

FICTION

1. One

by Kathryn Otoshi - 2008

General summary of the book:

This unique picture book uses colors to represent different personalities, with a blue character being bullied by a red character. The small, gray character named "One" comes along and encourages the others to take a stand, illustrating the power of an individual voice and collective action against unkindness.



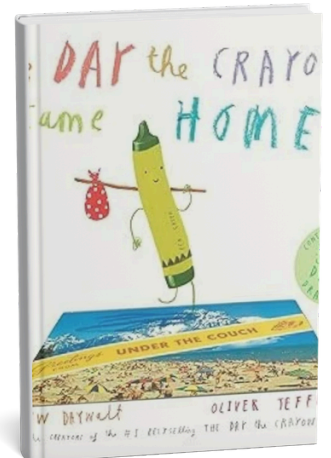
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2. The Day the Crayons Came Home

by Drew Daywalt - 2015

General summary of the book:

Duncan receives postcards from his forgotten, misplaced, or damaged crayons, each complaining about their situation. The story humorously teaches responsibility, problem-solving, and the importance of valuing every member of a team, even the broken or overlooked ones.



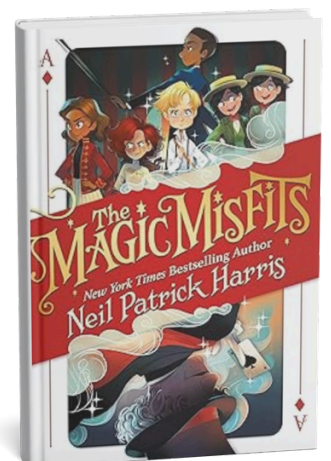
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3. The Magic Misfits

by Neil Patrick Harris - 2017

General summary of the book:

The story follows Carter, an orphaned street-smart boy with a talent for magic (sleight of hand). After running away from his hustler uncle, Carter stows away on a train and discovers the town of Mineral Wells, where he meets a group of talented young illusionists. Carter and his new friends must use their unique skills to take down a greedy ringmaster who uses trickery for personal gain, teaching lessons in friendship and using talents for good.



NON-FICTION

4. National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why

by Amy Shields - 2011

General summary of the book:

Answers children's "why" questions with science and curiosity—encourages inquisitiveness and growth mindset.



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5. What Does It Mean to be Kind?

by Rana DiOrio - 2015

General summary of the book:

This book explores the power and meaning of kindness through various examples, showing children that every act of kindness requires courage and can initiate a positive chain reaction. It emphasizes simple, actionable ideas like smiling, offering compliments, and helping others.



HIDDEN GEM SELECTION

6. Thunder Cake

by Patricia Polacco - 1997

General summary of the book:

A story about a young girl who is terrified of thunderstorms. Her grandmother helps her overcome her fear by focusing her attention on gathering ingredients and baking a "Thundercake." It is a powerful narrative about courage, facing fear, and the influence of positive mentorship (Growth/Process).

