



CANYON CENTER FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION

# CHARACTER EDUCATION CURRICULUM RESOURCES

This Canyon Center for Character Education (CCCE) Curriculum Resources document encompasses many character education resources and supports. However, it should not be considered an exhaustive list of character education resources, curricula or guides. Instead, this list will constantly change with the growing research in the field. There is no set path to character education; thus, this list can be used as a reference. In addition, readers may develop their own resource lists through individual contexts.

## HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

To search for a book pertaining to a specific character virtue, value or asset, either **Control+F** for the virtue or the grade level (early childhood PreK-K, elementary first

through fifth, middle sixth through eighth or secondary ninth through 12th). Within grade levels, books are organized by moral, civic, intellectual, performance and other virtues. Some titles are listed more than once as they can be used to teach more than one virtue. Most titles have additional details for specific virtues, values, assets and grades after the title and author.

### MORAL VIRTUES

A person with strong moral virtue will have a well-formed character that enables them to act ethically in all situations. Examples include compassion, courage, gratitude, honesty, humility, integrity, justice and respect among others. (Arthur and Kristjansson, 2022).

### CIVIC VIRTUES

Character traits that are necessary for engaged responsible citizenship and contributing to the common good (Arthur and Kristjansson, 2022). Civic virtue describes abilities, dispositions and a deep commitment to engaged citizenship, civility, community awareness, neighborliness, service and volunteering aimed at contributing to human flourishing and the common good.

### INTELLECTUAL VIRTUES

Character traits necessary for discernment, right action and the pursuit of knowledge, truth and understanding (Arthur and Kristjansson, 2022). It is expressed as virtues such as curiosity, critical thinking, judgment, discernment, reasoning, reflection and resourcefulness.

### PERFORMANCE VIRTUES

Character traits that effectively equip and enable people to manage their lives, focusing on the instrumental value of enabling the intellectual, moral and civic virtues. Examples include confidence, determination, motivation, perseverance, resilience, teamwork and more. (Arthur and Kristjansson, 2022).

## Resources

- [Character Education Teaching Resources](#), **Talking with Trees**: Resources include worksheets, quotes to share, presentations, definitions, posters, lesson plans, books, coloring, songs, videos and activities.
- [GoodCharacter.com](#), **Character Education and Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**: Curriculum, lesson plans, activities, programs and resources.
- [Knightly Virtues](#), **The Jubilee Centre**: Curriculum designed to develop virtue literacy through the use of specific stories.
- [LearningToGive.org](#): Centered around the importance of voluntary action in democratic societies, in pursuit of the common good. Includes lesson plans, literature, film and video guides.
- [Read Grow Go](#), **The Jubilee Centre**: Curriculum for kindergarten to second grade, focused on compassion, honesty, curiosity, independence, teamwork, perseverance, community awareness and service.
- [Teaching Character Through Subjects](#), **The Jubilee Centre**: Materials created by teachers for teachers in a variety of grade levels and organized by subject area.
- [National Guidelines, Character.org](#): Framework that provides national guidelines for character and social-emotional development (CSED) to fuse together character and social-emotional development.

## Websites for Books

- [HealthyChildren.org/english/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/building-resilience/pages/books-to-build-character-teach-important-values.aspx](http://HealthyChildren.org/english/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/building-resilience/pages/books-to-build-character-teach-important-values.aspx)
- [scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/100-books-that-buildcharacter.html](http://scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/100-books-that-buildcharacter.html)
- [the-best-childrens-books.org/character-education-books.html](http://the-best-childrens-books.org/character-education-books.html)
- [goodreads.com/shelf/show/character-education](http://goodreads.com/shelf/show/character-education)
- [ed.gov/parents/academic/help/citizen/partx2.html](http://ed.gov/parents/academic/help/citizen/partx2.html)

## LITERATURE TITLES

### Early Childhood (PreK-K) Moral Virtues

- *Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?* by Dr. Seuss (Gratitude, Grades K-4)
- *It Could Always be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale* by Margot Zemach (Gratitude, Grades PreK-3)
- *Sam Tells Stories* by Thierry Robberecht (Honesty, Grades PreK-2)
- *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires (Courage, Resilience, Compassion, Friendship, Grades K-3)
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon (Courage to Be Who You Are, Grades K-5)
- *The Emperor's New Clothes* by Hans Christian Andersen (Honesty, Grades K-2)
- *Mr. Bow Tie* by Karen Barbour (Compassion, Grades K-2)
- *I Like Myself!* by Karen Beaumont, Illustrated by David Catrow (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK- 2)
- *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae, Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Courage, Grades PreK-2)

