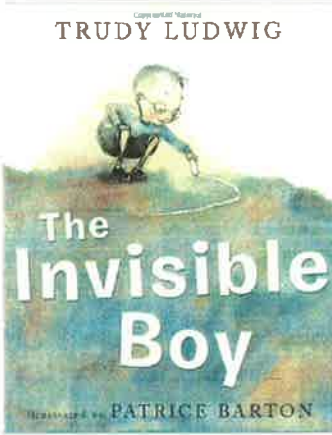
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<p>BOOK PACK</p> <p>4 Books</p>		<p>Supports All Competencies</p>
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The Invisible Boy, Patrice Barton

Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.

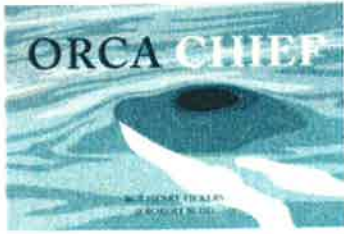
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-  Personal Awareness & Responsibility
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-  Critical Thinking
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Red Cat Blue Cat by Jenni Desmond

What happens when blue cat wants to be like red and red wants to be like blue? Can they be happy within their own fur?

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Orca Chief by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd

Thousands of years ago in the village of Kitkatla, four hunters leave home in the spring to harvest seaweed and sockeye. When they arrive at their fishing grounds, exhaustion makes them lazy and they throw their anchor overboard without care for the damage it might do to marine life or the sea floor.



Communication



Positive Personal & Cultural Identity



Personal Awareness & Responsibility



Social Responsibility



Critical Thinking



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The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade



written by JUSTIN ROBERTS
illustrated by CHRISTINA HEBRANCY

**The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade
By Justin Roberts**

Hardly anyone notice young Sally McCabe. She was the smallest girl in the smallest grade. But young Sally was very busy noticing everything. She quietly gathered just enough information to take a bold stand. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference.



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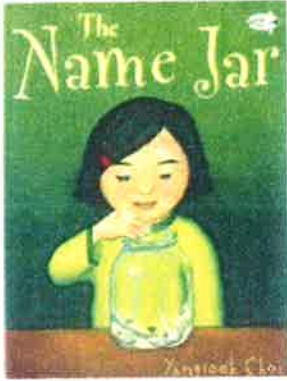





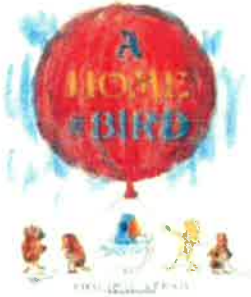








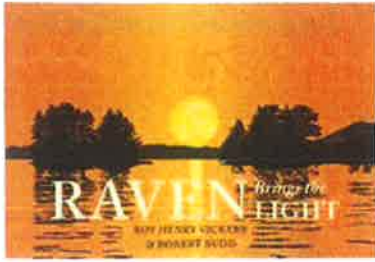
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BOOK PACK 3 Books		Supports Personal Awareness and Responsibility
	<p>Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett</p> <p>Extra Yarn, winner of a Caldecott Honor and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, as well as a New York Times bestseller, is the story of how a young girl and her box of magical yarn transform a community.</p>	 Personal Awareness & Responsibility
	<p>The Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett</p> <p>A little girl sees a shiny new bicycle in the shop window. She hurries home to see if she has enough money in her piggy bank, but when she comes up short, she knocks on the doors of her neighbors, hoping to do their yard work. They all turn her away except for a kindly old woman. The woman and the girl work through the seasons, side by side. They form a tender friendship. When the weather warms, the girl finally has enough money for the bicycle. She runs back to the store, but the bicycle is gone! What happens next shows the reward of hard work and the true meaning of generosity.</p>	 Personal Awareness & Responsibility
	<p>The Lemonade Hurricane by Licia Morelli and Jennifer Morris</p> <p>Emma doesn't really like hurricanes. After a busy day of school and activities, Emma likes to sit still and rest. Her little brother, Henry, does everything but. She calls him "The Lemonade Hurricane." Henry is a lot of fun when he's not storming through the house, so Emma decides to teach him how to be still. By showing him how to sit, bow, and breathe, Emma is able to calm the hurricane within Henry.</p>	 Personal Awareness & Responsibility

