

ELEMENTARY BOOK LIST



GOOD CITIZENSHIP

- Patricia Ryon Quiri *The National Anthem*
A book about two major symbols of American patriotism—the Anthem and its history, and how our flag evolved to its present appearance. (3-5)
- Marjorie Frank *Grade 4-5 U.S. History, Government, and Citizenship*
This book includes exercises designed to increase students' knowledge of the history of their country. (3-5)
- Linda Milliken *Patriotic Symbols Activity Book*
A special book full of bright ideas and activities to increase knowledge of the symbols we use to celebrate pride in our country. (3-5)
- Nelson Mandela *My Wish for Tomorrow; Words and Pictures from Children Around the World*
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, children contributed ideas and illustrations about what would make the world a better place. (K-2)
- Barbara Lewis *The Kid's Guide to Service Projects: Over 500 Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference*
Offers a wide variety of topics, such as animal protection, crime fighting, environmental protection, literacy, and politics. (3-5)
- Barbara Lewis *The Kid's Guide to Social Action: How to Solve the Social Problems You Choose -- and Turn Creative Thinking into Political Action*
A good resource guide to teach children political action skills that can help them make a difference in solving social problems in their communities. (3-5)
- Robert Coles *Story of Ruby Bridges*
Six-year-old Ruby must confront the hostility of white parents when she is the first African American child to integrate a New Orleans school in 1960. (K-5)
- Phillip Hoose *It's Our World, Too! Stories of Young People Who Are Making a Difference*
Profiles of teens who are taking stands against racism and crime and working to make the world more peaceful. (3-5)
- Fred Bratman *Becoming a Citizen: Adopting a New Home*
Examines the origins of citizenship and the role of the citizen, and discusses immigration, political asylum, and other related topics. (3-5)
- Gail Gibbons *Recycle: A Handbook for Kids*
Bright illustrations of the processes to recycle paper, glass, aluminum and plastic. (K-2)
- Emilie U. Lepthien *Recycling*
A fact-filled book examining the problems of waste disposal and possibilities of recycling many waste products. (3-5)

- Eileen Christelow *Five Dog Night*
Cantankerous Ezra keeps rebuffing his nosy neighbor's advice about how to keep warm on cold winter nights until she finally discovers his dogs are his warmth. (K-2)
- Betty Miles *Maudie and Me and the Dirty Book*
A good discussion book showing how simple misunderstandings can cause problems. Censorship is an issue. (K-2)
- Stephen Cosgrove *Leo The Lop*
A rabbit teaches children to deal with the challenges of their world with positive solutions. (K-2)
- Jane Buerger *The Child's World of Helping*
Young readers are shown ways of helping others, such as watering a neighbor's plants and picking up after themselves. (K-2)
- Eric Carle *The Greedy Python*
A python is so greedy that he mistakes his tail for a lunchtime treat. (K-2)
- Hans Wilhelm *Tyrone the Double Dirty Rotten Cheater*
A young dinosaur repeatedly bullies and cheats his friends so he can win their games. (K-2)
- Hans Wilhelm *Tyrone the Horrible*
A little dinosaur named Boland tries several ways of dealing with the biggest bully in the swamp forest until finally hitting on a successful tactic. (K-2)
- Steven Kellogg *Best Friends*
After sharing a host of good times with her best friend Louise, Kathy is crushed when Louise's aunt and uncle take her away for the summer. (K-2)
- E. B. White *Charlotte's Webb*
Wilbur the pig is desolate when he learns he will become dinner until his friend Charlotte decides to help him. (3-5) (Also in a read-along version for younger children)
- Brinton Turkle *Thy Friend, Obadiah*
To his embarrassment, a quaker boy is befriended by a seagull, and it is not until he has helped the bird that he can accept its friendship (K-2)
- Linda Milliken *Frontier American Activity Book*
A hands-on book full of ideas for art, crafts, and cooking projects from the early years of our country. (K-2)
- John Steptoe *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*
A beautifully adapted African tale of loyalty. (K-2)

