

Caring Character Education Theme

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- Bender, Marie. ***Caring Counts***. Abdo Publishing, 2002. ISBN: 1577658698. (Hardcover) \$22.78. (Ages 9-12)
Identifies the personality trait of caring and discusses its importance and ways in which it can be practiced at home, in school, with friends, and in the community.
- _____, and Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. ***I Am Caring***. Abdo Publishing Co., 2003. ISBN: 1577658272. (Hardcover) \$19.93. (Ages 5-8)
Describes some of the many ways of being a caring person, including showing love to family members, spending time with friends, and sharing.
- De Paola, Tomie. ***The Legend of the Bluebonnet***. Penguin Putnam, 1983. ISBN: 0399209379. (Nonfiction, Folk Tale) \$16.99 (Ages 5-8)
A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.
- Doak, Robin S. ***Caring***. Raintree, 2002. ISBN: 0739857789. (Nonfiction) \$24.25 (Ages 4-8)
Gives examples of ways that people demonstrate the virtue of caring for others by showing kindness, forgiveness, empathy, and gratitude.
- Fox, Mem. ***Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge***. Kane/Miller, 1991. ISBN: 0916291049. 1st American edition. (Hardcover) \$14.95 (Ages 5-8)
Publisher's Note: Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge lives next door to a nursing home in which several of his good friends reside. Of course, his favorite is Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, because she has four names just as he does. The only problem is Miss Nancy, who is 96, has "lost" her memory. Undaunted, Wilfred sets out to "find" Miss Nancy's memory for her.
- Guntly, Jenette Donovan. ***I Can Show I Care***. Gareth Stevens Pub., 2004. ISBN: 0836842472. \$19.33
This is part of the "Doing the Right Thing" series. This is an excellent addition for all early childhood collections.
- Hansen, Rosanna. ***Caring Animals***. Children's Press, 2003. ISBN: 0516229125. (library binding) \$22.50. (Ages 7-9)
Profiles a Labrador retriever, a miniature horse, a capuchin monkey, and a dolphin who have been trained to help people with handicaps.
- Heyward, DuBose. ***Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes***. Houghton Mifflin, 1939. ISBN: 0395159903. (Hardcover) \$15.00. (Ages 4-8)
The wise and kind mother bunny is chosen to be one of the Easter bunnies by Grandfather Bunny.
- Hutchins, Pat. ***The Doorbell Rang***. William Morrow, 1992. ISBN: 0688052517. (Hardcover) \$15.99. (Ages 5-8)
Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

- Lionni, Leo. **Frederick**. Knopf, 1991. ISBN: 0394810406. (Hardcover) \$16.95 (Ages 5-9)
Publisher's Note: Winter is near and all the field mice are busy preparing and gathering food for the cold months ahead—all except for Frederick. Always the daydreamer, Frederick is preparing a small surprise that will warm the hearts and feed the spirits of his fellow mice when they need it most.
- Mills, Lauren. **The Rag Coat**. Little, Brown, 1991. ISBN: 0316574074. (Hardcover) \$16.99 (Ages 5-8)
 Minna proudly wears her new coat made of clothing scraps to school, where the other children laugh at her until she tells them the stories behind the scraps.
- Mosher, Kiki. **Learning about Compassion from the Life of Florence Nightingale**. PowerKids Press, 1996. ISBN: 0823924238. (Nonfiction, Biography) \$ 13.95. (Ages 8-11)
 A brief biography of the woman whose concern for others led her to become a pioneer in the field of nursing.
- Osuchowska, Isia. **The Gift : A Magical Story about Caring for the Earth**. Wisdom Publications, 1996. ISBN: 0861711165. \$14.95. (Ages 5-8)
 When the king asks how a wise man and his followers will use the money the queen has given them, the wise man explains the gift's far-reaching impact.
- Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Lincoln's Way**. Penguin, Putnam, 2001. ISBN: 0399237542. (Hardcover) \$16.99. (Ages 6-9)
 When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.
- Raatma, Lucia. **Caring**. Capstone Press, 1999. ISBN: 0736803661. (Hardcover) \$21.60.
 Describes caring as a virtue and suggests ways in which caring can be shown, such as recycling, donating to charity, helping others, and listening.
- Ring, Elizabeth. **Rachel Carson : Caring for the Earth**. Lerner, 1992. ISBN: 1562940562. (Hardcover) (Nonfiction, Biography) \$23.90. (Ages 7-11)
 A biography of the biologist focusing on her childhood in Pennsylvania, her growing interest as an adult in environmental concerns, and the importance of her book **Silent Spring** in exposing the environmental harm done by pesticides.
- Schuette, Sarah L. **I Am Caring**. Capstone Press, 2003. ISBN: 0736814388. (Nonfiction) \$15.93. \ (Ages 5-8)
 Simple text and photographs show different ways of being helpful and showing that you care.
- Silverstein, Shel. **The Giving Tree**. Harper & Row, 1987. ISBN: 0060256664. (Library binding) \$17.89. (Ages 5-8)
 A classic book for all ages—for mothers and fathers! A moving parable about the gift of giving and the capacity to love, told throughout the life of a boy who grows to manhood and a tree that selflessly gives him her bounty through the years. All ages
- Small, Mary. **Caring**. (Way To Be!) Picture Window Books, 2005. ISBN: 1404810498. \$16.95
 Being a good person means treating others right. In these endearing character education tales, learn about the different things you can do every day to be considerate—it's a great way to be!
- Taylor, Theodore. **The Cay**. Bantam, Doubleday, Dell, 1999. ISBN: 0385079060. (Hardcover Reissue) \$16.95 (Ages 10 and up)
 When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Williams, Vera B. ***A Chair for My Mother***. Greenwillow, 1982. ISBN: 0688009158. (Library binding) \$16.89. (Ages 4-8)

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Teens

Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul: Stories to Celebrate the Spirit of Courage, Caring and Community, ed. by Jack Canfield and others. Health Communications, 2002.

ISBN: 0757300146. (paperback) \$12.95

Presents approximately one hundred stories of celebration and inspiration for volunteers about the efforts of such organizations as the Peace Corps, the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Myrick, Robert D. ***Caring and Sharing: Becoming a Peer Facilitator***. Educational Media Corp., 2000. ISBN: 0932796990. (Paperback) \$12.95

Presents instruction and nearly forty exercises for training as a peer facilitator, covering human behavior, interpersonal relationships, attentive listening, the facilitative responses, feedback, decision making, assessment, and other aspects.

Nettleton, Pamela Hill. ***May I Help You?: Kids Talk about Caring***. Picture Window Books, 2005.

ISBN: 1404806202. \$23.93.

Tina Truly, advice columnist to the stars sends advice to kids about caring for others including parents who are divorced, grumpy people, and younger brothers and sisters.

Women at Ground Zero: Stories of Courage and Compassion, ed. by Susan Hagan. Alpha, 2002.

ISBN: 0028644220. (Hardcover) \$22.95.

Profiles thirty-three women who showed themselves to be heroes at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, including police officers, firefighters, doctors, and emergency medical technicians.