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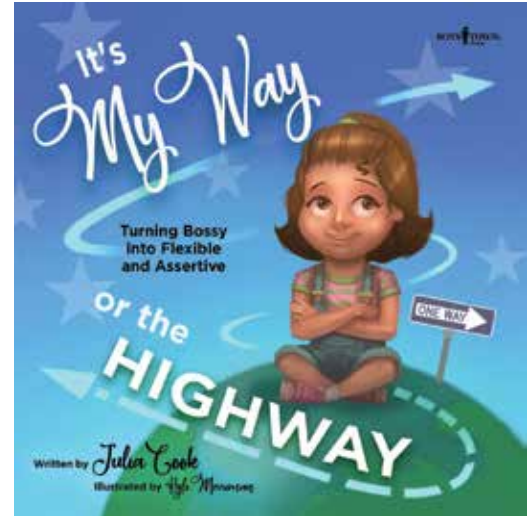
It's My Way or the Highway

Turning Bossy into Flexible and Assertive

By Julia Cook, Illustrated by Kyle Merriman

Cora June is B-O-S-S-Y! She stops her teacher's boring assignments. She dictates the games people play at recess. She even objects to family dinners.

If Cora June doesn't get her way in the classroom, on the playground or at home, she makes life miserable for those around her. Will anyone put the brakes on her outlandish demands? Will Cora June ever realize that she can be a leader, but still be flexible? Or that there's a difference between being assertive and being bossy? See what lessons are learned in this thought-provoking tale about the benefits of not always getting your way. *It's My Way or the Highway* is the first title in an exciting new book series, *The Leader I'll Be!*



"Julia Cook has penned another incredible book for children! Through the eyes of Cora, children learn the importance of flexibility. To be a good leader, you need to listen and ask, not demand. Because life isn't all about you. It's My Way or the Highway is an excellent tool for parents, school counselors, teachers, social workers, psychologists, and pediatricians..."

– Erin Bowden, MS, Professional School Counselor

"As an elementary school library tech, I am always looking for 'lesson' stories to read in-between the silly, funny ones. I'm very pleased with It's My Way or the Highway. It's engaging and funny and with colorful illustrations to keep students interested. As I read it, I could almost hear my students gasping and commenting on what Cora June said or did that wasn't nice. By the end of the story, I appreciated that Cora June is aware of and working on her behavior instead of suddenly changed."

– Venessa Ricardez, Librarian, NetGalley

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"Mrs. Cook has once again tapped into a vital skill our future leaders must possess with a story that appeals to students! The Great Compromise teaches the art (and importance) of compromise to children. The tips for parents and educators are sure to encourage the development of students who can successfully compromise!"

– Kimberly Hall, Elementary School Librarian



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The Great Compromise

By Julia Cook, Illustrated by Kyle Merriman

Cora June and her classmate, Wilson, are locked in a battle of wills.

Each one desperately wants to be the ultimate decider. They scream at each other about whether to play dodgeball or soccer at recess. They get into a tug of war over a Popsicle. Each wants to dictate where to go on the next class trip! Can these two opinionated, wanna-be leaders compromise or agree to anything?

Using rhymes and relatable situations, this story offers valuable lessons about the power of compromise and why the best leaders are never afraid to negotiate. *The Great Compromise* is the latest addition to the *The Leader I'll Be!* series by award-winning author and education expert Julia Cook.



JULIA COOK is a former school counselor and teacher who has evolved into a national award-winning children's author, international parenting expert and inspirational speaker. She travels the country and abroad discussing her stories, encouraging children to laugh while learning to solve their own problems. Cook's research-based books have been referenced in such publications as *Parent's Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Care.com*, *Military Spouse*, *Yahoo.com*, *Dr.laura.com*, and *babyzone.com*.

With approximately two million books in print, she has received the Association for Educational Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award, and her books have been honored by The National Parenting Center, Teachers' Choice Awards, and Mom's Choice Awards. Some of her best-selling titles include; *But It's Not My Fault!*, *I Just Don't Like the Sound of No!* and *Making Friends is An Art!* Julia is a proud mother and grandmother.

KYLE MERRIMAN is a professional illustrator and concept artist with experience designing various games, books and animated short films. He earned his BFA in Illustration from Brigham Young University.

