

Chapter 8—Family Reading Resource Guide

Chapter 8: Respect For Self and Others: Yours for the Asking

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ELEMENTARY

Quiet, Wyatt! Author: Bill Maynard. Young Wyatt is frustrated by everyone around him—People who tell him that he's not old enough to anything he wants to do. But he resolves to let them all know that someday he'll be big enough to do everything. ISBN: 9780439221252. [Available at Amazon.](#)

Wyatt the Wonder Dog Learns About Good Manners. Author: Lynne Watts. Wyatt's bossy friend Max learns that good manners is more than just saying please and thank you. Good Manners is showing you care about someone with your actions and words. ISBN: 9781432751876. [Available at Amazon.](#)

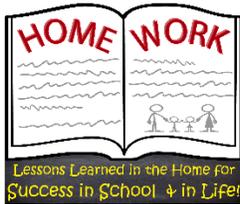
PRE-TEEN/TEEN

Dude, That's Rude! (Get Some Manners). Authors: Pamela Espeland and Elizabeth Verdick. Full-color cartoons and kid-friendly text teach the basics of polite behavior in all kinds of situations—at home, at school, in the bathroom, on the phone, at the mall, and more. ISBN: 9781575422336. [Available at Amazon.](#)

Teen Manners: From Malls to Meals to Messaging and Beyond. Authors: Peggy Post and Cindy Senning. This is a useful guide that answers questions that come up in real life from the most trusted name in etiquette: Emily Post. ISBN: 9780060881986. [Available at Amazon.](#)

Additional Titles to Explore

About Respect: A Kids Picture Book About Respect. Author: Abigail Tyler. Teachers and home schooling parents will find this book a wonderful addition to their nonfiction libraries. It provides a good talking point for adults and children to discuss respect. Small stories are provided, so children can see the value of respect in action. Great illustrations bring the text to life. AVAILABLE IN KINDLE ONLY. [Available at Amazon.](#)



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What if Everybody Did That? Authors: Ellen Javernick and Colleen M. Madden. If you drop just one soda can out the window, it's no big deal ... right? But what if everybody did that? What if everybody broke the rules ... and spoke during story time, didn't wash up, or splashed too much at the pool? Then the world would be a mess. But what if everybody obeyed the rules so that the world would become a better place? Using humorous illustrations rendered in mixed media, these questions are answered in a child-friendly way and show the consequences of thoughtless behavior. **ISBN: 9780761456865.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Start with Sorry: A Children's Picture Book with Lessons in Empathy, Sharing, Manners & Anger Management. Author: P.T. Finch. Parents and teachers will appreciate the valuable early learning lesson in compassion. Kindness and empathy for others are important social skills to form friendships, in preparation for school life. Good manners include not just saying "please" and "thank you," but also knowing how to apologize, not just with words, but with actions that demonstrate that the apology is meaningful. **ISBN: 9781946844019.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Respect and Take Care of Things. Author: Cheri J. Meiners. Everything has a place. Things last longer when we take care of them. Respect, responsibility, and stewardship are concepts that even young children can relate to—because they have things they value. This book encourages children to pick up after themselves, put things back where they belong, and ask permission to use things that don't belong to them. It also teaches simple environmental awareness: respecting and taking care of the earth. Includes ideas for adult-led activities and discussions. **ISBN: 9781575422510.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

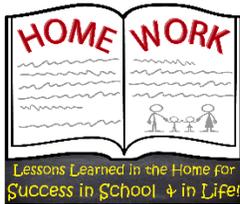
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon. Author: Patty Lovell. Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn't mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes that advice to heart. But then Molly Lou has to start in a new school. A horrible bully picks on her on the very first day, but Molly Lou Melon knows just what to do about that. **ISBN: 978-0399234163.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