- [Strictly No Elephants](#) by Lisa Mantchev, Illustrated by Taeun Yoo (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [Two Speckled Eggs](#) by Jennifer K. Mann (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [Willow](#) by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan, Illustrated by Cyd Moore (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *I'm in Charge of Celebrations* by Byrd Baylor (Respect for Others)
- *The Year My Father was Ten* by Pat Brisson (Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Jeremy's Decision* by Ardyth Brott (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *The Journey of Charles Lindberg* by Bib Burleigh (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *Katy and the Big Snow* by Virginia Burton (Courage, Responsibility)
- *The Empty Pot* by Demi (Honesty)
- *Abuela* by Arthur Dorros (Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Family Pictures/Cuadros de Familia* by Carmen Lomas Garza (available in English and Spanish) (Responsibility)
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox (Compassion, Responsibility)
- *Brothers: A Hebrew Legend* by Florence B. Freedman (Compassion, Responsibility)
- *The Christmas Train* by Ivan Gantschev (Courage)
- *Granddaddy's Place* by Helen V. Griffith (Responsibility, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *Grimm's Fairy Tales* (Various Editions) Look for the following tales in particular:
  - "The Brave Little Tailor" (Courage)
  - "The Bremen Town Musicians" (Courage, Compassion)
  - "The Elves and the Shoemaker" (Compassion, Responsibility)
  - "The Fisherman and His Wife" (Compassion, Good Judgment)
- *Even if I Did Something Awful?* by Barbara Shook Hazen (Honesty)
- *In Coal Country* by Judith Hendershot (Responsibility)
- *H Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss (Responsibility, Compassion, Integrity, Faithfulness, Grades PreK-2)
- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (Courage, Self Respect, Grades K-3)
- *And to Think That We Thought That We'd Never Be Friends* by Mary Ann Hoberman (Compassion, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *Saint Jorge and the Dragon* by Margaret Hodges (Courage, Responsibility)
- *The Hole in the Dike* (Various Editions) (Courage, Responsibility, Citizenship)
- *Susanna of the Alamo: A True Story* by John Jakes (Courage, Citizenship)
- [Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler](#) by Margery Cuyler, Illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa (Kindness)
- [What Does It Mean To Be Kind?](#) by Rana DiOrio, Illustrated by Stephane Jorsch (Kindness)
- [Each Kindness](#) by Jacqueline Woodson, Illustrated by E. B. Lewis (Kindness)
- [Stand in My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy](#) by Bob Sornson
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel (Friendship, Grades PreK-1)
- *Who Will You Be* by Andrea Pippens (Love, Grades PreK-K)
- *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey* by Maria Kalman (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)

- *Yo Tenia Un Hipopótamo* (Spanish) by Hector Viveros Lee (Respect for Others, Compassion)
- *A Color of His Own* by Leio Lionni (Kindness, Self Respect, Good Judgment)
- *Three Good Blankets* by Ida Luttrell (Compassion, Respect for Others)
- *Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault (available in Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility)
- *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* by Patricia C. McKissack (Honesty)
- *Annie and Co* by David McPhail (Respect for Others)
- *Annie and the Old One* by Miska Miles (Responsibility, Respect for Others)
- *Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel (Responsibility)
- *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* by Arielle N. Olson (Courage, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *New York's Bravest* by Mary Pope Osborne (Courage)
- *All By Herself: 14 Girls Who Made a Difference* by Ann Whitford Paul (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco (Responsibility)
- *La Lllaman América/America is Her Name* by Luis J. Rodriguez (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South* by Robert D. San Souci (Courage, Compassion)
- *Who Are You?* by John Schindel (Responsibility, Respect for Others)
- *Why Noah Chose the Dove* by Isaac Bashevis Singer (available in Spanish) (Responsibility)
- *Brave Irene* by William Steig (available in Spanish) (Responsibility, Courage, Good Judgment)
- *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe (Compassion, Respect for Others)
- *Cherries and Cherry Pits* by Vera B. Williams (Responsibility, Compassion, Respect for Others)
- *Crow Boy* by Taro Yashima (Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Quarreling Book* by Charlotte Zolotow (Compassion, Respect for Others)

## Civic Virtues

- *The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others* by Bob Sornson and Maria Dismondy (Justice, Empowerment, Grades K-2)
- [\*I Like Myself!\*](#) by Karen Beaumont, Illustrated by David Catrow (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Red: A Crayon's Story\*](#) by Michael Hall (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK- 2)
- [\*Giraffes Can't Dance\*](#) by Giles Andreae, Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Courage, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Strictly No Elephants\*](#) by Lisa Mantchev, Illustrated by Taeun Yoo (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Two Speckled Eggs\*](#) by Jennifer K. Mann (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Willow\*](#) by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan, Illustrated by Cyd Moore (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Grace for President\*](#) by Kelly DiPucchio, Illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)

