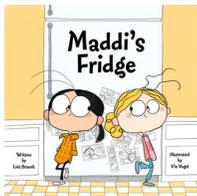


Book Ideas for *Maddi's Fridge*, by Lois Brandt

Based on the book by Lois Brandt, this heartwarming and hilarious play is a story about honesty, sensitivity and instilling important lessons in friendship, empathy and helping others!

BIG IDEA: Lessons in Friendship

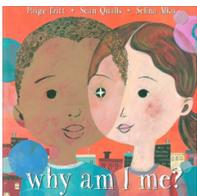
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[Maddi's Fridge](#) (1962)

by Lois Brandt

Best friends Sofia and Maddi live in the same neighborhood, go to the same school, and play in the same park. But when Sofia learns a secret about Maddi's fridge, she's faced with a difficult decision: to keep her promise or tell her parents about Maddi's empty fridge.

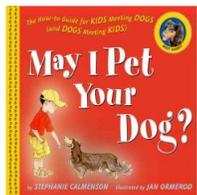


[Why Am I Me?](#) (2017)

by Paige Britt

In a poetic, philosophical exchange, two children of different races ask themselves why they are who and what they are, and speculate on how they could be different.

Grades K-2



[May I Pet Your Dog?](#) (2006)

by Stephanie Calmenson

Harry the dog explains how to safely meet him and his friends.

Grades K-2



[Bronze and the Sunflower](#) (2017)

by Wenxuan Cao

Taken in by a poor family in a rural village after the death of her father, Sunflower bonds with the family's only child, Bronze, who has not spoken since being traumatized by a terrible fire.

Grades 4-6



[Year of the Book](#) (2012)

by Andrea Cheng

Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend.

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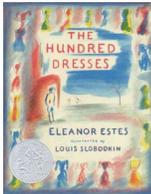


[Nikki & Deja](#) (2007)

by Karen English

When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expected.

Grades 1-4

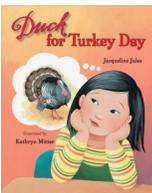


[The Hundred Dresses](#) (1944)

by Eleanor Estes

None of her classmates pay much attention to Wanda Petronski, a Polish-American girl, until she announces she has 100 dresses in her closet. Everyone laughs and teases her so much that she stops coming to school. Then, her classmates discover she really does have 100 dresses and discover something about teasing and themselves.

Grades 3-4



[Duck for Turkey Day](#) (2009)

by Jacqueline Jules

When Tuyet finds out that her Vietnamese family is having duck rather than turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, she is upset until she finds out that other children in her class did not eat turkey either.

Grades 1-3



[Amina's Voice](#) (2017)

by Hena Khan

Amina, a Pakistani-American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis.

Grades 4-6

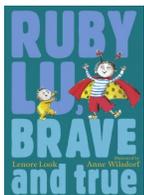


[Frog and Toad All Year](#) (1976)

by Arnold Lobel

Two friends share experiences in each season of the year.

Grades 1-2

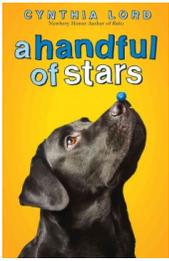


[Ruby Lu, Brave and True](#) (2004)

by Lenore Look

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

Grades 1-3

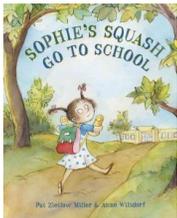


[A Handful of Stars](#) (2015)

by Cynthia Lord

When her blind dog slips his collar, 12-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for blueberry-picking season, and, based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes. But as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

Grades 4-6

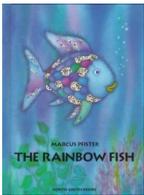


[Sophie's Squash Go to School](#) (2016)

by Pat Zietlow Miller

On her first day of school, Sophie is reluctant to make friends with the other children, preferring to play with two squash she grew in her garden--but when a particularly persistent boy named Steven gives her a packet of seeds as an apology for accidentally ripping her picture, she realizes that it just takes time to grow a friend.

Grades K-1



[The Rainbow Fish](#) (1992)

by Marcus Pfister

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

Grades K-1

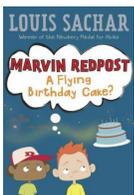


[The New Girl... and Me](#) (2006)

by Jacqui Robbins

Two African American girls named Shakeeta and Mia become friends when Shakeeta boasts that she has a pet iguana and Mia learns how to help Shakeeta "feel at home" even when she is in school.

Grades K-2



[A Flying Birthday Cake?](#) (1999)

by Louis Sachar

Two days after Marvin sees a glowing green thing like a flying birthday cake in the night sky, his third-grade class is joined by a mysterious new boy with peculiar behavior.

Grades 4-6

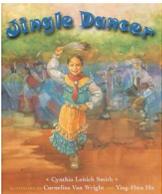


[Big Friends](#) (2016)

by Linda Sarah

Best friends Etho and Birt love going up Sudden Hill and sitting in simple cardboard boxes imagining they are kings, soldiers, astronauts, or pirates until Shu asks to join them, and their "two-by-two rhythm" is disturbed.

Grades K-2

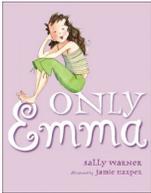


[Jingle Dancer](#) (2000)

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Jenna, a member of the Muscogee, or Creek, Nation, borrows jingles from the dresses of several friends and relatives so that she can perform the jingle dance at the powwow.

Grades K-3



[Only Emma](#) (2005)

by Sally Warner

Third-grader Emma's peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with four-year-old Anthony Scarpetto, a bona fide "pain in the patootie."

Grades 2-4



[The Cookie Fiasco](#) (2016)

by Mo Willems and Dan Santat

"There are only three cookies and four hungry friends to share them with. This is not good. This is not equal!"--.

Grades K-2

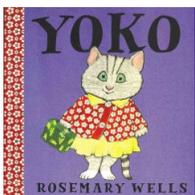


[Should I Share My Ice Cream?](#) (2011)

by Mo Willems

Gerald the elephant has a big decision to make, but will he make it in time?

Grades K-2



[Yoko](#) (1998)

by Rosemary Wells

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats--until one of them tries it for himself.

Grades K-2

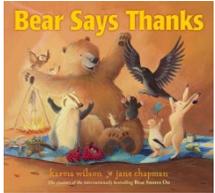


[The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez](#) (2006)

by Robin Yardi

Fourth grade brings trouble as well as learning for Mateo Martinez. His former best friend, Johnny, begins hanging out with some bike-riding bullies, leaving Mateo high and dry. Thankfully, Mateo finds a new best friend in Ashwin, an Indian American boy who shares Mateo's love for medieval knights and warfare.

Grades 3-6



[Bear Says Thanks](#) (2012)

by Karma Wilson

ear thanks his friends for bringing food dishes to his dinner party and finds a way of sharing something of his own.

Grades K-1