

It's great to
be me!

Kids Booklist

Books that encourage kids to be themselves
& value others



- **Ada Twist** by Andrea Beaty
- **Amazing Babes** by Eliza Sarlos and Grace Lee
- **Axle Annie** by Robin Pulver
- **Be Who You Are** by Todd Parr
- **Be Your Own Man** by Jessica Sanders
- **Bold Australian Girl** by Jess Black
- **Cactus Annie** by Melanie Williamson
- **Crusher is Coming** by Bob Graham
- **Do you want to play trucks?** by Ann Stott
- **Easy as Pie** by Cari Best
- **Every-day Dress-up** by Selina Alko
- **Fly** by Jess McGeachin
- **Hunting for Dragons** by Bruce Whatley
- **I am Enough** by Grace Byers
- **I Could Be, You Could Be** by Karen Owen
- **I want to be a superhero** by Breanna Humes
- **Introducing Teddy** by Jessica Walton
- **Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah and Ian Hoffman
- **Love Makes a Family** by Sophie Beer
- **Made by Raffi** by Craig Pomranz
- **Me and my boots** by Penny Harrison
- **My Princess Boy** by Cheryl Kilodavis
- **My Shadow is Pink** by Scott Stuart
- **No Difference Between Us** by Jayneen Saunders
- **Not All Princesses Dress in Pink** by Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple
- **One Busy Day** by Lola Schaefer
- **Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain** by Jayneen Sanders
- **Piggybook** by Anthony Browne
- **Princess Smartypants** by Babette Cole
- **Roadworks & Demolition (series)** by Sally Sutton
- **Rosie Revere, Engineer** by Andrea Beaty
- **Ruby's Wish** by Shirin Yim Bridges
- **Some Boys** by Nelly Thomas
- **Some Girls** by Nelly Thomas
- **Squishy Taylor (series)** by Ailsa Wild
- **The Different Dragon** by Jennifer Bryan
- **The Night Pirates** by Peter Harris
- **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch
- **The Underwater Fancy-Dress Parade** by Davina Bell
- **The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be** by Joanna Gaines
- **Tina and Tom's Time Travelling Toilet** by Chris 'Roy' Taylor and James A Crabtree

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Booklist continued:

- **Two Mates** by Melanie Prewett
- **Who Am I? I Am Me!** by Jayneen Sanders
- **Who's your real mum?** by Bernadette Green
- **Zephyr Takes Flight** by Steve Light
- **Zog** by Julia Donaldson



Kids Book Checklist

Families want the best for their kids, to be treated equally and have all the same opportunities as each other. But lots of books don't represent girls, boys and gender diverse kids as equals. This limits kids ideas about who they can be and what they can do in life e.g. girls are often portrayed as pretty, princesses, quiet and nurturing while boys are often strong, loud and leaders.


This checklist is a handy way to figure out if the books kids are reading are empowering them to be themselves, boosting their confidence and showing them all the opportunities available to every kid – no matter their gender. Kids (and adults!) feel valued and inspired when they see people like themselves and their families represented in books and the world around them.

To help choose books that represent all kids equally and challenge old ideas about gender roles (gender stereotypes), check these things:

- Are girls portrayed as strong characters?
- Are girls daring, brave and smart?
- Are girls interested in science, technology, engineering, maths, outdoors and adventuring?
- Are girls resilient problem solvers or passive onlookers?
- Look for books with different characters that represent the modern community and families we live in e.g. from different backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, diverse genders, abilities and families like single parent or same sex couples.
- Are boys portrayed as kind and caring?
- Are boys portrayed as nurturing and loving?
- Are boys respectful to all genders?
- Are boys able to and encouraged to express their feelings?

Some more resources:

www.levelplayground.org.au
www.becausewhy.org.au

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