- [\*A Chair for My Mother\*](#) by Vera B. Williams (Civic Engagement, Resilience, Grades PreK-4)
- [\*Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation\*](#) by Edwidge Danticat, Illustrated by Leslie Staub (Civic Engagement and Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- [\*House Mouse, Senate Mouse\*](#) by Peter W. Barnes and Cheryl Shaw Barnes (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- [\*Being Me\*](#) by Rosemary McCarney, Illustrated by Yvonne Cathcart (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- *The Year My Father was Ten* by Pat Brisson (Responsibility and Good Judgement)
- *Jeremy's Decision* by Ardyth Brott (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *The Journey of Charles Lindberg* by Bib Burleigh (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *We the Kids* by David Catrow (Citizenship)
- *America: A Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney (Citizenship)
- *The Hole in the Dike* (Various Editions) (Courage, Responsibility, Citizenship)
- *Susanna of the Alamo: A True Story* by John Jakes (Courage, Citizenship)
- *Coming to America* by Betsy Maestro (Citizenship)

## Intellectual Virtues

- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John (Reflection, Grades K-2)
- *Bug in a Vacuum* by Melanie Watt (Reflection, Grades K-3)
- *Big Bear Hug* by Nicholas Oldland (Reflection, Grades PreK-3)
- *I Wonder* by K. A. Holt (Curiosity, Grades PreK-2)
- *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* by Arielle N. Olson (Courage, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Brave Irene* by William Steig (available in Spanish) (Responsibility, Courage, Good Judgment)

## Performance Virtues

- *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper (Determination, Grades PreK-K)
- *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires (Courage, Resilience, Compassion, Friendship, Grades K-3)
- *Jeremy's Decision* by Ardyth Brott (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *The Journey of Charles Lindberg* by Bib Burleigh (Self Respect, Good Judgment, Courage)
- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (Courage, Self Respect, Grades K-3)
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel (Determination, Grades PreK-1)
- *Swimming* by Leo Lionni (Resilience, Creativity, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*A Chair for My Mother\*](#) by Vera B. Williams (Civic Engagement, Resilience, Grades PreK-4)
- *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey* by Maria Kalman (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *A Color of His Own* by Leio Lionni (Kindness, Self Respect, Good Judgment)
- *All By Herself: 14 Girls Who Made a Difference* by Ann Whitford Paul (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *La Llamaman América/America is Her Name* by Luis J. Rodriguez (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Crow Boy* by Taro Yashima (Responsibility, Self Discipline)



## Various Virtues

- [\*Those Shoes\*](#) by Maribeth Boelts, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones
- [\*Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed\*](#) by Emily Pearson, illustrated by Fumi Kosaka
- [\*The Invisible Boy\*](#) by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Patrice Barton
- [\*Heartprints\*](#) by P. K. Hallinan
- [\*The Hundred Dresses\*](#) by Eleanor Estes, Illustrated by Louis Slobodkin
- [\*Edwardo: The Horriblest Boy in the Whole Wide World\*](#) by John Burningham
- [\*Say Something\*](#) by Peggy Moss, Illustrated by Lea Lyon
- [\*Babymouse: Queen of the World\*](#) by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm
- [\*Bully B.E.A.N.S.\*](#) by Julia Cook, Illustrated by Anita DuFalla
- [\*Confessions of a Former Bully\*](#) by Trudy Ludwig, Illustrated by Beth Adams
- [\*When Sophie's Feelings Are Really, Really Hurt\*](#) by Molly Bang
- [\*I'm the Best\*](#) by Lucy Cousins
- [\*Chocolate Milk, Por Favor\*](#) by Maria Dismondy, Illustrated by Donna Farrell
- [\*The Sandwich Swap\*](#) by Queen Rania of Jordan and Kelly DiPucchio, Illustrated by Tricia Tusa
- [\*Junkyard Wonders\*](#) by Patricia Polacco
- [\*The Conquerers\*](#) by David McKee

## Elementary (Grades 1-5) Moral Virtues

- Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? by Dr. Seuss (Gratitude, Grades K-4)
- It Could Always be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale by Margot Zemach (Gratitude, Grades PreK-3)
- Sam Tells Stories by Thierry Robberecht (Honesty, Grades PreK-2)
- *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires (Courage, Resilience, Compassion, Friendship, Grades K-3)
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon (Courage to Be Who You Are, Grades K-5)
- *The Emperor's New Clothes* by Hans Christian Andersen (Honesty, Grades K-2)
- *Mr. Bow Tie* by Karen Barbour (Compassion, Grades K-2)
- [\*I Like Myself!\*](#) by Karen Beaumont, Illustrated by David Catrow (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Red: A Crayon's Story\*](#) by Michael Hall (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Giraffes Can't Dance\*](#) by Giles Andreae, Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Courage, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Strictly No Elephants\*](#) by Lisa Mantchev, Illustrated by Taeun Yoo (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Two Speckled Eggs\*](#) by Jennifer K. Mann (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Willow\*](#) by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan, Illustrated by Cyd Moore (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Courage Under Fire* by John Simpson (Courage, Grades 3-7)
- *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* by Connie Roop (Responsibility, Dependability, Bravery, Endurance, Grades 1-3)
- *The Friendship* by Mildred Taylor (Friendship, Grades 4-6)

- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio (Kindness, Friendship, Grades 3-5)
- [\*Pictures of Hollis Woods\* by Patricia Reilly Giff](#) (Empathy, Friendship, Grades 5-8)
- [\*Prisoner B-3087\* by Alan Gratz](#) (Humanity, Gratitude, Perseverance, Courage, Integrity, Grades 5-8)
- [\*The Tale of Despereaux\* by Kate DiCamillo](#) (Bravery, Grades 1-4)
- [\*Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes\* by Jonathan Auxier](#) (Ingenuity, Friendship, Courage, Grades 4-6)
- [\*Through My Eyes\* by Ruby Bridges](#) (Courage, Hope, Forgiveness, Grades 3-6)
- *The Empty Pot* by Demi (Honesty, Grades 1-3)
- *Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss (Responsibility, Compassion, Integrity, Faithfulness, Grades PreK-2)
- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (Courage, Self Respect, Grades K-3)
- [\*Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom for Children and Parents\* by Sarah Conover and Valerie Wahl](#) (Kindness, Grades PreK-3)
- *She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton (Determination, Courage, Grades 1-5)
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel (Friendship, Grades PreK-1)
- *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold (Love, Creativity, Curiosity, Grades 1-5)
- *We Came to America* by Faith Ringgold (Respect, Grades 1-2)
- [\*Charlotte's Web\* by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams](#) (Compassion, Responsibility, Respect for Others)
- *El Chino* by Allen Say (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *The Pilgrims of Plymouth* by Marcia Sewall (Courage, Citizenship, Compassion, Respect for Others)
- *A Big Fat Enormous Lie* by Marjorie W. Shamat, Illustrated by David M. McPhail (Honesty, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (available in Spanish) (Compassion)
- *A Penny's Worth of Character* by Jesse Stuart (Honesty, Courage)
- *Tales of the Arabian Nights* (Various Editions) (Courage, Respect for Others, Self Discipline)
- *Plato's Journey* by Linda Talley, Illustrated by Itoko Maeno (Honesty)
- *Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Illustrated by Garth Williams (Various Editions) (Responsibility, Courage, Honesty)
- *A Pair of Red Clogs* by N. Matsuno (Honesty, Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog* by Eva Moore (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Now is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom* by Walter D. Myers, (Courage)
- *Aekyung's Dream* by Min Paek (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (Courage, Responsibility)
- *Nessa's Fish* by Nancy Luenn (Compassion, Courage)
- *The Princess and the Goblin* (Various Editions) by George MacDonald (Compassion, Courage)
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan (Courage, Respect for Others, Honesty, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary D. Hahn (Citizenship, Compassion, Courage)
- *I'm Not Going to Chase the Cat Today* by Jessica Harper, Illustrated by Lindsay Harper DuPont (Compassion, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)

- *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry, Illustrated by Wesley Dennis (Respect for Others, Courage)
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman. Illustrated by Caroline Binch (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *Tales from Shakespeare* (Various Editions) by Charles Lamb and Mary Lamb (Compassion, Courage, Citizenship)
- *The Chronicles of Narnia Series* (Various Editions) by C. S. Lewis (Respect for Others, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Pedro and the Padre: A Tale from Jalisco, Mexico* by Verna Aardema (available in Spanish) (Honesty)
- *Aesop's Fables* (Various Editions) (Responsibility, Compassion)
- *Fairy Tales* (Various Editions) by Hans Christian Andersen (Courage, Compassion, Responsibility)
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater (Compassion)
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt (Self Respect, Responsibility)
- *The Children's Book of America* by William J. Bennett (Citizenship, Responsibility)
- *Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32* by Joan W. Blos (Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol R. Brink, Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman (Responsibility, Respect for Others)
- *The Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla, Illustrated by Thomas B. Allen (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett (available in English and Spanish) (Compassion, Courage)
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford, Illustrated by Carl Burger (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *Abuela's Weave* by Omar S. Castaneda, Illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *Exodus* by Miriam Chaikin, Illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *China's Bravest Girl: The Legend of Hua Mu Lan* by Charlie Chin, Illustrated by Tomie Arai (available in English and Chinese) (Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy* by Padraic Colum (Ed.), Illustrated by Willy Pagany (Responsibility, Respect for Others)
- *My Big Lie* by Bill Cosby, Illustrated by Varnette P. Honeywood (Honesty, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Big Moon Tortilla* by Joy Cowley, Illustrated by Dyanne Strongbow (Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *Bright Star* by Gary Crew, Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh, Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard (Courage, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *The House of Sixty Fathers* by Meindert DeJong, Illustrated by Maurice Sendak (Compassion, Courage, Responsibility)
- *Now One Foot, Now the Other* by Tomie dePaola, (Responsibility, Compassion, Respect for Others)
- *The Twenty-One Balloons* by William P. Du Bois (Courage)
- *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes, Illustrated by Louis Slobodkin (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean C. George (Self Discipline, Courage)

## Civic Virtues

- *The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle (Charity, Grades 3-8)
- *Anita and the Dragons* by Hannah Carmona (Self-Awareness, Grade 2)



