

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL  
LEARNING**

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Children's literature provides both *mirrors and windows*<sup>1</sup> for readers. Some books are mirrors, reflecting children's experiences, feelings, and cultures. Other books are windows, giving children an opportunity to see the world through others' eyes. Reading books that reflect our diverse population enhances children's social and emotional development, especially the ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others.

**SELF-AWARENESS**

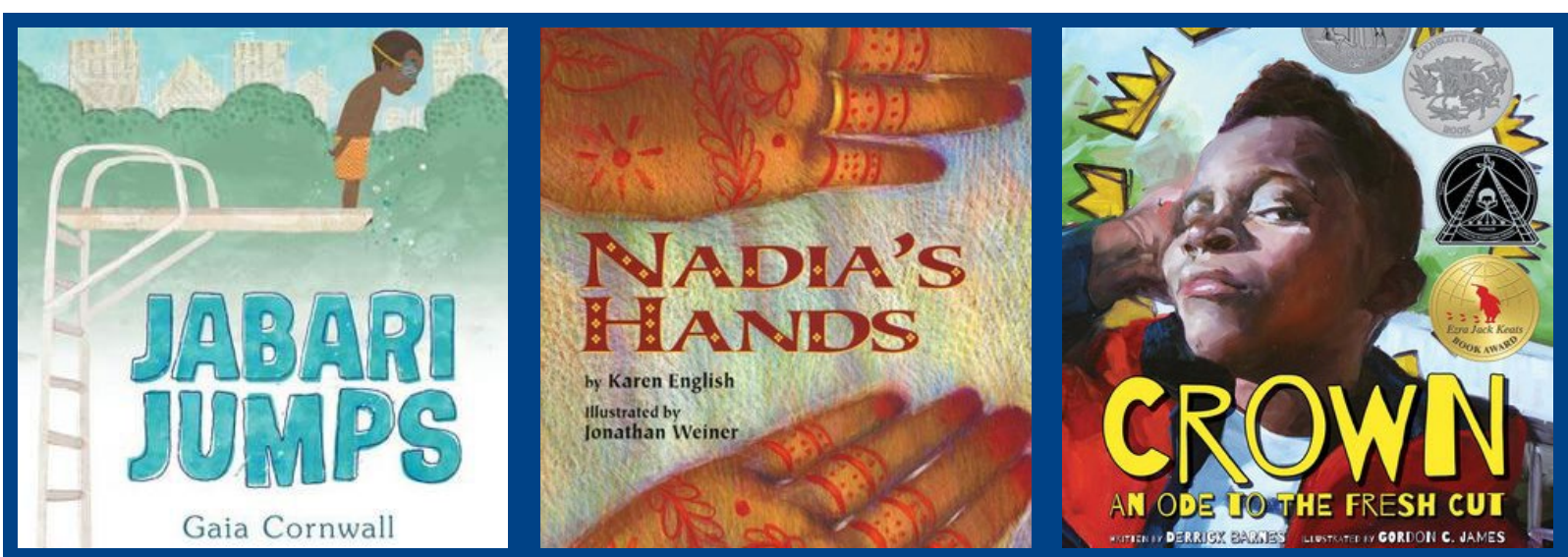
Recognizing & naming your emotions; having confidence and optimism

- Anna Hibiscus' Song*, by Atinuke
- The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz
- Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut*, by Derrick Barnes
- A Gift from Papá Diego/Un regalo de Papá Diego*, by Benjamin Alire Saenez
- How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods*, by Saxton Freymann
- I Love My Hair*, by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley
- In My Family/En mi familia*, by Carmen Lomas Garza
- Looking Like Me*, by Walter Dean Myers
- Lots of Feelings*, by Shelley Rotner
- Mama's Sari's*, by Pooja Makhijani
- Out of my Mind*, by Sharon Draper
- The Three Names of Me*, by Mary Cummings
- Too Many Tamales*, by Gary Soto
- The Way I Feel*, by Janan Cain
- Yesterday I Had the Blues*, by Jeron Ashford Frame

