

Recommended websites to identify books that build character and teach kindness:

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/blog/posts/2013-10-02/Books-That-Teach-Kids-about-Kindness.aspx>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/top-teaching/2014/02/100-books-build-character>

<http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/Character-Education-books.html>

http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbc_book/what-does-it-mean-to-be-kind/#.VfxPgzhRH4g

Age Appropriate books that build character and teach kindness:

Ages 4 to 6

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead
Hey, Little Ant by Philip and Hannah Hoose
How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends?
by Jane Yolen
How Kind by Mary Murphy
The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
The Mine-O-Saur by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

Stone Soup by Jon J. Muth
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Toot & Puddle by Holly Hobbie

Ages 7 to 8

All Families Are Special by Norma Simon
The Ant Bully by John Nickle
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud
Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores by James Howe
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper; illustrated by Gabi Swiatowska
Kindness Is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler by Margery Cuyler
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson
Prince William by Gloria Rand
When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry
by Molly Bang
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

Ages 9 to 11

Bluish by Virginia Hamilton
Hanna's Suitcase by Karen Levine
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together by Herb Shoveller

Ages 12 and Up

Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Stories by Dawn Metcalf
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

All Ages

Always Wear Clean Underwear!: And Other Ways Parents Say "I Love You" by Marc Gellman
Profiles in Courage Young Readers Edition by John F. Kennedy
Rescue! True Stories of the Winners of The Young American Medal of Bravery by Walter R. Brown
Learning About Honesty From the Life of Abraham Lincoln by Kiki Mosher
I Am Honest by Sarah Schuette

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together. -John Wolfgang Von Goethe