- Richard & Florence Atwater *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
Humorous story of a housepainter and the penguins he trained to make money for his family. (K-2)
- Robert McCloskey *Homer Price*
This humorous book captures Homer's spirit as he captures bandits and tries to stop his donut machines when it goes berserk. (3-5)
- E. B. White *Trumpet of the Swan*
A story about honor and the right to be like everyone else, even if you are born different. (3-5)
- William J. Bennett *The Children's Book of America*
Poems, songs, folktales and paintings that bring to life the story of our nation's heritage. (K-5)
- Mitsumasa Anno *All in a Day*
This book promotes peace and mutual understanding around the world by pointing out similarities in children. (K-2)
- John W. Blos *Old Henry*
Henry's Neighbors are scandalized that he ignores them and lets his property run down until they drive him away and discover they miss him. (K-2)
- Michael Pellowski *The Messy Monster*
Sam Skunk and his animal friends, after having a picnic at the lake, return to find a mess so big it could only have been made by a monster. (K-2)
- McClanahan Books *50 Great Americans Every Kid Should Know*
Important Americans in the last 400 years and why they're admirable. (3-5)
- Sterling North *Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to the White House*
The story of Abe Lincoln and the contribution he made. (3-5)
- Reeve Lindbergh *Johnny Appleseed*
A profile of John Chapman and an account of Johnny Appleseed's travels through the frontier wilderness from the viewpoint of a frontier family. (K-2)
- Loreen Leedy *Celebrate the 50 States*
A colorful and creative book where children can find facts about states, such as cities, products and emblems. (3-5)
- Carl Bosh *Bully on the Bus*
An excellent book to discuss with children as it allows them to choose alternative solutions for dealing with a bully. (3-5)

- Molly Cone *Come Back, Salmon*
Describes the efforts of Jackson Elementary students to clean up a stream, stock it with salmon and preserve it unpolluted so salmon will return to spawn. (3-5)
- Laurie K. Brown *Dinosaurs to the Rescue*
Dinosaur characters introduce the earth's major environmental problems and suggest ways children can help. (3-5)
- Patricia R. Giff *Spectacular Stone Soup*
Stacy's friend Jiwon tells her that she never helps people, then at school there's a chance to become a great people-helper. (3-5)
- Denise Lewis Patrick *The Car Washing Street*
This book explores the fun in a neighborhood through a good-natured water fight. (k-2)
- Bill Peet *The Gnats of Knotty Pine*
Then animals of Knotty Pine won't listen to the gnats' suggestion for keeping hunters away, but learn to appreciate the contributions of the tiny bugs. (K-2)
- Avi *Nothing But the Truth*
A ninth grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story. (3-5)
- Lois Lowery *The Giver*
Twelve-year old Jonas is chosen by his Elders and an old man known as the Giver to be the community's Receiver of Memories and discovers the imperfections in his futuristic society. (3-5)
- Jean Fritz *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?*
Short biography of the 18th-century printer, inventor and statesman who played an important role in the early history of the U.S. (3-5)
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Thought-provoking novel about a safe community whose citizens have no choices.
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- Gordan Parks *The Learning Tree*
A fictional study of an African-American Family in a small Kansas town in the 1920s.

- Maia Wojciechowska *A Single Light*
Almas, a deaf girl, finds a priceless statue that changes evil into good.
- Warren Colman *The Bill of Rights*
The U.S. Bill of Rights is explained in easy-to-understand language.
- EarthWorks Group *50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth*
Andrews & McMeel Practical things kids can do to help protect the environment and conserve resources.
- Monjo, F. N *The Drinking Gourd*
Tommy discovers that his family farm is a stop on the Underground Railroad and that his father is helping runaway slaves. This story explores citizenship, the law, and doing what one believes is right even when such action may conflict with the laws.
- Kent, Zachary *The Story of the Peace Corps*
Fluent readers can explore the history of American volunteer service.
- Jean Fritz *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution*
Tomie dePaola's illustrations add to this fun way to learn about the Constitution and how it came into being.
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This story illustrates how community members can work together for a common cause. The animals of the woods meet and take action against hunters. The smallest creatures, the gnats, create the plan that foils the hunters.
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Henry's neighbors don't like the way he keeps his yard, so they run him out of the neighborhood. They then discover that no one is happy after he goes.
- Patricia Adams
& Jean Marzollo *The Helping Hands Handbook: A Guidebook for Kids Who Want to Help People, Animals, and the World We Live In*
Here are over 100 projects kids can do to keep their community safe, clean, enjoyable, and beautiful.

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