Freddie the Fly: Bee On, Buzz Off

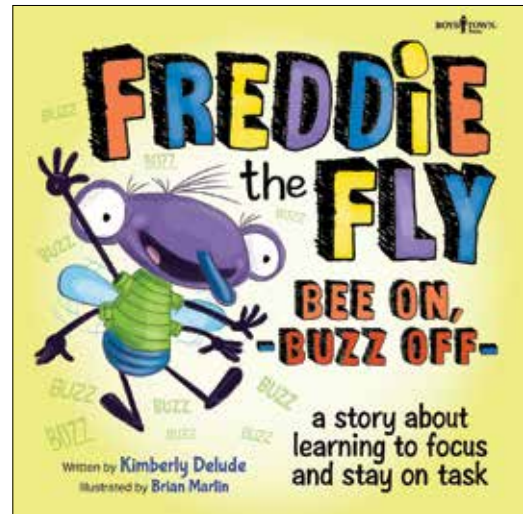
A story about learning to focus and stay on task

By Kimberly Delude, Illustrated by Brian Martin

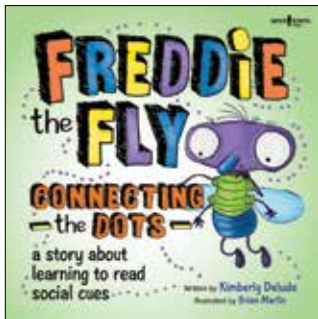
Freddie, our lovable fly, is tappin' and flappin' his way to trouble.

He whirls around to and fro, buzzing from one distraction to another. Is it any wonder he forgets his lunch, fails his spelling test and leaves the house semi-undressed? Freddie is a go-go-go kind of guy who has no time to listen, focus or pay attention. His lack of concentration causes a real fright when he finds himself lost and alone at the zoo.

Will that be the scare Freddie needs to finally take action and turn his BEE on and his BUZZ off? Readers will love finding the answers in this delightfully insightful tale by speech-language pathologist and educator Kimberly Delude.



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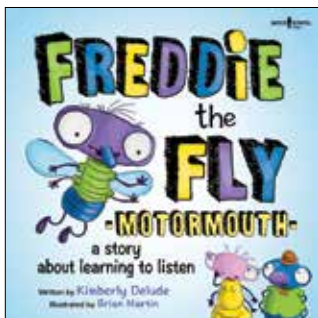


Freddie the Fly: Connecting the Dots

A story about learning to read social cues

Freddie keeps missing social cues, so he misunderstands what people mean, and then he finds himself in a mess. He just doesn't get that there's a lot more to communication than the words that people say. Fortunately for our favorite fly, he has his dad and Principal Roachford available to teach him about connecting the communication dots, including voice tone, facial expressions and body language.

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Freddie the Fly: Motormouth

A story about learning to listen

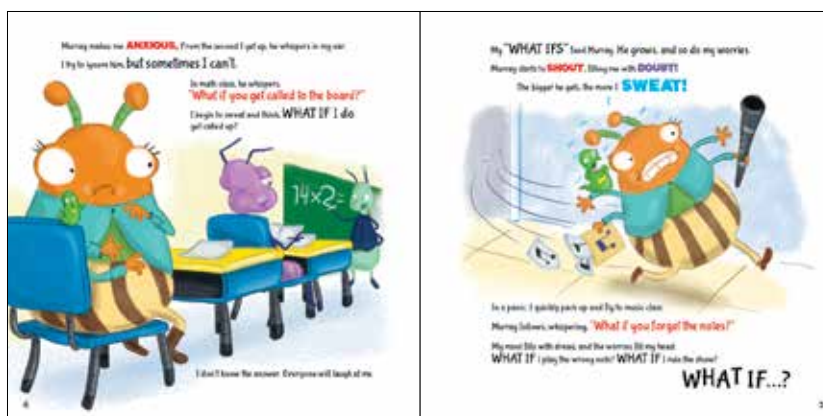
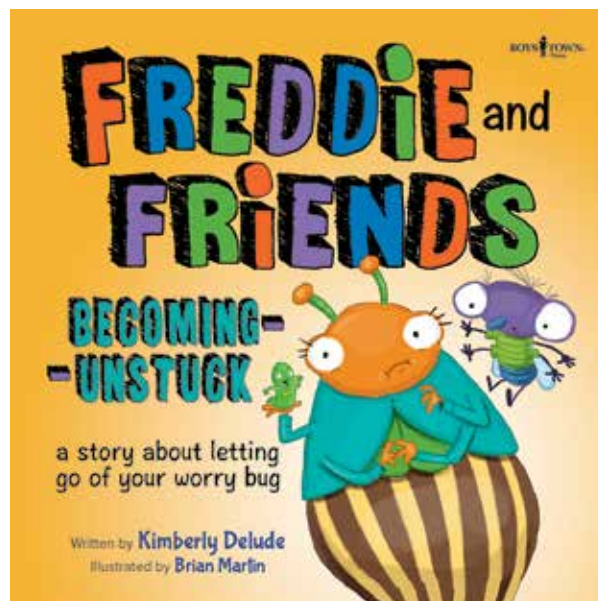
Freddie the Fly likes to talk and talk and talk. He's so busy buzzing about the latest gossip, he can't listen to anyone else. Freddie doesn't realize how much of a chatterbox he is until he meets Mesquita. She talks a mile-a-minute. This colorful storybook teaches kids how to control their conversations and be excited about listening to, and learning from, others.

