

## Book Ideas for **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**

By Dwayne Hartford, Based on the book by Kate DiCamillo

With his handmade silk suits, wide array of hats and tiny gold pocket watch, Edward Tulane was the most exceptional toy in Abilene's room. He was adored and he was happy. But then, one day, he was lost. Based on Newbery-winner Kate DiCamillo's beloved book, Childsplay presents this breathtaking story of finding friendship, finding yourself, and eventually finding your way home. Follow Edward on a fantastical adventure worthy of literature's greatest heroes.

**BIG IDEA:** Love and Friendship

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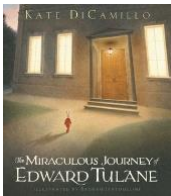
### [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#) (2006)

By Kate DiCamillo

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost.

Grades 3-6

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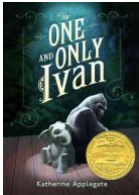
### [The One and Only Ivan](#) (2011)

By Katherine Applegate

Ivan, a gorilla, has spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall. He has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.

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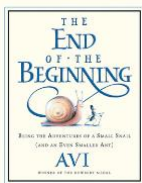
### [The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventure of a Small Snail \(and an even smaller ant\)](#) (2004)

By Avi

Avon the snail has never had an adventure. And adventure, he has heard, is the key to a happy life. So with his new friend Edward the ant, Avon sets out on a journey to find the excitement his life has been missing.

Grades 3-6

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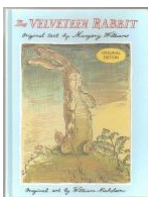


### [The Velveteen Rabbit](#) (1922)

By Margery Williams Bianco

A velveteen rabbit longs to become a real rabbit, and through the love a little boy he does.

Grades K-2



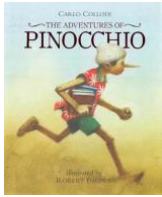


### [Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea](#) (2015)

By Ben Clanton

This engaging early graphic novel series features three stories. In the first, Jelly learns that Narwhal is a really good friend. All three stories showcase the joys of friendship, the benefits of working together and the power of imagination.

Grades 1-3

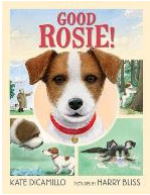


### [Pinocchio](#) (1883)

By Carlo Collodi

When the old woodcarver Geppetto decides to make a puppet boy to dance and turn summersaults, he doesn't know that he has chosen a magical piece of wood. To his amazement, his puppet can talk and play just like the liveliest child.

Grades 2-6



### [Good Rosie](#) (2018)

By Kate DiCamillo

Rosie is a good dog and a faithful companion to her owner, George, but she sometimes feels lonely. One day George takes Rosie to the dog park, but the park is full of dogs that Rosie doesn't know. With the help of some generous dogs, Rosie learns how to make friends.

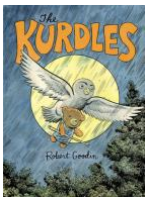
Grade K-1

### [Thing-Thing](#) (2008)

By Cary Fagan

Thing-Thing was neither a Teddy bear nor a rabbit; not a stuffed dog or cat. It was something like each of those, and nothing at all you could name. But it had something special. It had the hope that one day it would find a child to love it and talk to it and make it tea parties and take it to bed. A child it could love back.

Grades K-2



### [The Kurdles](#) (2015)

By Robert Goodin

In this graphic novel, a teddy bear named Sally gets separated from her family while on a drive in the country. On her journey back home, she arrives in Kurdleton, home to some strange creatures. Sally helps the town's residents keep their house from growing legs and running away, and in the process decides to stay.

Grades 2-5

### [Little Robot](#) (2015)

By Ben Hatke

When a little girl finds a robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. But the big, bad robots are coming to collect the little guy for nefarious purposes, and it's up to a 5-year-old to save the day and her friend!

Grades 2-4



### [La La Rose](#)

By Satomi Ichikawa (2004)

La La Rose is a pink rabbit. She and her little girl, Clementine, are absolutely inseparable. Until, one day in Luxembourg Gardens, the unthinkable happens: La La Rose gets left behind. Boys toss her in the trashcan, a jogger runs with her, a dog drags her from the fountain...La La Rose keeps getting farther and farther from her Clementine! Will she ever be safe in her arms again?

Grades K-2

### [Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and someone called Plastic](#) (2006)

By Emily Jenkins

In these six linked stories, readers will meet three extraordinary friends. Lumphy is a stuffed buffalo. StingRay is a stuffed stingray. And Plastic... well, Plastic isn't quite sure what she is. They all belong to the Little Girl who lives on the high bed with the fluffy pillows. A very nice person to belong to.

Grades K-3

### [The Teddy Bear](#) (2002)

By David McPhail

The little boy and his teddy bear were always together. Every night, when the little boy went to sleep, his teddy bear was right there next to him. When the little boy went on a trip, his teddy bear went too-until one terrible day when the teddy bear was left behind.

This is the wonderful story of a friend who is lost and found and lost and found again, and of a little boy who begins to understand the meaning of compassion.

Grades K-2

### [Fish Girl](#) (2017)

By Donna Jo Napoli

A young mermaid, called Fish Girl, in a boardwalk aquarium has a chance encounter with an ordinary girl. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank.

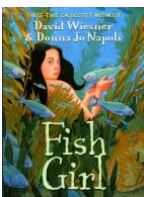
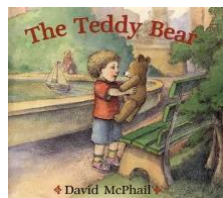
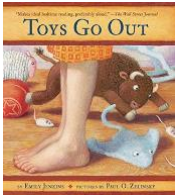
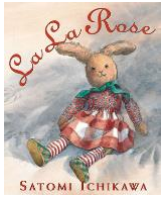
Grades 4-8

### [Wonder](#) (2012)

By R. J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid--but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. It is a story about the simple courage of friendship.

Grades 4-7





### [The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend](#) (2014)

By Dan Santat

This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match and--at long last--is given his special name: Beekle.

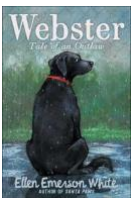
Grades K-2

### [Out from Boneville](#) (1996)

By Jeff Smith

Three Bone cousins -- Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone -- are separated and lost in a vast, uncharted desert. One by one, they find their way into a deep, forested valley filled with wonderful and terrifying creatures. Eventually, the cousins are reunited at a farmstead run by tough Gran'ma Ben and her spirited granddaughter Thorn. But little do the Bones know, there are dark forces conspiring against them, and their adventures are only just beginning!

Grades 5-7



### [Webster: Tale of an Outlaw](#) (2015)

By Ellen Emerson White

A cynical shelter dog learns to let down his guard and form a new animal family in this heartwarming and humorous friendship story.

Grades 4-6

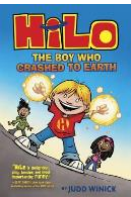


### [Today I Will Fly!](#) (2007)

By Mo Willems

This is the first in the popular Elephant and Piggie series for beginning readers. Elephant and Piggie explore what it means to be friends.

Grades K-3



### [The Boy Who Crashed to Earth](#) (2015)

By Judd Winick

D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. But that was before a mysterious boy came crashing down from the sky! Hilo doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. A humorous look at the strength of friendship.

Grades 2-5