**SELF-MANAGEMENT**

Managing emotions and behaviors; working toward personal goals

- Big Red Lollipop*, by Rhuksana Khan
- Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson (Novel)
- Charlotte and the Quiet Place*, by Deborah Sosin
- The Day of Ahmed's Secret*, by Florence Parry Heide
- Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Novel)
- Grump, Groan, Growl*, by Bell Hooks
- The Heart of a Chief*, by Joseph Bruchac (Novel)
- Jabari Jumps*, by Gaia Cornwall
- Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream For Me*, by Daniel Beaty
- My Name is María Isabel*, by Alma Flor Ada (Chapter book)
- Serafina's Promise*, by Ann E. Burg (Novel in verse)
- Sky Sisters*, by Jan Boudreau Waboose
- Sometimes I'm Bombaloo*, by Rachel Vail
- Twist: Yoga Poems*, by Janet Wong
- Upside Down Boy/El niño de cabeza*, by Juan Felipe Herrera
- When Sophie Thinks She Can't*, by Molly Bang



<sup>1</sup> Style, Emily. "Curriculum as Window and Mirror," Listening for All Voices, Oak Knoll School monograph. Summit, NJ, 1988.

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## SOCIAL AWARENESS

Ability to take perspective of and empathize with others

*Deep in the Sahara*, by Kelly Cunnane

*Enemy Pie*, by Derek Munson

*Halmoni's Picnic*, by Sook Nyul Choi

*I am New Here*, by Anne Sibley O'Brien

*Indian Shoes*, by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Short Stories)

*Mama's Nightingale*, by Edward Danticat

*Muskrat will be Swimming*, by Cheryl Savageau

*My Two Blankets*, by Irena Kobald

*Nadia's Hands*, by Karen English New Shoes, by Susan Myer

*Rain School*, by James Rumford

*Shades of People*, by Shelly Rotner

*Suki's Kimono*, by Chieri Uekagi

*Take Me Out to the Yakyu*, by Aaron Meshon

*The Ugly Vegetables*, by Grace Lin

*Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio (novel)

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## RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Building & maintaining positive relationships

*Across the Alley*, by Richard Michelson

*Crossing Bok Chitto*, by Tim Tingle

*Danitra Brown Leaves Town*, by Nikki Grimes

*Each Kindness*, by Jacqueline Woodson

*Four Feet, Two Sandals*, by Karen Williams

*A Friendship for Today*, by Patricia McKissack (Novel)

*Grandfather Counts*, by Andrea Cheng

*I Miss Franklin P. Shuckles*, by Ulana Snihura

*Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel*, by Nikki Grimes

*Margaret and Margarita/Margarita y Margaret*, by Lynn Reiser

*My Name is Sangoel*, by Karen Williams and Khadra Mohammed

*The Name Jar*, by Yangsook Choi

*Pink and Say*, by Patricia Polacco

*Sitti's Secret*, by Naomi Shihab Nye

*Sumi's First Day of School Ever*, by Soyung Pak

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## RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

Making decisions considering the well-being of self and others

*A Chair for my Mother*, by Vera B. Williams

*Crow Boy*, by Taro Yashima

*First Day in Grapes*, by L. King Perez

*Freedom Summer*, by Deborah Wiles

*Grandmama's Pride*, by Becky Birtha

*Hello Universe*, by Erin Entrada Kelly

*King for a Day*, by Rhuksana Khan

*Mama Provi and the Pot of Rice*, by Sylvia Rosa-Casanova

*My Heart Will Not Sit Down*, by Mara Rockcliff

*The One Day House*, by Julia Durango

*Sam and the Lucky Money*, by Karen Chinn

*Say Something*, by Peggy Moss

*Wings*, by Christopher Myers

*Wishtree*, by Katherine Applegate

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