- *First Come the Zebra* by Lynne Barasch (Self-Awareness, Grades 1-3)
- *Rosa Parks: My Story* by Rosa Parks (Justice, Grade 5)
- *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* by Connie Roop (Responsibility, Dependability, Bravery, Endurance, Grades 1-3)
- *The Friendship* by Mildred Taylor (Friendship Grades 4-6)
- *The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others* by [Bob Sornson](#) and [Maria Dismondy](#) (Justice, Empowerment, Grades K-2)
- *I Like Myself!*, by Karen Beaumont, Illustrated by David Catrow (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK- 2)
- *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae, Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Courage, Grades PreK-2)
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, Illustrated by Taeun Yoo (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Two Speckled Eggs* by Jennifer K. Mann (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Willow* by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan, Illustrated by Cyd Moore (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades PreK-2)
- *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio, Illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams (Civic Engagement, Resilience, Grades PreK-4)
- *Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation* by Edwidge Danticat, Illustrated by Leslie Staub (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- *House Mouse, Senate Mouse* by Peter W. Barnes and Cheryl Shaw Barnes (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- *Being Me* by Rosemary McCarney, Illustrated by Yvonne Cathcart (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades PreK-4)
- *Zero Tolerance* by Claudia Mills (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *Paper Things* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *The Kid's Guide to Social Action* by Barbara A. Lewis (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *The Children's Book of America* by William J. Bennett (Citizenship, Responsibility)
- *This Land Is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie, Illustrated by Kathy Jacobsen (Citizenship)
- *Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary D. Hahn (Citizenship, Compassion, Courage)
- *Tales from Shakespeare* (Various Editions) by Charles Lamb and Mary Lamb (Compassion, Courage, Citizenship)
- *We Live Here Too! Kids Talk about Good Citizenship* by Nancy Loewen, Illustrated by Brandon Reibeling (Citizenship)
- *A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution* by Betsy Maestro and Giulio Maestro (Citizenship)
- *The Flag We Love* by Pam M. Ryan, Illustrated by Ralph Masiello (Citizenship)
- *The Pilgrims of Plymouth* by Marcia Sewall (Courage, Citizenship, Compassion, Respect for Others)

## Intellectual Virtues

- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John (Reflection, Grades K-2)
- *Bug in a Vacuum* by Melanie Watt (Reflection, Grades K-3)
- *The Cow Who Climbed the Tree* by Gemma Merino (Curiosity, Grades 1-3)
- *Big Bear Hug* by Nicholas Oldland (Reflection, Grades PreK-3)
- *I Wonder* by K. A. Holt (Curiosity, Grades PreK-2)
- [\*Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes\* by Jonathan Auxier](#) (Ingenuity, Friendship, Courage, Grades 4-6)
- *Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki (Determination, Strength, Open-Mindedness, Grades 2-5)
- *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold (Love, Creativity, Curiosity, Grades 1-5)
- *The Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla, Illustrated by Thomas B. Allen (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *Exodus* by Miriam Chaikin, Illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *China's Bravest Girl: The Legend of Hua Mu Lan* by Charlie Chin, Illustrated by Tomie Arai (available in English and Chinese) (Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *My Big Lie* by Bill Cosby, Illustrated by Varnette P. Honeywood (Honesty, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh, Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard (Courage, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes, Illustrated by Louis Slobodkin (Courage, Good Judgment)
- *I'm Not Going to Chase the Cat Today* by Jessica Harper, Illustrated by Lindsay Harper DuPont (Compassion, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan (Courage, Respect for Others, Honesty, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *A Pair of Red Clogs* by M. Matsuno (Honesty, Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *A Big Fat Enormous Lie* by Marjorie W. Shamat, Illustrated by David M. McPhail (Honesty, Responsibility, Good Judgment)

## Performance Virtues

- *Emmy Noether: The Most Important Mathematician You've Never Heard of* by Helaine Becker (Focus, Grades 3-5)
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson (Resilience, Grades 4-8)
- *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* by Connie Roop (Responsibility, Dependability, Bravery, Endurance, Grades 1-3)
- *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires (Courage, Resilience, Compassion, Friendship, Grades K-3)
- [\*Prisoner B-3087\* by Alan Gratz](#) (Humanity, Gratitude, Perseverance, Courage, Integrity, Grades 5-8)
- [\*Gifted Hands: YA Edition\* by Ben Carson](#) (Perseverance, Grades 3-6)
- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (Courage, Self Respect, Grades K-3)
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel (Determination, Grades PreK-1)
- *She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton (Determination, Courage, Grades 1-5)
- *Swimming* by Leo Lionni (Resilience, Creativity, Grades PreK-2)
- *Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki (Determination, Strength, Open-Mindedness, Grades 2-5)
- [\*A Chair for My Mother\* by Vera B. Williams](#) (Civic Engagement, Resilience, Grades PreK-4)

- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt (Self Respect, Responsibility)
- *Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32* by Joan W. Blos, (Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford, Illustrated by Carl Burger (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *Abuela's Weave* by Omar S. Castaneda, Illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *China's Bravest Girl: The Legend of Hua Mu Lan* by Charlie Chin, Illustrated by Tomie Arai (available in English and Chinese) (Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *Big Moon Tortilla* by Joy Cowley, Illustrated by Dyanne Strongbow (Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *Bright Star* by Gary Crew, Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean C. George (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman, Illustrated by Caroline Binch (Self Discipline, Courage)
- *The Chronicles of Narnia Series* (Various Editions) by Lewis, C. S. (Respect for Others, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan (Courage, Respect for Others, Honesty, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *A Pair of Red Clogs* by M. Matsuno (Honesty, Courage, Self Discipline, Good Judgment)
- *Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog* by Eva Moore (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Aekyung's Dream* by Min Paek (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *El Chino* by Allen Say (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Tales of the Arabian Nights* (Various Editions) (Courage, Respect for Others, Self Discipline)

## Various Virtues

- [Stitches](#) by Glen Huser
- [To This Day: For the Bullied and the Beautiful](#) by Shane Koyczan
- [Understanding Buddy](#) by Marc Kornblatt
- [Loser](#) by Jerry Spinelli
- [Veronica Ganz](#) by Marilyn Sachs
- [Blubber](#) by Judy Blume
- *They Did What? 50 Impressive Kids and Their Amazing Stories* by Sandra Mitchell (Grades 5-9, All Virtues)
- *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri D'Aulaire (Grades 4-12, All Virtues)
- *The Children's Book of Virtues* by William J. Bennett, Illustrated by Michael Hague (Honesty, Responsibility, Compassion, Respect for Others, Self Respect, Good Judgment, All Virtues)

## Middle School (Grades 6-8) Moral Virtues

- [Number the Stars](#) by Lois Lowry (Hope, Courage, Grades 6-8)
- [I Am David](#) by Anne Holm (Bravery, Grades 6-8)
- [Projekt 1065](#) by Alan Gratz (Self-Sacrifice, Integrity, Grades 6-8)
- [Prisoner B-3087](#) by Alan Gratz (Humanity, Gratitude, Perseverance, Courage, Integrity, Grades 5-8)
- [Pictures of Hollis Woods](#) by Patricia Reilly Giff (Empathy, Friendship, Grades 5-8)
- [Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes](#) by Jonathan Auxier (Ingenuity, Friendship, Courage, Grades 4-6)

- [Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges](#) (Courage, Hope, Forgiveness, Grades 3-6)
- *Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare (Gratitude, Grades 7-12)
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank (Humility, Determination, Resilience, Grades 7-12)
- [Freak the Mighty](#) by Rodman Philbrick (Kindness, Grades 7-12)
- [Rules](#) by Cynthia Lord (Kindness, Grades 7-12)
- [Out of My Mind](#) by Sharon M. Draper (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [Inside Out and Back Again](#) by Thanhha Lai (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [The Ordinary Princess](#) by M. M. Kaye (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- *The Unexpected Everything* by Morgan Matson (Humility, Friendship, Grades 7-12)
- *Children of Flight Pedro Pan* by Maria Armengol Acierno (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Children of the Settlement Houses* by Caroline Arnold (Compassion, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Nothing but the Truth* by Avi (Self Discipline, Responsibility, Citizenship)
- *On My Honor* by Marion D. Bauer (Responsibility, Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks (Honesty, Courage, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Leroy and the Old Man* by William Butterworth (Respect for Others, Self Respect)
- *Emilio* by Julia Mercedes Castilla (available in English and Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Notes from a Liar and Her Dog* by Gennifer Choldenko (Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring* by Lucille Clifton (available in Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* by Margaret Cousins (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The Little Prince* (Various Editions) by Antoine de Saint-Exupery (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *David Copperfield* (Various Editions) by Charles Dickens (Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates* (Various Editions) by Mary M. Dodge (Courage, Self Discipline, Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *Long March: The Choctaw's Gift to Irish Famine Relief* by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick (Compassion, Courage)
- *One-Eyed Cat* by Paula Fox (Responsibility, Honesty)
- *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* (Various Editions) by Benjamin Franklin (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton (Courage, Compassion)
- *Stories* (Various Editions) by O. Henry (Compassion, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Laughing Out Loud, I Fly: A Carcajadas Yo Vuelo* (poetry) by Juan Felipe Herrera, Illustrated by Karen Barbour (available in Spanish and English) (Courage, Respect for Others, Responsibility)
- *Kon-Tiki* (Various Editions) by Thor Heyerdahl (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey* by Jamake Highwater, Illustrated by Fritz Scholder (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Clay Marble* by Minfong Ho (Compassion, Courage, Responsibility)
- *Hot and Cold Winter* by Johanne Hurwitz (Honesty, Responsibility)
- *Story of My Life* (Various Editions) by Helen Keller (Courage, Self Discipline)



