

Books of Good Will toward All

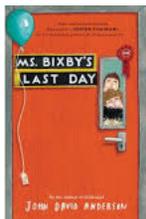
Here are some titles to welcome a new year with hope and gratitude. These stories remind us of the power of positive relationships, inclusion, empathy, and kindness to change lives for the better.

***Anna Hibiscus (the series)*, Atinuke (grades K-1)**

Young Anna's optimism and kind actions are inspired by her loving extended family.

***Ms. Bixby's Last Day*, John David Anderson (grades 5+)**

Three students take on a challenging quest in order to honor their beloved teacher who is ill.



***A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love*, Michelle Edwards (grades K-2)**

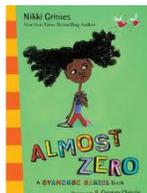
Sophia's hand-made gift for Mrs. Goldman represents empathy, gratitude, and determination.

***Boxes for Katje*, Candace Fleming (grades 2-3)**

After World War II, Indiana citizens help out Katje and her fellow townspeople of Olst, Holland.

***Almost Zero: A Dyamonde Daniel Book*, Nikki Grimes (grades 2-3)**

Dyamonde's empathy towards one classmate spurs a school-wide clothing drive.



***One for the Murphy's*, Linda Mullaly Hunt (grades 4-5)**

Carly's life with her foster family illustrates the transformative power of unconditional love.

***Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Pena (grades 1-3)**

A grandmother models an inclusive, generous, grateful approach to life for her grandson.

***I'm New Here*, Anne Sibley O'Brien (grades K-2)**

A school community reaches out to three children who are recent immigrants.



***A Family is a Family is a Family*, Sara O'Leary (grades K-1)**

A celebration of the bonds that hold all kinds of families together.

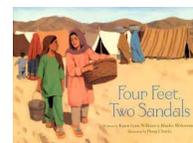


***Ghost*, Jason Reynolds (grades 5+)**

A caring middle-school coach helps Castle Crenshaw get his life on a positive track.

***Four Feet, Two Sandals*, Karen Lynn Williams (grades 2-3)**

Two girls become friends in a refugee camp and show their loyalty to each other in surprising ways.



***Each Kindness*, Jacqueline Woodson (grades 1-3)**

This story reminds readers to embrace opportunities to show kindness to others.