

BRIGHT FUTURES 🚣 TOOL FOR FAMILIES

Reading for Children, Grades 1–6

The following stories are fun to read and can also help children deal with specific issues.

SELF

Depression/Sadness	Primary Grades (1–3) The Tub People The Ugly Duckling Leo the Late Bloomer	Intermediate Grades (4–6) Call It Courage The Chalk Box Kid Dear Mr. Henshaw The War with Grandpa Castle in the Attic Demeter (Greek Mythology) Casey at the Bat Farmer Boy Island of the Blue Dolphin Castle in the Attic Johnny Tremain Farmer Boy	
Anger	Caps for Sale Ferdinand Frog and Toad (Lost Button) Goldilocks Amelia Bedelia		
Impulsivity	Tigger Gingerbread Boy Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Sylvester and the Magic Pebble		
FAMILY: WHAT MATTERS AT HOME?			
	Primary Grades (1-3)	Intermediate Grades (4-6)	
Breaking Rules	Goldilocks	The Whipping Boy	
	The Emperor's New Clothes Peter Rabbit	I Want to Go Home The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	
FRIENDSHIPS			
	Primary Grades (1–3)	Intermediate Grades (4–6)	
	Frog and Toad—Series If You Give a Mouse a Cookie If You Give a Moose a Muffin How My Parents Learned to Eat Amos and Boris	Chalk Box Kid The War with Grandpa The Secret Garden Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Number the Stars	
	Ira Sleeps Over	My Side of the Mountain	

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Primary Grades (1–3) Intermediate Grades (4–6)

Charlotte's Web

A Bargain for Frances
The Ugly Duckling
Amazing Grace
Doorbell Rang
Bunnicula

Bronze Bow
Sarah Plain and Tall
A Wrinkle in Time
100 Dresses
G. W. Carver
Sign of the Beaver

The Black Snowman Let the Circle Be Unbroken

The Velveteen Rabbit Charlotte's Web

COMMUNITY

Care of Animals

Primary Grades (1-3)

Black Beauty Horton Hatches an Egg

Intermediate Grades (4-6)

The Enormous Egg The Trouble with Tuck Where the Red Fern Grows Summer of the Monkeys



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