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New

“Freddie and Friends: Becoming Unstuck normalizes anxiety to children and helps them understand it is something we all live with. This book creatively describes techniques for children to externalize their anxiety and take an alternative perspective that is more realistic and palpable. The FLIP approach is one that educators, parents, and clinicians can apply in conversations with children to help them better manage their worries. Kimberly Delude creatively integrates coping skills for managing anxiety into a fun, playful story that children can relate to in the school setting.”

– Meghan E. Ahern, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Brookline, MA



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Freddie and Friends: Becoming Unstuck

A story about letting go of your worry bug

By Kimberly Delude, Illustrated by Brian Martin

Betsy the Beetle has a constant companion, Murray. Unfortunately, he's a notorious and pesky worry bug.

He loves to whisper horrible “what ifs” into Betsy’s ear, making her worry about every little thing. Betsy gets so flustered and weighed down by Murray, she repeatedly falls flat on her back – stuck legs up – and has no idea how to get back on her feet. That’s why Betsy’s friends and creative teacher hatch a plan to

get rid of Murray once and for all. Will it work? Will Betsy be able to kiss her worry bug goodbye forever?

This tale about trying to stop anxiety in its tracks is the latest addition to the *Freddie the Fly* book series.

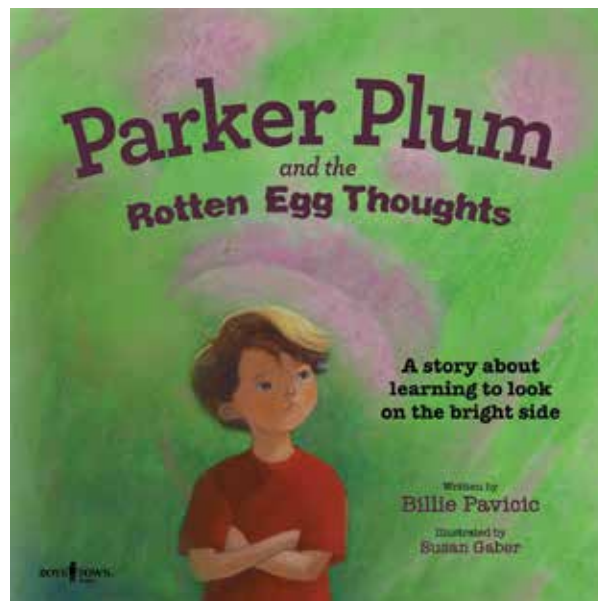


KIMBERLY DELUDE, MA, CCC-SLP, worked for a national sports team before earning her MA at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst's Department of Education. Kimberly has her Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association, and works as a Speech Language Pathologist in the public schools.

BRIAN MARTIN is an award-winning artist whose work has been featured in publications across the country. He is a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design.