BOOK PACK 5 Books		Supports All Competencies
	<p>The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi</p> <p>Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Creative Thinking  Positive Personal & Cultural Identity  Personal Awareness & Responsibility  Social Responsibility  Communication
	<p>A Home Bird by Philip C. Stead</p> <p>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. Vernon introduces Bird to his friends, Skunk and Porcupine, but Bird still says nothing. "Bird is shy," says Vernon, "but also a very good listener." Vernon worries that Bird is silent because he misses his home, so the two set off on a journey to help find a home for Bird. This is a tender tale of a thoughtful friend who is determined to help his quiet companion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Communication  Positive Personal & Cultural Identity  Personal Awareness & Responsibility  Social Responsibility  Critical Thinking  Creative Thinking



Raven Brings the Light by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd

In a time when darkness covered the land, a boy named Weget is born who is destined to bring the light. With the gift of a raven's skin that allows him to fly as well as transform, Weget turns into a bird and journeys from Haida Gwaii into the sky. There he finds the Chief of the Heavens who keeps the light in a box. By transforming himself into a pine needle, clever Weget tricks the Chief and escapes with the daylight back down to Earth.



Communication



Positive Personal & Cultural Identity



Personal Awareness & Responsibility



Same, Same but Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different!



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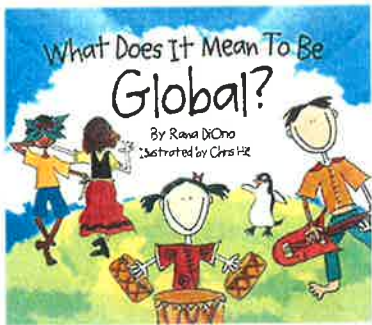

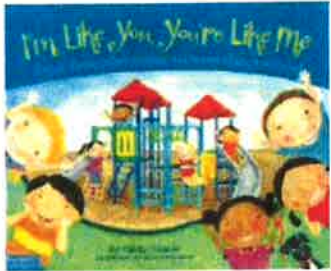

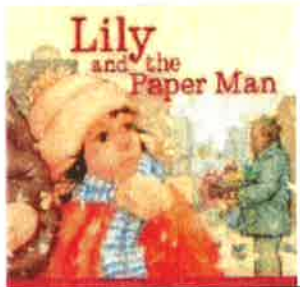

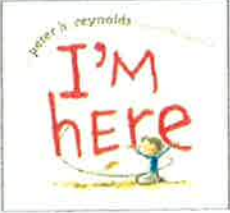



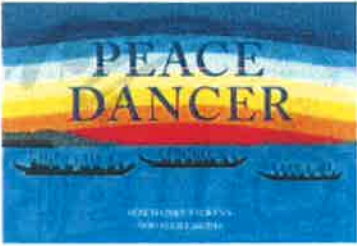




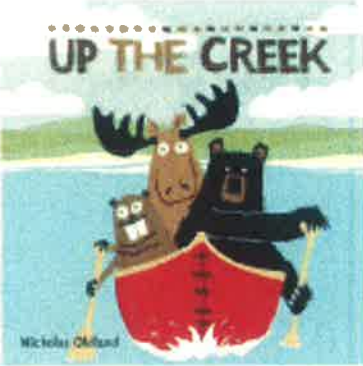



What to do with a box

If you give a child a box, who can tell what will happen next? It may become a library or a boat. It could set the scene for a fairy tale or a wild expedition. The most wonderful thing is its seemingly endless capacity for magical adventure, a feature imaginatively captured in cardboardesque art by Chris Sheban and rhythmically celebrated in this poetic tribute by renowned children's author Jane Yolen.



