

Picture Books That Show Positive Character Traits and Development

Character Traits	Author	Title	Interest Level
Caring	Bunting, Eve	<i>Night Tree</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Caring	Fox, Mem	<i>Koala Lou</i>	Ages 4 – 7
Caring	Fox, Mem	<i>Tough Boris</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Caring	Freeman, Don	<i>Corduroy</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Caring	Lionni, Leo	<i>Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Caring	McPhail, David	<i>The Teddy Bear</i>	Ages 5 - 7
Caring	Steptoe, John	<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>	Ages 6 - 10
Caring	Zolotow, Charlotte	<i>William's Doll</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Caring, Empathy	Wilson, Karma	<i>Bear Feels Sick</i>	Ages 3 – 5
Caring, Respect	dePaola, Tomie	<i>Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Caring, Respect	dePaola, Tomie	<i>Now One Foot, Now the Other</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Caring, Respect	Fox, Mem	<i>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Citizenship	Bunting, Eve	<i>Fly Away Home</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Citizenship	Cooney, Barbara	<i>Miss Rumphius</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Cooperation, Forgiveness, Generosity - Giving	Cooper, Helen	<i>Pumpkin Soup</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Courage, Discernment	Yorinks, Arthur	<i>Hey, Al</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Courage, Empathy, Justice, Tolerance	Bunting, Eve	<i>Summer Wheels</i>	Ages 8 – 9
Empathy	Say, Allen	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>	Ages 8- 9
Fairness, Respect, Embracing Others	Hoffman, Mary	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Ages 6 – 9
Fairness	Pfister, Marcus	<i>Rainbow Fish</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Fairness	Scieszka, Jon	<i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Fairness	Various Authors	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Fairness, Citizenship	Cronin, Doreen	<i>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</i>	Ages 5 – 6
Feelings, Overcoming fears	Bourgeois, Paulette	<i>Franklin in the Dark</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Feelings, Worry	Henkes, Kevin	<i>Wemberly Worried</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Feelings	Kachenmeister, Cheryl	<i>On Monday When It Rained</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Feelings	Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>	Ages 3 – 6
Feelings, Sharing , Frinedship	Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny Too</i>	Ages 3 – 6
Forgiveness	Bunting, Eve	<i>Smoky Night</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Forgiveness	Bunting, Eve	<i>So Far From the Sea</i>	Ages 7 – 8
Forgiveness, Self-Discipline	Bang, Molly	<i>When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry</i>	Ages 4 – 7
Fortitude, Hope	Steig, William	<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Friendship	Henkes, Kevin	<i>Chester's Way</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Friendship, Perseverance, Tolerance	Clements, Andrew	<i>Big Al</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Friendship, Respect, Forgiveness	Dewdney, Ann	<i>Llama Llama and the Bully Goat</i>	Ages 3 – 5
Friendship, Respect, Tolerance	Polacco, Patricia	<i>Chicken Sunday</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Generosity – Giving	Bunting, Eve	<i>December</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Generosity – Giving	Leodhas, Sorche Nic.	<i>Always Room for One More</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Good behavior	Shannon, David	<i>No David</i>	Ages 3 – 8
Honesty	Ness, Evaline	<i>Sam, Bands & Moonshine</i>	Ages 5 – 9

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Honesty	Schur, Maxine Rose	<i>The Peddler's Gift</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Honesty	Soto, Gary	<i>Too Many Tamales</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Kindness	Brown, Marcia	<i>Stone Soup</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Kindness	Cole, Joanna	<i>Bully Trouble</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Kindness	Henkes, Kevin	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Kindness, Citizenship	Keats, Ezra Jack	<i>Goggles!</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Kindness, Respect	Cohen, Miriam	<i>Best Friends</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Patience, Self-Discipline	Henkes, Kevin	<i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Resourcefulness	Taback, Simms	<i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Respect	Beaumont, Karen	<i>I Like Myself!</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Respect	Bunting, Eve	<i>The Wednesday Surprise</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect	Cannon, Janell	<i>Stellaluna</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Respect	Carle, Eric	<i>Grouchy Ladybug</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect	Curtis, Jamie Lee	<i>Tell me Again About the Night I was Born</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Respect	Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad are Friends</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Respect	Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad Together</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Respect	Marshall, James	<i>George and Martha</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect	Marshall, James	<i>George and Martha Encore</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect	Marshall, James	<i>George and Martha One Fine Day</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect	Polacco, Patricia	<i>The Keeping Quilt</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Respect	Polacco, Patricia	<i>Pink and Say</i>	Ages 5 – 10
Respect	Steig, William	<i>Amos & Boris</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Respect, Empathy	Williams, Vera B.	<i>A Chair for My Mother</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect, Forgiveness	Sendak, Maurice	<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Respect, Hope, Self-Discipline	Yolen, Jane	<i>Owl Moon</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect, Trustworthiness	Silverstein, Shel	<i>The Giving Tree</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Respect, Trustworthiness	Yashima, Taro	<i>Crow Boy</i>	Ages 8 – 9
Responsibility	Berenstain, Stan & Jan	<i>Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Responsibility	Brown, Marc Tolon	<i>Arthur's Computer Disaster</i>	Ages 5 – 7
Responsibility	dePaola, Tomie	<i>Strega Nona</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Responsibility	Havill, Juanita	<i>Jamaica's Find</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Responsibility	Kellog, Steven	<i>Can I Keep Him?</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Responsibility	Krauss, Ruth	<i>The Carrot Seed</i>	Ages 4 – 7
Responsibility	Seuss, Dr.	<i>Horton Hatches the Egg</i>	Ages 5 – 9
Responsibility	Waber, Bernard	<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Responsibility, Hope, Loyalty, Patience, Self-Discipline	dePaola, Tomie	<i>The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Responsibility, Justice	Potter, Beatrix	<i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Trustworthiness	Demi	<i>The Empty Pot</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Trustworthiness	Hoban, Russell	<i>Bargain for Frances</i>	Ages 5 – 8
Trustworthiness	Lionni, Leo	<i>Swimmy</i>	Ages 4 – 8
Trustworthiness	Piper, Watty	<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Ages 5 – 7