"I love this book. It combines all the best elements of children's storytelling. First, we have a strong, relevant, moral message: Be positive. In a society bombarded by negativity, it is so easy for children to dread the start of every day. Regardless if your readers attend a brick-and-mortar school or are at home, they will no doubt face every situation Parker does. Parker himself is an easily relatable character. He is simply a boy, dealing with a real-world situation. Bottom line: 'Parker Plum' is a 5-star children's book worth purchasing and adding to your classroom library

– Liz Terek, blogger@devotedmommyof3.com



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Parker Plum and the Rotten Egg Thoughts

A story about learning to look on the bright side

By Billie Pavicic, Illustrated by Susan Gaber

***Parker Plum wakes from a night of slumber to find a little green egg resting on his pillow.
 How did it get there? Parker doesn't know, and doesn't seem to care.***

He plops it in his pocket and starts his day... a day that gets worse by the minute. Breakfast is awful, he misses the bus and, worst of all, he has to sit downwind from Dave, a guy who toots all day! Every disappointment gets Parker more upset and makes the egg grow bigger and bigger until it's ginormous. Is this rotten, smelly blob about to explode? Fortunately for Parker,

veteran lunch lady Mrs. Butterbott thinks she can defuse the situation. But it totally depends on whether Parker is willing to unscramble all his self-defeating thoughts. Can he? See what happens in this creative and colorful tale from talented author and educator Billie Pavicic.

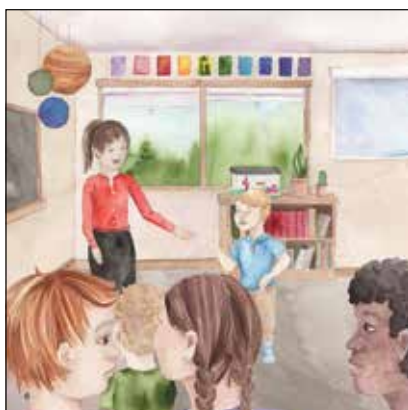
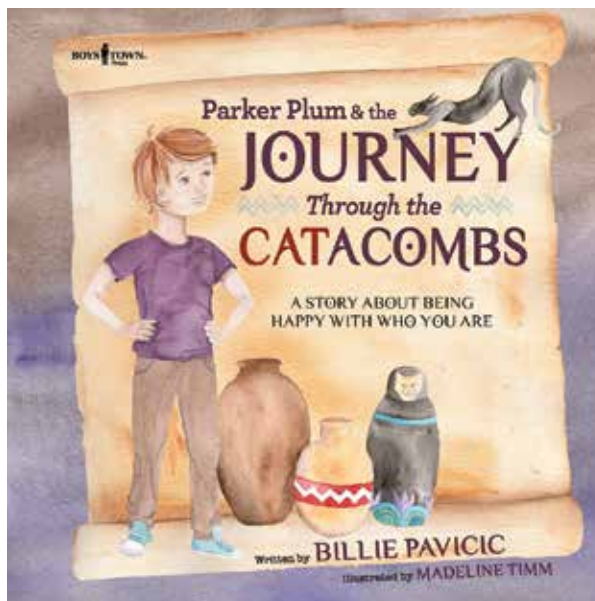
Look for a NEW book in the Parker Plum series in the Spring of 2020!

New

“Parker Plum proves once again to not only be peculiar and interesting, but also a fantastic resource for counselors and educators alike.

Children will be captivated as he explores the mummy museum and learns to identify his strengths while focusing on what he can control. Pavicic provides a ‘CATchy’ way for the audience to journey into self-acceptance and be happy with who they are.”

– Nicole S. Moore, M.A., Professional School Counselor



When Parker arrived at Ms. Papp's classroom the next morning, everything was different. Someone else had moved their chair. A girl named Skyler, who Parker had never seen, sat the closest to him. "Skyler, you've come at a great time," Ms. Papp said. "We're going to the Intrepid Museum today."

But Skyler Blue was not impressed.

"I've been to the REAL PYRAMIDS at home. I even rode ON A CAMEL," Skyler said. Then he pointed to his backpack and pulled out a picture of himself on a camel. All the children were very impressed, except Parker Plum.



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Parker Plum and the Journey Through the CATacombs

A story about being happy with who you are

By Billie Pavicic, Illustrated by Madeline Timm

When the new kid in class, Skyler Blue, wows everyone with tales of wild adventure – riding camels, exploring pyramids, and going on safari – it leaves Parker Plum feeling small, insignificant, and plain old ordinary.