Creative Thinking

BOOK PACK 4 Books		Supports Social Responsibility
	<p>What Does It Mean To Be Global by Rana DiOrio and Chris Hill</p> <p>Join children from around the world as they play, sing, and travel, trying all types of food and experiencing other traditions. Living respectfully and peacefully with one another, they celebrate diversity, see how their actions affect another person's experience, and come to understand that being global means being a citizen of the world</p>	 Social Responsibility
	<p>I'm Like You, You're Like Me by Cindy Gainer and Miki Sakamoto</p> <p>I'm Like You, You're Like Me by Cindy Gainer "It's fun to find ways I'm like you and you're like me. It's fun to find ways we're different." In this colourful, inviting book, kids from preschool to lower elementary learn about diversity in terms they can understand: hair that's straight or curly, families with many people or few bodies that are big or small. With its wide-ranging examples and fun, high detailed art, I'm Like You, You're Like Me helps kids appreciate the ways they are alike and affirm their individual differences.</p>	 Social Responsibility
	<p>Lily and the Paper Man by Rebecca Upjohn</p> <p>Walking home with her mother one day, Lily runs into a gruff and untidy-looking man selling papers on the street. Lily is afraid of the man, but when the weather turns cold, she sees the Paper Man differently.</p>	 Social Responsibility
	<p>I'm here. And you're there. And that's okay. But... maybe there will be a gentle wind that pulls us together. And then I'll be here and you'll be here, too. Pure, powerful and deceptively simple.</p>	 Social Responsibility

BOOK PACK 5 Books		Supports All Competencies
	<p>Peace Dancer by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd</p> <p>The children of the Tsimshian village of Kitkatla love to play at being hunters, eager for their turn to join the grown-ups. But when they capture and mistreat a crow, the Chief of the Heavens, angered at their disrespect, brings down a powerful storm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Social Responsibility  Positive Personal & Cultural Identity  Personal Awareness & Responsibility  Communication
	<p>Up The Creek by Nicholas Oldland</p> <p>Bear, moose and beaver are the best of friends, but when the three go canoeing together, it doesn't take long for them to start quarreling with one another. Who should get to steer the canoe? How should they get across a beaver dam that blocks their way? And what's the proper course for maneuvering through the white-water rapids that they suddenly find themselves in? The consequences of their actions become truly perilous. It takes a long, uncomfortable night spent stranded on a rock to remind the bear, the moose and the beaver what they often forget: everything turns out better when they work together as a team.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Social Responsibility  Personal Awareness & Responsibility  Communication



Willow Finds A Way

In this simple but substantial picture book by Lana Buon, shy, quiet Willow silently wishes she could find a way to say no to her bossy classmate Kristabelle's demands, but the words never seem to come when she needs them. That is, until Kristabelle starts using the powerful threat of un-inviting children from her fantastic birthday party to keep them in line, and Willow decides she's finally had enough. Surprising everyone, even herself, Willow steps up and bravely does something shocking, and it changes the entire dynamic of the classroom.



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Positive Personal & Cultural Identity



Personal Awareness & Responsibility



Social Responsibility



Critical Thinking



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Big Friends by Linda Sarah

Birt and Etho are best friends. Together they play outside in big cardboard boxes. Sometimes they're kings, soldiers, astronauts. Sometimes they're pirates sailing wild seas and skies. But always, always they're Big friends. Then one day a new boy arrives, and he wants to join them. Can two become three?



Social Responsibility



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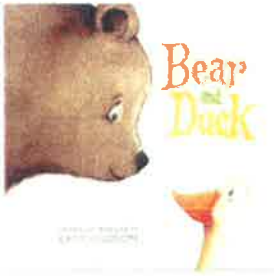
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Bear and Duck by Katy Hudson

Bear is sick and tired of being a bear. Who wants to sleep all winter? His fur feels so hot in the summer. And the bees . . . there are just too many angry bees! Bear is done being a bear. But when he sees a line of happy yellow ducklings, he has a thought. What if he could be a duck? With a few duck lessons from Duck, Bear learns that being a duck is fun; but as it turns out, Bear realizes he makes a really good bear . . . and he makes a really good friend along the way



