

## Recently Published Children's Books of Note

### FOR CHILDREN

#### *Big Friends*, Linda Sarah (grades K-1)



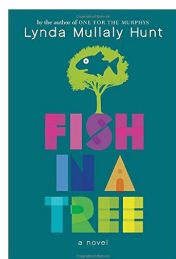
Birt and Etho are great friends who enjoy playing in their big cardboard boxes. When Shu comes along and wants to join the two friends, there are hurt feelings and anger. Ultimately, the boys discover that new relationships can be good for everyone.

#### *Charlotte and the Quiet Place*, Deborah Sosin (grades 1-2)

Charlotte lives in a noisy world. When she tries to find a quiet place, she discovers it in a surprising way. This story provides an introduction to mindfulness practices for children.

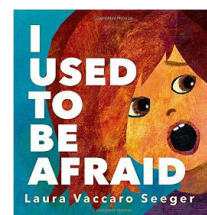
#### *Fish in a Tree*, Lynda Mullaly Hunt (grades 4-5)

Ally hides her inability to read until her caring teacher gives her the support and encouragement she needs to address her learning challenges.



#### *I Used to be Afraid*, Lauren Vaccaro (grades K-1)

A child reflects on a new, and positive way of thinking about things that used to be scary. This story connects to Open Circle lessons on recognizing and naming feelings and positive self-talk.



#### *Waiting*, Kevin Henkes (grades Pre-K-K)

A quiet story that focuses on what it's like to wait for something. The story connects to Open Circle concepts of recognizing and naming feelings and reflection.

### FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

#### *Reading Picture Books with Children*, Megan Dowd Lambert

Lambert introduces the “whole book approach” as a way to interact with children and the books themselves during story time. The author describes the positive impact of listening to children and taking their cues as they respond to all the features of a book, especially the illustrations.

