

# KINDNESS BEGINS WITH ME

## KINDNESS PICTURE BOOKS

**Amos and Boris** – Steig, William (1971)

Amos the mouse and Boris the whale have little in common except that they are both mammals and save each other's lives.

**Bear Wants More** – Wilson, Karma (2003)

When spring comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and is treated to great food by his friends.

**Bootsie Barker Bites** – Bottner, Barbara (1992)

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.

**Corduroy** – Freeman, Don (1990)

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

**The Drinking Gourd** – Monjo, F.N. (1993)

When he is sent home alone for misbehaving in church, Tommy discovers that his house is a station on the Underground Railroad.

**Enemy Pie** – Munson, Derek (2000)

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

**Gittel's Hands** – Silverman, Erica (1996)

Yakov boasts of his daughter's abilities but doesn't allow Gittel to speak for herself until the day she makes an Elijah cup which amazes even her father.

**I'm Sorry** – McBratney, Sam (2000)

When two best friends have a quarrel, they are brought together again by two simple words.

**Julius** – Johnson, Angela (1993)

Maya's grandfather brings her a pig from Alaska and the two of them learn about fun and sharing together.

## **KINDNESS PICTURE BOOKS (continued)**

### **Kindness** – Moncure, Jane (1981)

Simple text and scenes depict such demonstrations of kindness as giving someone else a turn on the swing, being gentle with puppy, helping grandfather rake leaves, and buttoning the sweater of someone who can't do it.

### **The Kindness Quilt** – Wallace, Nancy (2006)

Minna does a lot of thinking about her project to do something kind, make a picture about what she did, and share it with her classmates, but finally comes up with an idea that spreads to the whole school.

### **Maebelle's Suitcase** – Tusa, Tricia (1991)

An elderly woman sacrifices a treasured prize to help her friend, a young bird, make his first flight south.

### **My Dog Lyle** – Goldfinger, Jennifer (2007)

A child provides an ever-increasing list of characteristics that make Lyle a very special dog, despite appearances.

### **One Winter's Day** – Butler, M. Christina (2006)

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.

### **Pink and Say** – Polacco, Patricia (1994)

Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops. Based on a true story about the author's great-great-grandfather.

### **Prince William** – Rand, Gloria (1994)

On Prince William Sound in Alaska, Denny rescues a baby seal hurt by an oil spill and watches it recover at a nearby animal hospital.

### **Runaway Bunny** – Brown, Margaret Wise (2001)

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him.

### **Silver Packages, an Appalachian Christmas Story** – Rylant, Cynthia (1997)

Every year at Christmas a rich man rides a train through Appalachia and throws gifts to the poor children who are waiting, in order to repay a debt he owes the people who live there.

## **KINDNESS PICTURE BOOKS (continued)**

**Super Duck** – Alborough, Jez (2009)

When Goat makes a kite, Duck's plans to make it fly put Frog in danger.

**That's What Friends are For** – Heidi, Florence (2003)

All the elephant's friends give him advice, but none can solve his problem until the opossum announces friends are to help, not just to give advice.

**The Wolf's Chicken Stew** – Kasza, Keiko (1987)

A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

**When I Care About Others** – Spelman, Cornelia (2002)

A little bear explains that he cares about the feelings of others and that others care about him.

**Yes We Can!** – McBratney, Sam (2007)

When a play date leads to disaster, resulting in name-calling, Little Roo and his friends are left in bad moods until Little Roo's very wise mother comes up with a creative solution to make amends.