- *Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Gettysburg Address* (Various Editions) by Abraham Lincoln (Courage, Citizenship, Responsibility)
- *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord, Illustrated by Marc Simont (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Marching to Freedom: The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.* by Joyce Milton (Courage, Citizenship, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The New York Times: A Nation Challenged, Young Reader's Edition* by New York Times Staff (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Various Editions) by Emmuska Orczy (Responsibility, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, Illustrated by Donna Diamond (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The Skirt* by Gary Soto, Illustrated by Eric Velesquez (available in Spanish) (Honesty, Responsibility, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth G. Speare (Respect for Others, Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *A Free Black Girl before the Civil War: The Diary of Charlotte Forten, 1854* by Christy Steele, Suzanne L. Bunkers and Kerry Graves (Eds.). (Courage, Responsibility)
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Various Editions) by Mildred D. Taylor (available in Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Journey to Topaz* by Yoshika Uchida, Illustrated by Donald Carrick (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *The Trumpet of the Swan* (Various Editions) by E. B. White (Compassion)

## Civic Virtues

- *The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle (Charity, Grades 3-8)
- *The Friendship* by Mildred Taylor (Friendship Grades 4-6)
- [Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz](#) (Self-Sacrifice, Integrity, Grades 6-8)
- [The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis](#) (Justice, Grades 6-8)
- [Zero Tolerance](#) by Claudia Mills (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- [Paper Things](#) by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- [The Kid's Guide to Social Action](#) by Barbara A. Lewis (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- [Hoot](#) by Carl Hiaasen (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- [The Chocolate War](#) by Robert Cormier (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 5-8)
- *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain (Service, Grades 7-12)
- [Out of My Mind](#) by Sharon M. Draper (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [Inside Out and Back Again](#) by Thanhha Lai (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [The Ordinary Princess](#) by M. M. Kaye (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- *You are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World* by Caroline Paul (Citizenship, Grades 5-8)
- *The Constitution of the United States of America* (Various Editions) (Citizenship)



- *Nothing but the Truth* by Avi (Self Discipline, Responsibility, Citizenship)
- *The Gettysburg Address* (Various Editions) by Abraham Lincoln (Courage, Citizenship, Responsibility)
- *Marching to Freedom: The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.* by Joyce Milton (Courage, Citizenship, Self Discipline, Responsibility)

## Intellectual Virtues

- [\*Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes\* by Jonathan Auxier](#) (Ingenuity, Friendship, Courage, Grades 4-6)
- *On My Honor* by Marion D. Bauer (Responsibility, Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks (Honesty, Courage, Responsibility, Good Judgment)
- *Notes from a Liar and Her Dog* by Gennifer Choldenko (Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates* (Various Editions) by Mary M. Dodge (Courage, Self Discipline, Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *The Skirt* by Gary Soto, Illustrated by Eric Velesquez (available in Spanish) (Honesty, Responsibility, Respect for Others, Good Judgment)

## Performance Virtues

- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson (Resilience, Grades 4-8)
- *Under the Mesquite* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall (Perseverance, Grades 6-8)
- [\*Prisoner B-3087\* by Alan Gratz](#) (Humanity, Gratitude, Perseverance, Courage, Integrity, Grades 5-8)
- [\*Gifted Hands: YA Edition\* by Ben Carson](#) (Perseverance, Grades 3-6)
- [\*Unbroken: Young Adult Edition\* by Laura Hillenbrand](#) (Resilience, Redemption And Forgiveness, Grades 6-8)
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank (Humility, Determination, Resilience, Grades 7-12)
- *Robinson Crusoe* (Various Editions) by Daniel Defoe (Self Discipline)
- *Children of Flight Pedro Pan* by Maria Armengol Acierno (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Children of the Settlement Houses* by Caroline Arnold (Compassion, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Nothing but the Truth* by Avi (Self Discipline, Responsibility, Citizenship)
- *Leroy and the Old Man* by William Butterworth (Respect for Others, Self Respect)
- *Emilio* by Julia Mercedes Castilla (available in English and Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring* by Lucille Castilla (available in Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* by Margaret Cousins (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The Little Prince* (Various Editions) by Antoine de Saint-Exupery (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *David Copperfield* (Various Editions) by Charles Dickens (Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates* (Various Editions) by Mary M. Dodge (Courage, Self Discipline, Honesty, Good Judgment)
- *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* (Various Editions) by Benjamin Franklin (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Stories* (Various Editions) by O. Henry (Compassion, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Kon-Tiki* (Various Editions) by Thor Heyerdahl (Courage, Self Discipline)