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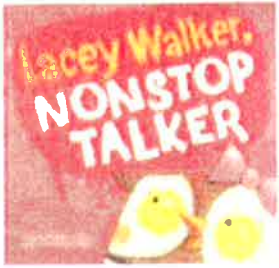

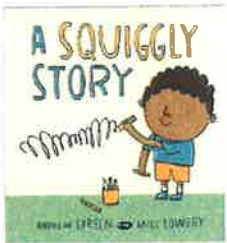



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Communication

BOOK PACK 4 Books		Supports Communicaton
	<p>Lacey Walker Nonstop Talker by Christianne Jones</p> <p>Lacey Walker loves to talk. She talks all day, and sometimes all night. But when she loses her voice, Lacey learns the importance of listening.</p>	 Communication
	<p>A Squiggly Story by Andrew Larsen</p> <p>A young boy wants to write a story, just like his big sister. But there's a problem, he tells her. Though he knows his letters, he doesn't know many words. "Every story starts with a single word and every word starts with a single letter," his sister explains patiently. "Why don't you start there, with a letter?" So the boy tries. He writes a letter. An easy letter. The letter I. And from that one skinny letter, the story grows, and the little boy discovers that all of us, including him, have what we need to write our own perfect story.</p>	 Communication
	<p><i>Norman, Speak!</i> tells the comical yet thought-provoking story of a boy and his family who adopt a dog that just can't seem to learn the things other dogs do.</p> <p>Overwhelmed by dogs in need at their local animal shelter, a young boy chooses Norman, the stray that's been there the longest. But, upon bringing him home, the family quickly learns that Norman won't respond to commands. He doesn't even know his own name.</p> <p>During a chance encounter with another dog owner in the park, the family is very surprised to learn the reason for Norman's confusion; he "speaks" Chinese instead of English! And so the family enrolls in a language class, determined to understand their uniquely loveable pet.</p>	 Communication

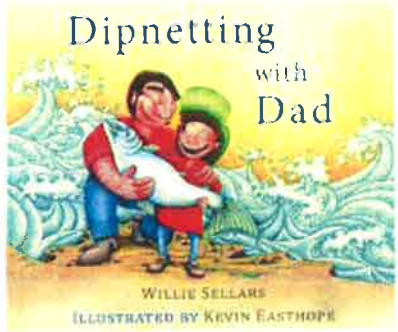



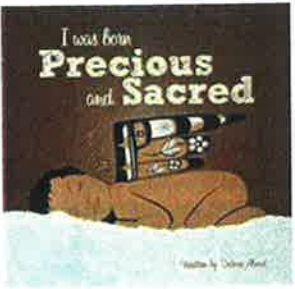



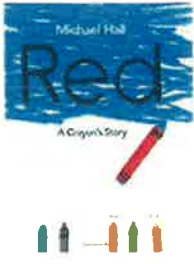
Be A Friend by Salina Yoon

Dennis is an ordinary boy who expresses himself in extraordinary ways. Some children do show-and-tell. Dennis mimes his. Some children climb trees. Dennis is happy to BE a tree . . . But being a mime can be lonely. It isn't until Dennis meets a girl named Joy that he discovers the power of friendship--and how special he truly is! At its core, this book is a heartwarming story of self-acceptance, courage, and unbreakable friendship for anyone who has ever felt "different."



