

**Fairness**  
**Character Education Theme**  
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**Fairness is:**  
**Practicing justice, equity and equality.**  
**Cooperating with one another.**  
**Recognizing the uniqueness and value**  
**of each individual within our diverse society.**

- Dussling, Jennifer. *Fair Is Fair!* Kane Press, 2003. ISBN 1575651319. K-3. **Math connection.** Grades 2-4.  
Marco surveys his friends and uses bar graphs to convince his father to raise his allowance.
- Endres, Hollie J. *Fair Share.* Yellow Umbrella Books, c2006. ISBN 0736852824. **Nonfiction.** (513.2) K-3.  
Simple text and photographs teaches dividing and counting through the basic concept of sharing.
- Finn, Carrie. *Kids Talk about Fairness.* (Kids talk Jr). Picture Window Books, c2007. ISBN 1404823167 **Nonfiction.** (179) K-3.  
Not yet released.
- Holcomb, Nan. *Fair and Square.* Jason & Nordic Publishers, 1992. ISBN 0944727107. **E.** K-3.  
Tired of others letting him win at games, Kevin, a physically handicapped boy, learns how to win fair and square when he competes against a computer.
- Holtzman, Caren. *No Fair!* (Hello Reader series). Scholastic, c1997. ISBN 061301975X. **E.** K-3. **Math connection.**  
Two children play several games of chance trying to figure out what is mathematically fair.
- Hutchins, Pat. *The Doorbell Rang.* Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0833530607. **E.** K-3. **Math connection.**  
Victoria and Sam are just sitting down to a plateful of Ma's cookies when the doorbell rings, and two of their friends arrive to share the feast. The doorbell rings again and again and each time the number of cookies per person dwindles until at last there is only one cookie per person and . . . the doorbell rings again! (Luckily, it's Grandma arriving with reinforcements.) Hutchins's quirky illustrations nicely depict her suspenseful tale; the characters have an unusually authentic feeling and convey a strong sense of family. The book is, of course, a mini-lesson in short division. But don't tell any kids the arithmetic is so subtly incorporated into the story that they need never know it's there. **Publishers Weekly**
- Jordan, Denise. *Your Fair Share.* Heinemann Library, c2004. ISBN 1403444099. **Nonfiction** (177) Preschool-2.  
Explains how to share pencils, toys, and chores.
- Kyle, Kathryn. *Fairness.* Child's World, c2003. ISBN 1567660878. **Nonfiction.** (179) K-3.  
Easy-to-read scenarios, such as sharing a cookie with your brother or playing by the rules, provide lessons in fairness.

- Nelson, Robin. ***Being Fair***. Lerner Pub., c2003. ISBN 0822512858 (lib. bdg.) **Nonfiction** (179) K-3  
An introduction to being fair at school, at home, and with friends, with specific examples of how to be fair at home and school.
- Roehe, Stephanie. ***"That's Not Fair!"*** Penguin Young Readers Group, c2004. ISBN 0698400046. **E.** K-3  
Fia and Fabi Fox learn a valuable lesson in sharing when they visit two Mice children who show them that it is more fun to play with someone than to fight with them.
- Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. ***I Am Fair***. Abdo Pub., c2003. ISBN 1577658264. **Nonfiction** (179) Grades 2-4.  
Describes some of the many ways of being fair, including taking turns, following the rules, and including others in activities.
- Small, Mary. ***Being Fair: A Book about Fairness***. Picture Window Books, c2006. ISBN 140481051X **Nonfiction** (179) K-3.  
Explains that fairness is treating others as one would like to be treated and considering other people's feelings, and presents examples of fair behavior in a variety of situations.
- Sommer, Carl. ***It's Not Fair!*** Advance, c2003. ISBN 1575370700. **E.** K-3.  
Buzzie becomes unhappy with her role as a worker bee and starts a revolt at her hive, until she discovers that working together is the best way to be happy.
- Ziefert, Harriet. ***Be Fair! Share!*** Sterling Pub., 2006. ISBN 1402734229. **E.** K-3.  
Three friends share their lunches and a lesson in fairness.

### Intermediate and Middle School

- Bender, Marie. ***Fairness Counts***. Abdo Pub., c2003. ISBN 1577658701. **Nonfiction** (179) Grades 4-6.  
Defines fairness as a character trait and discusses how to show fairness at home, with friends, at school, in the community, and toward oneself.
- Boothroyd, Jennifer. ***Susan B. Anthony: A Life of Fairness***. (Pull Ahead Books) Lerner, 2006. ISBN 0822534797 (lib. bdg.) **Biography**. Grades 4-6.  
Do you know why fairness was important to Susan B. Anthony? ...why Susan B. Anthony was arrested? ...how Susan B. Anthony helped the women of the United States?
- SP** Boothroyd, Jennifer. ***Susan B. Anthony: Una Vida De Igualdad/a Life of Fairness (Libros Para Avanzar - Biografias/Pull Ahead Books - Biographies)*** Ediciones Lerner, 2006 ISBN 0822562340. **Biography**. Grades 4-6.
- Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game (Ender Wiggins Saga Ages)***. ISBN 0613824229 (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.  
Ender Wiggin is a very bright young boy with a powerful skill. One of a group of children bred to be military geniuses and save Earth from an inevitable attack by aliens, known here as "buggers," Ender becomes unbeatable in war games and seems poised to lead Earth to triumph over the buggers. Meanwhile, his brother and sister plot to wrest power from Ender. Twists, surprises and interesting characters elevate this novel into status as a bona fide page turner. It captured the Nebula and Hugo Awards.
- Clements, Andrew. ***Frindle***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613050142. **Fiction**. Grades 3-5.  
Nick creates a new word for a "pen." What are the rules for introducing a new word?

