

Trudy Ludwig Book List recommended reading for Children: Ages 4 - 8

- ✓ Brown, Laurie Krasney and Marc Brown. **How To Be A Friend: A Guide to Making Friends and Keeping Them.** Massachusetts: Little Brown & Co., 2001. Dinosaur characters illustrate the value of friends, how to make friends, and how to be a good friend.
- ✓ Carlson, Nancy. **How to Lose All Your Friends.** New York: Puffin, 1997. The author uses humor to convey what it takes to be a good friend and make friends.

Cave, Kathryn. **Something Else.** New York: Mondo Publishing, 1998. Something Else wants to be like everybody else but finds he isn't. This is a lovely story about accepting people's differences.

Burnett, Karen Gedig. **Simon's Hook; A Story About Teases and Put-downs.** California: GR Publishing, 2000. When Simon's bad haircut makes him the target of teasing, Grandma Rose teaches him how to refuse to "take the hook."

- ✓ Cosby, Bill. **The Meanest Thing To Say.** New York: Scholastic Inc., 1997. When a new boy in his second grade class tries to get the other students to play a game that involves saying the meanest thing possible to one another, Little Bill takes his father's advice and uses the expression "So?"
- ✓ De Paola, Tomi. **Oliver Button is a Sissy.** New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers, 1979. Oliver Button is teased by the boys in his class for pursuing his dream of being a tap dancer.

Geissel, Theodor (Dr. Seuss). **The Sneetches and Other Stories.** New York: Random House, 1961. The Sneetches is an excellent story about prejudice and social outcasts.

Jenkins, Emily. **The Little Bit Scary People.** New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. A lovely little story about how some people look or act a little bit scary, but if you'd get to know them better, you'd find out they're really not.

- ✓ Hoose, Phillip and Hannah Hoose. **Hey Little Ant.** California: Tricycle Press, 1998. A little ant tries to convince a boy not to squish him because he has feelings and a family, too. The book allows the reader to determine the outcome of the story-great opportunities for discussion!
- ✓ Lovell, Patty. **Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon.** New York: Scholastic, 2002. When the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.
- ✓ McCain, Becky. **Nobody Knew What To Do: A Story About Bullying.** Florida: Magnetix Corporation, 2002. When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid and tells his teacher. The story delivers the message that bystanders can make a difference.
- ✓ McCloud, Carol. **Have You Filled A Bucket Today?** Michigan: Ferne Press, 2006. This story helps young children understand the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.
- ✓ Moss, Peggy. **One of Us.** Maine: Tilbury House, 2010. Roberta's first day at a new school is a bit confusing as she tries to find friends who can accept her for who she is. This book will generate great discussions about peer pressure of trying to fit in with others.

Books with check marks are in local library for review.

Four of her books in library but not this one.

Found under author.

Moss, Peggy and Dee Dee Tardif. **Our Friendship Rules.** Maine: Tilbury House, 2007. When Alexandra dumps her best friend Jenny for the new, cool girl, she soon learns that friendship is more important than popularity.

- ✓ Moss, Peggy. **Say Something.** Maine: Tilbury House, 2004. A girl witnesses others being mean to her peer and learns the important lesson that being a silent bystander is not the solution.
- ✓ Munson, Derek. **Enemy Pie.** California: Chronicle Books, 2000. A fun story of how a little boy, with the help of his Dad, learns a delicious lesson for turning his number one enemy into a good friend.
- ✓ Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **King of the Playground.** New York: Atheneum, 1991. Kevin is afraid of the bully Sammy. With the help of his dad, Kevin handles Sammy.
- ✓ Otoshi, Kathryn. **One.** California: Ko Kids Books, 2008. This simple story shows young readers how, when you stand up for others, you can make a positive difference.
- ✓ Seskin, Steve and Allen Shamblin. **Don't Laugh At Me.** California: Tricycle Press, 2002. This picture book helps kids think twice about teasing and name-calling.

Thomas, Pat. **Stop Picking on Me.** New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2000. This book approaches the issue of bullying and feelings in a simple and interactive fashion.

- ✓ Verdick, Elizabeth. **Words Are Not For Hurting.** Minnesota: Free Spirit Publishing, 2004. For ages 4-8, this book focuses on the power of words when it comes to friendship and social skills.

Other Thomas books including "The Skin I'm In" are in library.