To Parker's surprise, it's him, not Skyler, who encounters a mystical black cat during the class field trip. Can this furry feline convince Parker to start thinking like a **C-A-T** and realize he's just as special and interesting as everyone else? *Journey Through*

the CATacombs is an entertaining and insightful look at dealing with envy and finding self-worth. It's the second storybook in the *Parker Plum* series for children in grades 1-6.



BILLIE PAVICIC earned her MA in counseling from Marymount University. With nearly a decade of experience as an elementary school counselor, Billie combines that experience and her creativity in the lessons she incorporates in her children's books and activities. This busy mother of two enjoys writing and all things strange and unusual, and her series, uses a little bit of fantasy grounded in a whole world of reality to keep kids interested and teach them important life skills, such as how to have a positive mindset and learning to be happy with who you are.

MADELINE TIMM has worked as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer since 2012. She lives in Enumclaw, Washington, with her husband, Keith, and their daughter, Scout.

THE *WITHOUT LIMITS* BOOK SERIES

A book series celebrating children who demonstrate good character.



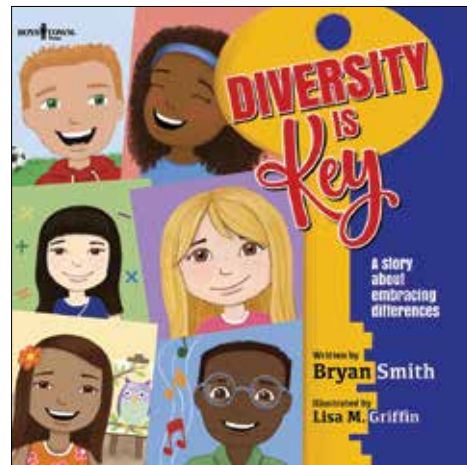
Diversity is Key

A story about embracing differences

By Bryan Smith, Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

It's diversity week at Amelia's school, and she has no clue what it means or why it matters. Every day, she's introduced to cultures, cuisines and customs that push Amelia outside her comfort zone and test her preconceived notions about people and places. Is Mei really asking me to bow when I introduce myself? Is Rosa really celebrating toes, and how the heck do I eat something wrapped in a cornhusk? And why is Malia's mom dancing in a grass skirt? Amelia has lots of questions (and a few concerns), but the more she experiences, the more she realizes how diversity makes life more fun.

"Great storybook for kids on cultural diversity. Loved the pictures and the writing. It shows kids the importance of respecting differences and discovering different foods and customs. A definite must-buy for all kids!" – Sarah Miniaci, NetGalley



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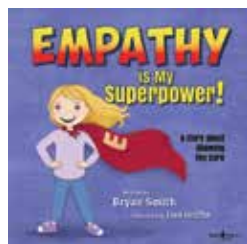
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Empathy is My Superpower!

A story about showing you care

Amelia learns to better understand others by imagining how they might feel in difficult situations. If she can show she cares, she has the power to improve relationships and help others. Includes tips to help parents and teachers foster empathy in every child.

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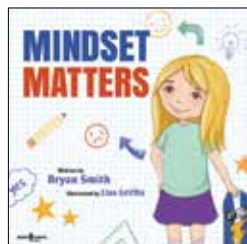
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Mindset Matters

Amelia's an up-for-any-adventure second-grader who's eager to try new things – provided nothing goes wrong. At the first sign of trouble she's done. With help, Amelia learns she needs a "gonna-get-it-done" mindset. With her new outlook, she discovers problems and dilemmas can be opportunities to learn and grow.

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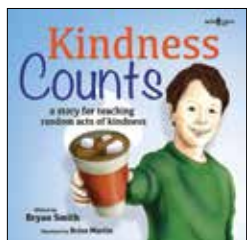
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Kindness Counts

A story for teaching random acts of kindness

Cade is quick to do random acts of kindness when they're easy and convenient. But when Dad wants him to donate a few of his favorite toys, Cade thinks that's being a bit too kind. Can Cade be generous if it requires a real sacrifice?