- De Clements, Barthe. ***Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade***. Sagebrush (rebound), 1999. ISBN 0881033553. **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.  
This winner of 13 state "children's favorite" awards shows Jenny and her friends as they struggle through elementary school injustices.
- Guzman, Lila. ***Cesar Chavez --Fighting for Fairness***. (Famous Latinos) Enslow Pub., c2006. ISBN 0766023702. **Biography**. (331.88) Grades 3-6. **(Not yet released.)** (Famous Latinos series will also include Roberto Clemente, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Ellen Ochoa, and George Lopez. The entire series will be available in English and Spanish in separate volumes.)
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Running out of Time***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 061301670X (lib. bdg.) Grades 5-8.  
In the reconstructed 1840 village, people are denied medicine that will save their lives. Will Jessie be able to help in time?
- Jaffe, Nina and Zeitlin, Steve. ***The Cow of No Color: Riddle Stories and Justice Tales from around the World***. Henry Holt, 1998. ISBN 0805037365. **Folktales**. Grades 4-6.  
As the subtitle implies, these are more than simple folktales. All have been chosen with an eye toward the book's theme--justice--and cover a wide territory in both place and time. In one story from Vietnam, a young boy relies on the testimony of a fly and is able to trick the truth out of a liar. Another is the story of Susannah and the Elders from the Bible, in which a young woman is unjustly accused of adultery by two men who want her for themselves. And then there is the anecdotal tale from Judge Eugene Pinchem, whose story concerns the astuteness of a jury. The Pinchem story, along with a number of others in the book, is framed as a riddle--the audience is asked to figure out the end of the story. This excellent method of getting children to think for themselves will lead to discussion and debate. The introductions to each story, informative and respectable in length, add depth to the tales. From the striking dust jacket, featuring the woman from Ghana and her cows, to the inside line drawings, the pictures are eye-catching. Inventive teachers will find myriad uses for this volume, including having children act out the stories and letting the rest of the class guess the endings. *Ilene Cooper. Booklist*
- Levine, Gail Carson. ***Ella Enchanted***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613076915. **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.  
A "Cinderella" story, this Ella has the curse of obedience, and so MUST obey her wicked stepsisters.
- Loewen, Nancy. ***No Fair! Kids Talk about Fairness***. Picture Window Books, 2003. ISBN 1404800335. **Nonfiction**. (179) Grades 4-6.  
Tina Truly's advice column answers questions from young people about school and family situations that seem unfair.
- Lowry, Lois. ***The Giver***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0785734988 (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. Grades 6-9.  
In a world with no poverty, no crime, no sickness and no unemployment, and where every family is happy, 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the community's Receiver of Memories. Under the tutelage of the Elders and an old man known as the Giver, he discovers the disturbing truth about his utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy.
- Seder, Isaac. ***Justice and Fairness***. Raintree, c2002. ISBN 073985805X. **Nonfiction**. (179) Grades 4-6.  
Examines the related concepts of fairness and justice, and explains the meaning of equal treatment for individuals, families, communities, and nations.

## High School

- Bernard, Bill. ***Life Is Not Fair--And Everything Else They Forgot to Teach You in School***. Sourcebooks, c2004. ISBN 1402202792. **Nonfiction**. (646.7)  
Presents ten rules to students grade nine and up as well as to parents on life's realities including budgeting, cliques, and relationships.

- Creeden, Sharon. ***Fair Is Fair: World Folktales of Justice***. August House Publishers, c1994. ISBN 0874834007. **Folktales**. (398)  
Attorney and professional storyteller Creeden presents 30 international folktales relating to various aspects of law and justice. This collection includes myths, fables, and traditional narratives from an assortment of cultures, each contemplating circumstances of unlawful behavior and wrongful deception. The tales disclose the details of a criminal activity that is profoundly resolved through the wisdom of enlightened judges and the craftiness of clever lawyers or exposed through supernatural intervention. The book is enhanced by the author's informative commentary on contemporary legal issues, such as capital punishment, the insanity defense, women's rights, and juvenile justice, which provide an understanding of the administration of law in our society. An excellent combination of recreational and educational reading; highly recommended. Eloise R. Hitchcock, Tennessee Technological Univ. Lib., Cookeville. ***Library Journal***
- Fleishman, Paul. ***Whirligig***. Sagebrush, 2001. ISBN 0613230523 (lib.bdg.) **Fiction**.  
Brent, striving for popularity in high school, is involved in a drunken driving accident, resulting in an unusual act of repentance- creating Whirligigs.
- Gordon, Sherri Mabry. ***Downloading Copyrighted Stuff from the Internet: Stealing or Fair Use?*** Enslow Publishers, c2005. ISBN 0766021645. **Nonfiction**. (346.7304)  
Presents an introduction to peer-to-peer file sharing, a technology that allows people to share Internet files and information, such as music, movies, and software, and explores the debate over whether the downloading of copyrighted materials is legal or ethical.
- Lisle, Janet Taylor. ***Art of Keeping Cool***. Sagebrush, 2001. ISBN 061354109X (lib.bdg.) **Fiction**.  
Grades 5-8. **Winner of Scott O'Dell Award**  
In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.
- Mikaelsen, Ben. ***Touching Spirit Bear***. HarperCollins, 2001. ISBN 0060291494 (lib.bdg.) **Fiction**.  
Cole chooses confinement on a remote Alaskan island over a prison sentence, and encounters a Spirit Bear. How will he provide restitution for his violent behavior?
- Robins, Eleanor. ***Be Fair***. Saddleback Educational, c2005. YA (could not find ISBN) (High-interest, low reading level) (see books by this publisher at <http://www.sdlback.com/default.asp>)  
Dru, a new student at Carter High, jumps to conclusions when she sees a boy she likes talking to another girl, and almost ruins her chances at being his friend.