- *Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey* by Jamake Highwater, Illustrated by Fritz Scholder (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Story of My Life* (Various Editions) by Helen Keller (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord, Illustrated by Marc Simont (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Marching to Freedom: The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.* by Joyce Milton (Courage, Citizenship, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Eddie, Incorporated* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Illustrated by Blanche Sims (Self Discipline)
- *The New York Times: A Nation Challenged, Young Reader's Edition* by New York Times Staff (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell (Courage, Self Discipline)
- *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Various Editions) by Emmuska Orczy (Responsibility, Courage, Self Discipline)
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, Illustrated by Donna Diamond (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen (Courage, Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth G. Speare (Respect for Others, Compassion, Self Discipline)
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Various Editions) by Mildred D. Taylor (available in Spanish) (Courage, Responsibility, Self Discipline)
- *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh (Self Discipline, Responsibility)
- *Journey to Topaz* by Yoshika Uchida, Illustrated by Donald Carrick (Courage, Self Discipline)

## Various Virtues

- [Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories](#) by Megan Kelley Hall and Carrie Jones
- [Speak](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson
- [Freak Show](#) by James St. James
- [Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli
- [7 Days at the Hot Corner](#) by Terry Trueman
- [The Cat at the Wall](#) by Deborah Ellis
- [The Three Questions](#) by Jon Muth
- *They Did What? 50 Impressive Kids and Their Amazing Stories* by Sandra Mitchell (Grades 5-9, All Virtues)
- *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri D'Aulaire (Grades 4-12, All Virtues)

## Secondary (Grades 9-12) Moral Virtues

- *Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare (Gratitude, Grades 7-12)
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank (Humility, Determination, Resilience, Grades 7-12)
- *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes (Love, Grade 12)
- [Freak the Mighty](#) by Rodman Philbrick (Kindness, Grades 7-12)
- [Rules](#) by Cynthia Lord (Kindness, Grades 7-12)
- [Out of My Mind](#) by Sharon M. Draper (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)

- [\*Inside Out and Back Again\*](#) by Thanhha Lai (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [\*The Ordinary Princess\*](#) by M. M. Kaye (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- *The Unexpected Everything* by Morgan Matson (Humility, Friendship, Grades 7-12)
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini (Compassion, Friendship, Grades 9-12)
- *Drowned City* by Don Brown (Courage, Heroism, Selflessness, Grades 9-12)
- *Children of the Settlement Houses* by Caroline Arnold (Compassion, Courage, Self Discipline, Grades 9-12)
- *The Dark Road* by Ma Jian and Flora Drew (Resistance, Courage, Justice, Grades 9-12)
- *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James Houston (Courage, Resilience, Grades 9-12)
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Various Editions) by Mark Twain (Self Discipline, Responsibility, Compassion, Determination, Love, Moral Choices, Grades 9-12)

## Civic Virtues

- *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain (Service, Grades 7-12)
- *March: Book One* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin (Citizenship, Grades 9-12)
- *Samir and Yonatan* by Daniella Carmi (Neighborliness, Grades 9-12)
- [\*Out of My Mind\*](#) by Sharon M. Draper (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [\*Inside Out and Back Again\*](#) by Thanhha Lai (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [\*The Ordinary Princess\*](#) by M. M. Kaye (Citizenship, Respect for Others, Grades 7-12)
- [\*The Great Greene Heist\*](#) by Varian Johnson (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 9-12)
- [\*The Grapes of Wrath\*](#) by John Steinbeck (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 9-12)
- [\*The Plain Janes\*](#) by Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 9-12)
- [\*Samir and Yonatan\*](#) by Daniella Carmi (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 9-12)
- [\*The Lions of Little Rock\*](#) by Kristin Levine (Civic Engagement, Social Change, Grades 9-12)
- *Highly Illogical Behavior* by John Corey Whaley (Friendship, Grades 9-12)
- *Drowned City* by Don Brown (Courage, Heroism, Selflessness, Grades 9-12)
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone (Justice, Grades 9-12)
- *The Dark Road* by Ma Jian and Flora Drew (Resistance, Courage, Justice, Grades 9-12)

## Intellectual Virtues

- *A Step Toward Falling* by Cammie McGovern (Prudence, Ownership, Grades 9-12)
- *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok (Curiosity, Integrity, Grades 9-12)

## Performance Virtues

- *Screaming Quietly* by Evan Jacobs (Resilience, Grades 9-12)
- *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee and Susan Elizabeth McClelland (Resilience, Determination, Grades 9-12)
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (Responsibility, Self Discipline, Grades 9-12)
- *Children of the Settlement Houses* by Caroline Arnold (Compassion, Courage, Self Discipline, Grades 9-12)
- *The Dark Road* by Ma Jian and Flora Drew (Resistance, Courage, Justice, Grades 9-12)

- *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James Houston (Courage, Resilience, Grades 9-12)
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Various Editions) by Mark Twain (Self Discipline, Responsibility, Compassion, Determination, Love, Moral Choices, Grades 9-12)
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank (Humility, Determination, Resilience, Grades 7-12)

## Various Virtues

- *This Side of Home* by Renee Watson
- *They Did What? 50 Impressive Kids and Their Amazing Stories* by Sandra Mitchell (Grades 5-9, All Virtues)
- *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri D'Aulaire (Grades 4-12, All Virtues)

## All Grades

- *Americans Who Tell the Truth* by Robert Shetterly (All Virtues)

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