Communication

<p>BOOK PACK</p> <p>5 Books</p>		<p>Supports Positive Personal and Cultural Identity</p>
	<p>Dip netting with Dad by Willie Sellars</p> <p>BUMP, BUMP - SLAP, river sockeye salmon are pulled onto shore! Set in the beautiful landscape of the Cariboo Chilcotin region, DIPNETTING WITH DAD is a delightful and colourful story of a father teaching his son the Secwepemc method of fishing known as dipnetting. Together they visit the sweat lodge, mend the nets, select the best fishing spot and catch and pack their fish through rugged bush back to the family home for traditional preparation</p>	 <p>Positive Personal & Cultural Identity</p>
	<p>I know I am Precious and Sacred by Debora Abood</p> <p>“...so will you tell me more?” I Know I Am Precious and Sacred follows a conversation between a child and loving grandfather as they talk about what the words “precious” and “sacred” mean. These culturally integral concepts are explained in simple, practical terms, so that Little Ones may recognize how they affect relationships in families and communities. I Know I Am Precious And Sacred is a soft-cover children’s book, geared towards readers and listeners ages 5 to 10 years old, but holds out important truths for their adults as well.</p>	 <p>Positive Personal & Cultural Identity</p>
	<p>I Was Born Precious and Sacred</p> <p>This is the refrain of the book, I was Born Precious and sacred, which recounts with simple language and poignant photographs the ancestral teachings about the sanctity of each and every little person born into our communities. The simple words of this read aloud book echo the timeless truth that every aspect of our children are sacred and valuable, and that each of us must work to preserve their minds, bodies, spirits, and hearts. This book is geared towards readers and listeners between 1-5 years old, but holds out important truths for their adults as well.</p>	 <p>Positive Personal & Cultural Identity</p>



A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as "red" suffers an identity crisis in this picture book by the *New York Times*–bestselling creator of *My Heart Is Like a Zoo* and *It's an Orange Aardvark!* Funny, insightful, and colorful, *Red: A Crayon's Story*, by Michael Hall, is about being true to your inner self and following your own path despite obstacles that may come your way. *Red* will appeal to fans of Lois Ehlert, Eric Carle, and *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and makes a great gift for readers of any age!



Positive Personal & Cultural Identity



Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like *Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth*, or *Full of Wonder*.

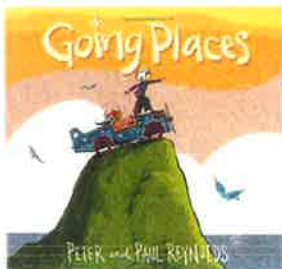


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BOOK PACK

4 Books

Supports Creative Thinking



A go-cart contest inspires imagination to take flight in this picture book for creators of all ages, with art from *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Peter H. Reynolds.

It's time for this year's Going Places contest! Finally. Time to build a go-cart, race it—and win. Each kid grabs an identical kit, and scrambles to build.

Everyone but Maya. She sure doesn't seem to be in a hurry...and that sure doesn't look like anybody else's go-cart!

But who said it *had* to be a go-cart? And who said there's only *one* way to cross the finish line?



Creative Thinking



This colorful concept book reveals an illustrative surprise and reading delight with every turn of the page. Little hands can do so many wonderful things: plant ideas; stretch imaginations; and reach for dreams. Parents and educators will enjoy sharing the word play with young readers. Children will revel in the spectacular art created using thumb- and hand-prints. The book's uplifting message will rouse and motivate, leaving no heart untouched.



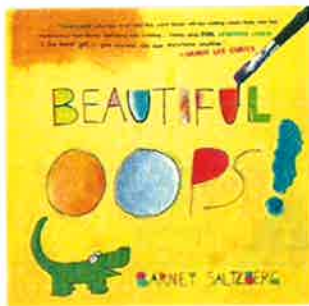
Creative Thinking



In this deceptively simple wordless picture book, a small girl finds the end of a long black line and picks it up. She wiggles the line, slides down it and spins inside circles made from it. In her hands, the line transforms into bubbles to blow, a jungle vine to swing from and a tightrope to balance on. The girl is having such a good time! Until suddenly, the line turns into a big, hungry monster! Oh, no! Will the little girl be eaten, or will another surprise twist to the line save her from the frightening creature?