Children's Fiction/Social Skills

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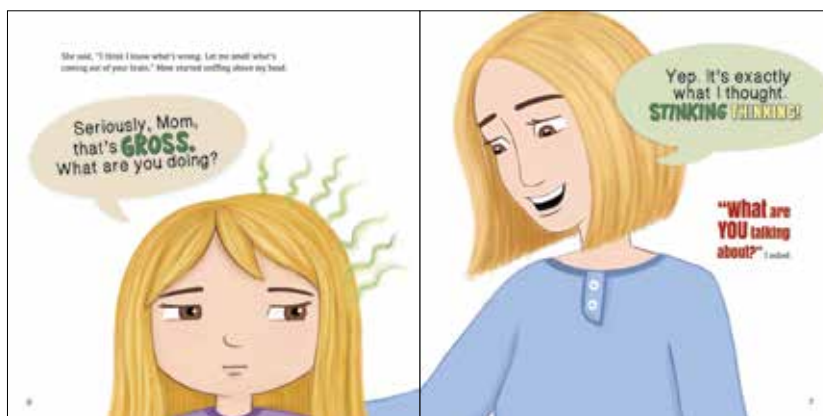
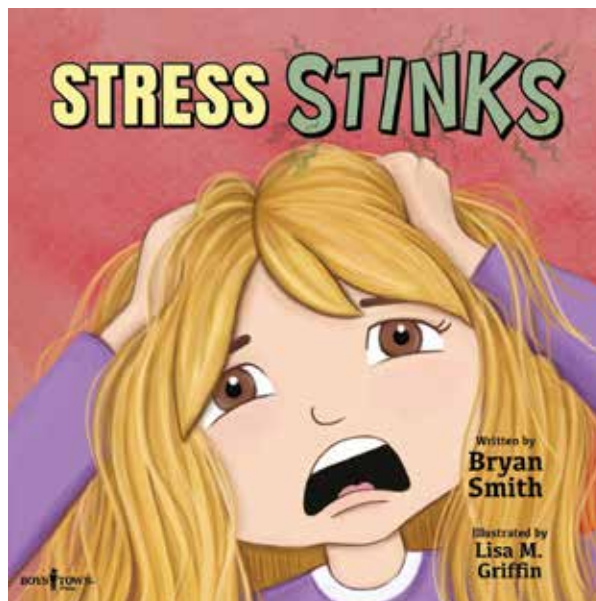
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"Stress in children is something I see daily! This book does a great job of demonstrating the stress kids face, and providing simple strategies they can use to manage stress at school and at home. I am excited to share this book with the students in my class."

—Anna Smith, classroom teacher



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Stress Stinks

By Bryan Smith, Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

Amelia is feeling smothered by all her responsibilities.

She has softball practice, tons of homework, icky chores, and, to top it off, she wasn't even invited to Samantha's Friday night birthday bash blowout. All her stress and negative thoughts are causing Amelia's stinking thinking! And it might be contagious

because her friends have it too. Will the strategies Amelia's mom teaches her be the tips she needs to keep her stress in check? Or will Amelia be stuck with the stink?



BRYAN SMITH comes from a family of educators. He has worked in the education field for more than 15 years. Beginning his career as an elementary school teacher before realizing he had a talent for helping children deal with difficult issues. He has since become a school counselor, where he relishes teaching students life skills that will take them far and help them succeed. His stories address topics like sportsmanship, executive function, self-control and self-acceptance that motivate, educate and inspire children. Bryan and his wife have two children. His books have been recognized by *The National Parenting Center Seal of Approval*.

LISA M. GRIFFIN holds a BFA in illustration and is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTION BOOK SERIES

The Executive FUNction storybooks teach children how to plan, organize, manage time and maintain self-control!



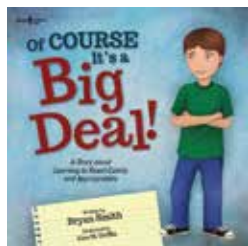
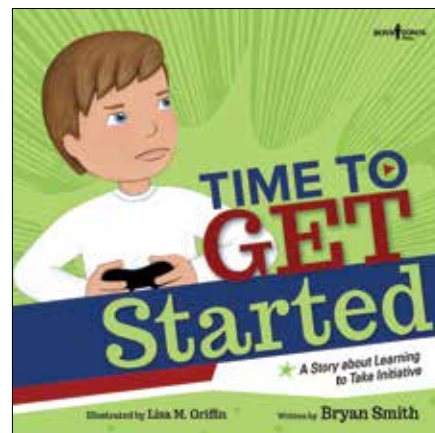
Time to Get Started

A Story about Learning to Take Initiative

By Bryan Smith, Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

Blake doesn't like it when people insist he do things RIGHT NOW. Luckily, his mom is there to work with him on the important skill of taking initiative. Will Blake be able to use this skill to get started on his work at home and at school?