The Berenstain Bears Show Some Respect. Authors: Jan and Mike Berenstain. Gramps and Gran go on a picnic with Mama and Papa Bear and the cubs. As the family searches high and low for the perfect spot, they end up learning a few things about respect. **ISBN: 9780310720867.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

365 Manners Kids Should Know. Author: Sheryl Eberly. Full of role-playing exercises, games, and other activities that adults can do with children, this book explains not only what manners to teach, but also how and at what ages to present them. **ISBN: 9780307888259.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

What Do You Stand For? For Kids. A Guide to Building Character. Author: Barbara A. Lewis. The true stories, inspiring quotations, thought-provoking dilemmas, and activities in this book help kids grow into capable, moral teens and adults. Previously titled *Being Your Best*, this award-winning book has a fresh new cover and updated resources. **ISBN: 9781575421742.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

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No Means No! Author: Jayneen Sanders. This book can be read to children from 3 to 9 years. It is a springboard for discussions regarding children's choices and their rights. **ISBN: 9781925089226.**

[Available at Amazon.](#)

Happy to be Me!: A Kid's Book About Self-esteem, Elf Help Book. Author: Christine Adams. The elfin friends in this colorful book lead the young reader through a process of self-discovery: exploring uniqueness, building a healthy-self-image, and preparing for challenging situations. This honest and upbeat book will bring real help and understanding. **ISBN: 9780870293559.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Mom's Fairy Tales. Author: Elena Staniv. A bundle of books #1 (A Tale About a Tail) and #2 (The Little Wizard) in Elena Staniv's series Mom's Fairy Tales. "A Tale about a Tail" is a vain little fish who dreams about a bigger and more beautiful tail. "The Little Wizard" is a magical children's picture story. An excellent and efficient combination. **ISBN: 9781544715582.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

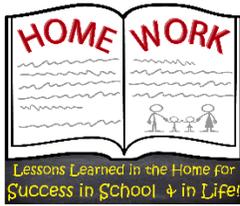
I Like Myself! Author: Karen Beaumont. This ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves, inside and out. At once silly and serious, Karen Beaumont's joyous rhyming text and David Catrow's wild illustrations unite in a book that is sassy, soulful--and straight from the heart. **ISBN: 9780152020132.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

What I Like About Me. Author: Allia Zobel-Nolan. This fun-loving book proves to kids that, in a world where fitting in is the norm, being different is what makes us special. **ISBN: 9780794419455.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon. Author: Patty Lovell. Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn't mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes that advice to heart. But then Molly Lou has to start in a new school. A horrible bully picks on her on the very first day, but Molly Lou Melon knows just what to do about that. **ISBN: 9780399234163.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

I'm Gonna Like Me Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem. Author: Jamie Lee Curtis. Through alternating points of view, Jamie Lee Curtis's triumphant text and Laura Cornell's lively artwork show kids that the key to feeling good is liking yourself because you are you. **ISBN: 9780060287610.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

The OK Book. Author: Amy Krouse Rosenthal. In this clever and visual play on words, OK is turned sideways, upside down, and right side up to show that being OK can really be quite great. Whether OK personifies an OK skipper, an OK climber, an OK lightning bug catcher, or an OK whatever there is to experience, OK is an OK place to be. And being OK just may lead to the discovery of what makes one great. **ISBN: 9780061152559.** [Available at Amazon.](#)



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Giraffes Can't Dance. Author: Giles Andreae. A touching tale of Gerald the giraffe, who wants nothing more than to dance. With crooked knees and thin legs, it's harder for a giraffe than you would think. With light-footed rhymes and high-stepping illustrations, this tale is gentle inspiration for every child with dreams of greatness. **ISBN: 9780439287197.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Garvey's Choice. Author: Nikki Grimes. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes. The chorus finds a new soloist in Garvey, and through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and a way to finally reach his distant father. This emotionally resonant novel in verse by award-winning author Nikki Grimes celebrates choosing to be true to yourself. **ISBN: 9781629797403.** [Available at Amazon.](#)