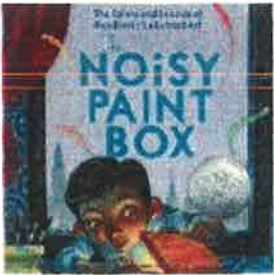

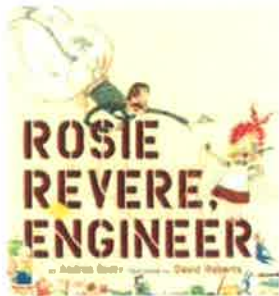

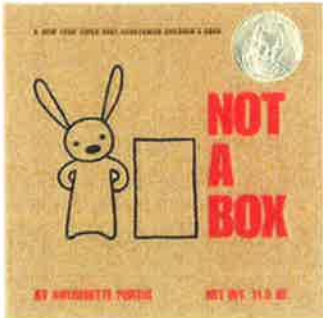

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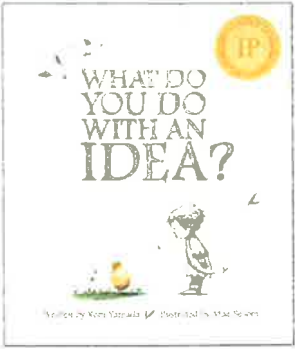

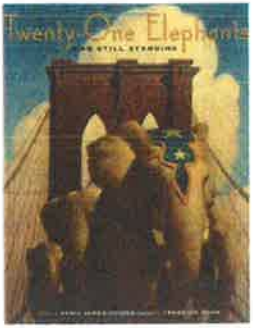



A life lesson that all parents want their children to learn: It's OK to make a mistake. In fact, hooray for mistakes! A mistake is an adventure in creativity, a portal of discovery. A spill doesn't ruin a drawing—not when it becomes the shape of a goofy animal. And an accidental tear in your paper? Don't be upset about it when you can turn it into the roaring mouth of an alligator.

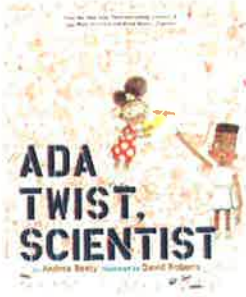

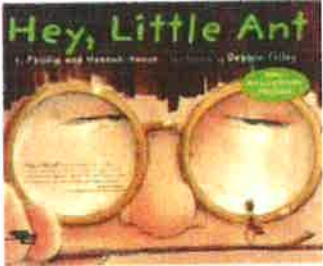



Creative Thinking

BOOK PACK 3 Books		Supports Creative Thinking
	<p>The Noisy Paint Box by Barb Rosenstock</p> <p>Vasya Kandinsky was a proper little boy: he studied math and history, he practiced the piano, and he sat up straight and was perfectly polite. And when his family sent him to art classes, they expected him to paint pretty houses and flowers—like a proper artist.</p> <p>But as Vasya opened his paint box and began mixing the reds, the yellows, the blues, he heard a strange sound—the swirling colors trilled like an orchestra tuning up for a symphony! And as he grew older, he continued to hear brilliant colors singing and see vibrant sounds dancing. But was Vasya brave enough to put aside his realistic paintings . . . ?</p>	 Creative Thinking
	<p>Rosie Revere Engineer By Andrea Beaty</p> <p>Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal--to fly--Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true.</p>	 Creative Thinking
	<p>A box is just a box . . . unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows.</p> <p>Inspired by a memory of sitting in a box on her driveway with her sister, Antoinette Portis captures the thrill when pretend feels so real that it actually <i>becomes</i> real—when the imagination takes over and inside a cardboard box, a child is transported to a world where anything is possible.</p>	 Creative Thinking

BOOK PACK 3 Books		Social Responsibility
	<p>Humans have always generated garbage, whether it's a chewed-on bone or a broken cell phone. Our landfills are overflowing, but with some creative thinking, stuff we once threw away can become a collection of valuable resources just waiting to be harvested. <i>Trash Talk</i> digs deep into the history of garbage, from Minoan trash pits to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and uncovers some of the many innovative ways people all over the world are dealing with waste.</p>	 Social Responsibility
	<p>Kids all over the world help collect seeds, weed gardens, milk goats and herd ducks. From a balcony garden with pots of lettuce to a farm with hundreds of cows, kids can pitch in to bring the best and freshest products to their families' tables—and to market. Loaded with accessible information about the many facets of farming, <i>Down to Earth</i> takes a close look at everything from what an egg carton tells you to why genetic diversity matters—even to kids.</p>	 Social Responsibility
	<p>Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts to lead women in a nonviolent struggle to bring peace and democracy to Africa through its reforestation. Her organization planted over thirty million trees in thirty years. This beautiful picture book tells the story of an amazing woman and an inspiring idea.</p>	 Social Responsibility

