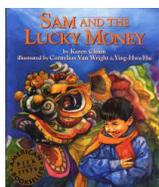


Gifts of Goodwill: Books about Making a Difference

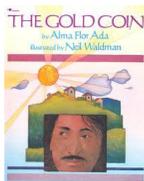
What do cooperation, empathy, perspective-taking, and problem-solving look like in action? Certain books illustrate these aspects of social awareness in vivid detail. From a boy who gives up a beloved teddy bear, to a man who leads a project to curb hunger, characters in the following books demonstrate how acts of caring, compassion and compromise can make a difference to an individual, to a community, to a country.

At this time of year, when there is a heightened awareness of the needs of others, these books remind us of the positive impact of even the smallest gestures of kindness and understanding.



Sam and the Lucky Money, by Karen Chinn

Sam decides how to spend the money he receives for the traditional Chinese New Year's celebration. Grades 1-3.



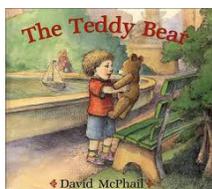
The Gold Coin, by Alma Flor Ada

A thief discovers the transformative power of helping others in need. Grades 2-3.



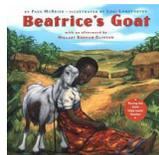
Good Luck, Anna Hibiscus!, by Atinuke

A series of short stories describe the thoughtful actions of a family living in West Africa. Grades 2-3.



The Teddy Bear, by David McPhail

A boy's understanding of another person's emotions leads to a difficult but generous decision. Grades 2-3.



Beatrice's Goat, by Page McBrier

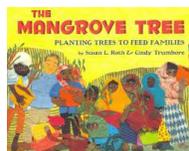
When a family in Uganda receives the gift of a goat, their lives start to improve.

Grades 1-2.



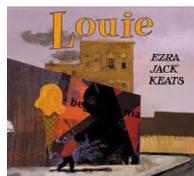
The Mitten Tree, by Candace Christiansen

A woman knits mittens and leaves them on a tree for children who do not have any. Grades K-1.



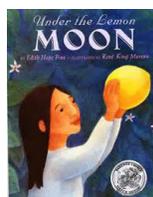
The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families, by Susan Roth and Cindy Trumboneree

The story of a tree-planting project to help citizens of an African country. Grades 1-4.



Louie, by Ezra Jack Keats

Susie and Roberto give shy Louie one of their puppets. Grades 1-2.



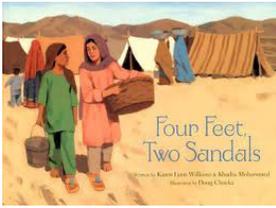
Under the Lemon Moon, by Edith Hope Fine

Rosalinda shows compassion for a thief who steals lemons from her family's tree. Grades 2-3.



Henry and the Kite Dragon, by Bruce Edward Hall

Rival groups of children work out a compromise that resolves a dispute. Grades 3-4.



Four Feet, Two Sandals, by
Karen Lynn Williams

Two friends who meet in a refugee camp solve the problem of how to share two sandals for four feet. Grades 2-4.



Say Something, by Peggy Moss

A girl reaches out to a classmate who is the target of teasing. Grades 3-4.