

Social Emotional Learning Grades 3-6

J Fic Arnold

Arnold, Elana. **A Boy Called Bat. (Social Awareness)**

A young boy on the autism spectrum named Bixby Alexander Tam—Bat for short—is tasked with caring for a baby skunk by his veterinarian mother. Gr. 1-5

J Fic Conklin

Conklin, Melanie. **A Perfect Mistake. (Relationship Skills)**

After the events of a single night leave one of Max's best friends in a coma and the other one shutting him out, Max—believing he is to blame—teams up with new friends to uncover what happened. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Draper

Draper, Sharon. **Out of My Heart. (Self Management)**

Melody Brooks, a 12-year-old with cerebral palsy, convinces her parents to allow her to attend a summer camp for kids with disabilities. Gr. 5+

J Fic Fipps

Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish. (Self Management)**

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Formato

Formato, Jaime. **Roll for Initiative. (Self Management)**

Twelve-year-old Riley steps out of her older brother's protective shadow and behind the Dungeon Master's screen, running D&D campaigns for her friends and learning to be independent and self-reliant. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Guerrero

Guerrero, Tanya. **How to Make Friends with the Sea. (Self Awareness)**

Moving to the Philippines with his zoologist mother, twelve-year-old Pablo struggles with anxiety while his mother fosters an orphaned child with a facial anomaly. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Horne

Horne, Maggie. **Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One. (Responsible Decision Making)**

When Hazel discovers Ella is being harassed by golden boy Tyler Harris, she has to choose between winning the school-wide speech competition and doing the right thing. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Ireland

Ireland, Justina. **Ophie's Ghosts. (Social Awareness)**

Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father's life and forces her to move in with relatives, young Ophelia forges a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly. Gr. 4-8

J Fic Keller

Keller, Tae. **The Science of Breakable Things. (Social Awareness)**

Middle schooler Natalie's year-long assignment to answer a question using the scientific method leads to truths about her mother's depression and her own cultural identity. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Korman

Korman, Gordon. **Slacker. (Responsible Decision Making)**

When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group he intends it as a diversion to fool everyone into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but other kids are taking it seriously. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Kuyatt

Kuyatt, Meg Eden. **Good Different. (Self Management)**

Seventh-grader Selah Godfrey knows that to be "normal" she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled when people are around, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out just what makes her different--and why that is ok. Told in verse. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Mbalia

Mbalia, Kwame. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky. (Self Awareness)**

Tristan feels anything but strong when he finds himself in the middle of a battle that has left American folk heroes John Henry and Brer Rabbit exhausted. Gr. 4-6

J Fic McDunn

McDunn, Gillian. **Honestly Elliott. (Relationship Skills)**

Elliott struggles to fit in until he is paired on a school project with Maribel, popular and supersmart, who is looking for a way to show others her true self. Gr. 4-6

J Fic McIntosh

McIntosh, Will. **Watchdog. (Relationship Skills)**

Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Messner

Messner, Kate. **All the Answers. (Responsible Decision Making)**

Ava finds an old pencil and discovers that it will answer factual questions. She and her best friend Sophie have a great time until the pencil reveals a truth that Ava would rather not know. Gr.4-6

J Fic O'Neill

O'Neill, Kay. **The Moth Keeper. (Responsible Decision Making)**

Being a Moth Keeper is a huge responsibility and a great honor, but the new Moth Keeper decides to take a break from the moon and see the sun for the first time. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Ortega

Ortega, Claribel. **Frizzy. (Self Awareness)**

Marlene's mother makes her straighten her hair every weekend so she can have 'presentable', 'good' hair. But Marlene hates being in the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Reed

Reed, Dwayne. **Simon B Rhymin'. (Self Awareness)**

Chicago fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, uses his rhymes to help bring his community together. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Reynolds

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost. (Responsible Decision Making)**

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Richards

Richards, Natalie. **15 Secrets to Survival. (Relationship Skills)**

What starts off as a weekend of team building takes a scary turn when the instructor goes missing and classmates only have pages of a survival guide to overcome the dangers of winter in the mountains. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Sattin

Sattin, Samuel. **Buzzing. (Self Awareness)**

Isaac, a shy boy with OCD, meets new friends who introduce him to role-playing games, which lead him on a journey of self-discovery and growth. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Shevah

Shevah, Emma. **Dara Palmers Major Drama. (Social Awareness)**

Dara Palmer dreams of being an actress, but when she does not get a part in the school play she wonders if it is because of her different looks as an adopted girl from Cambodia. Dara is determined not to let prejudice stop her from being in the spotlight. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Sloan

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Counting by Sevens. (Self Management)**

Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Soontornvat

Soontornvat, Christina. **The Tryout. (Social Awareness)**

Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism while excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad. Graphic Novel. Gr.5-8

J Fic Tabor

Tabor, Corey. **Sir Ladybug. (Self Management)**

Sir Ladybug never shies away from a quest, even when he'd rather be playing a video game or baking a cake. Gr. 3+

J Fic Tashjian

Tashjian, Janet. **Sticker Girl Rules the School. (Relationship Skills)**

Martina and Bev find a sheet of magical stickers, and soon Martina finds herself running for class president but worrying that she is losing her new friend. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Vivat

Vivat, Booki. **Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom. (Responsible Decision Making)**

Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light. Gr.3-7

J Fic Woodson

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Before the Ever After. (Relationship Skills)**

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry, and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career. Told in verse. Gr.5-6

J Fic Yang

Yang, Kelly. **New From Here. (Self Awareness)**

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Yee

Yee, Lisa. **Maizy Chen's Last Chance. (Social Awareness)**

Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant, and makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself. Gr. 3-6



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