BOOK PACK 3 Books		Supports Critical Thinking
	<p>This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.</p>	 Critical Thinking
	<p>After fourteen years of construction, the Brooklyn Bridge was completed, much to the delight of the sister cities it connected: Brooklyn and New York City.</p> <p>Fireworks and top hats filled the air in celebration when the magnificent bridge opened in 1883. But some wondered just how much weight the new bridge could hold. Was it truly safe?</p>	 Critical Thinking
	<p>A boy rides a bicycle down a dusty road. But in his mind, he envisions himself traveling at a speed beyond imagining, on a beam of light. This brilliant mind will one day offer up some of the most revolutionary ideas ever conceived. From a boy endlessly fascinated by the wonders around him, Albert Einstein ultimately grows into a man of genius recognized the world over for profoundly illuminating our understanding of the universe. Jennifer Berne and Vladimir Radunsky invite the reader to travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Parents and children alike will appreciate this moving story of the powerful difference imagination can make in any life.</p>	 Critical Thinking

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	<p>Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty</p> <p>Like her classmates, builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble!</p>	 <p>Critical Thinking</p>
	<p>Hey, Little Ant by Phillip M. Hoose and Hannah Hoose</p> <p>What would you do if the ant you were about to step on looked up and started talking? Would you stop and listen? What if your friends saw you hesitate? That's what happens in this funny, thought-provoking book. Originally a song by a father-daughter team, this conversation between two creatures, large and small, is bound to inspire important discussions. It might even answer that classic childhood question: To squish or not to squish?</p>	 <p>Critical Thinking</p>



The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Award-winning author and illustrator Ashley Spires has created a charming picture book about an unnamed girl and her very best friend, who happens to be a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!?!? But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.

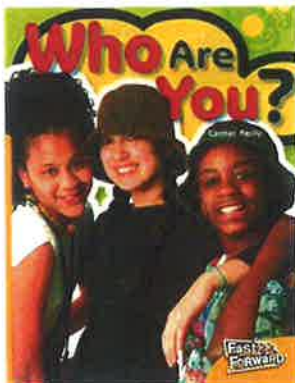


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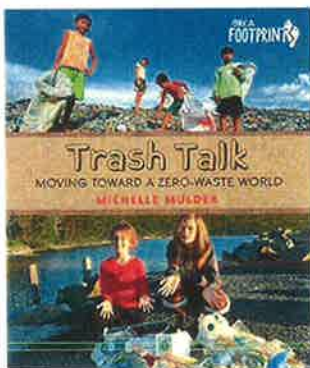


Who Are You? By Carmel Reilly

What makes you who you are? Is it your family, your culture, or your group of friends? Is it a mix of all these things?



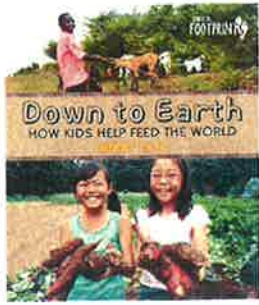
Positive Personal & Cultural Identity



Humans have always generated garbage, whether it's a chewed-on bone or a broken cell phone. Our landfills are overflowing, but with some creative thinking, stuff we once threw away can become a collection of valuable resources just waiting to be harvested. *Trash Talk* digs deep into the history of garbage, from Minoan trash pits to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and uncovers some of the many innovative ways people all over the world are dealing with waste.



Social Responsibility



Kids all over the world help collect seeds, weed gardens, milk goats and herd ducks. From a balcony garden with pots of lettuce to a farm with hundreds of cows, kids can pitch in to bring the best and freshest products to their families' tables—and to market. Loaded with accessible information about the many facets of farming, *Down to Earth* takes a close look at everything from what an egg carton tells you to why genetic diversity matters—even to kids.



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