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Of Course It's a Big Deal!

A Story about Learning to React Calmly and Appropriately

What was supposed to be a carefree afternoon of go-cart racing and putt-putt golfing quickly turns sour when Braden shouts and pouts. Will every discouraging moment send him into an emotional meltdown?

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It Was Just Right Here!

Blake is always losing things, but he doesn't think it's a big deal. After all, he's just a kid. Children and parents alike will find this comical, colorful storybook helpful in understanding why everything has its place... and why a desk is no place for the school pet!

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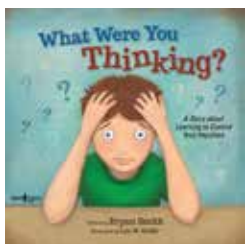


My Day Is Ruined!

A Story for Teaching Flexible Thinking

A canceled championship ball game is just the beginning of Braden's letdowns, so he goes into an overreaction tailspin! Will he be able to recover and practice the tips of flexible thinking that his teacher and mom share with him?

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What Were You Thinking?

A Story about Learning to Control Your Impulses

Braden's ill-timed jokes and thoughtless behaviors land him in trouble. Will he ever learn to think before he acts? Young readers will be captivated as they discover how Braden learns to manage his impulses.

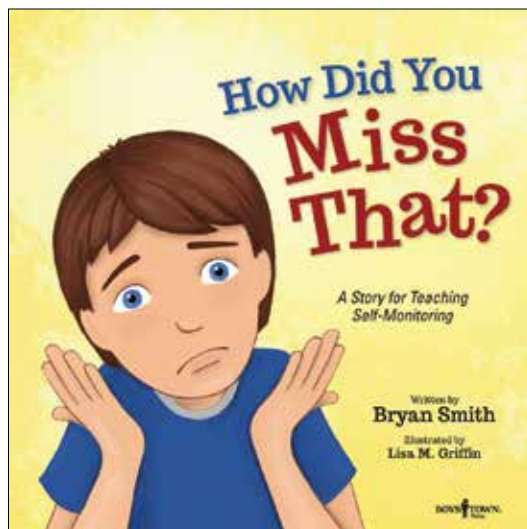
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How Did You Miss That?

A Story for Teaching Self-Monitoring

By Bryan Smith, Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

When he rushes home after an exhausting night of baseball, the last thing Braden wants to hear is Mom and Dad harping about everything he must finish on his to-do list. Of course, they wouldn't be on his case if he actually paid attention and did what he needed to do. From chores at home to questions on a quiz, Braden never checks his work for mistakes or to see if he missed anything. Is there a solution to his sloppiness? Yes... but will Braden be willing to try it? Can he become a master of self-monitoring? Award-winning author, happy father, and popular school counselor Bryan Smith highlights the importance of slowing down, being accurate, and double-checking one's work in the newest *Executive FUNction* storybook, written for K-5 students, their parents and teachers.

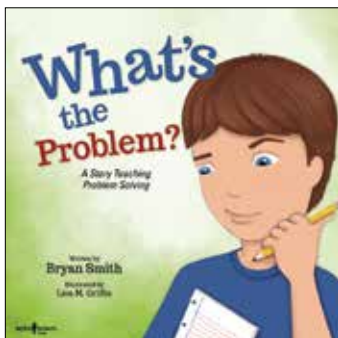


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"Every week I have students either rush through their assignments or just not pay attention to details in their work. I strongly recommend How Did You Miss That? to any educator who wants to help students get past that kind of behavior. This book is going to be a game changer!" - Diane Dahl, gifted/talented specialist



What's the Problem?

A Story Teaching Problem Solving

By Bryan Smith, Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

The characters in this story face conundrums that make each of them consider solutions that are inappropriate. Fortunately, some fatherly advice coupled with a tried-and-true strategy for solving problems helps them through any challenge. This story encourages readers to use SODAS (Situation, Options, Disadvantages, Advantages, and Solution) as a way to solve any problem.

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BRYAN SMITH has worked in the education field for more than 15 years, first as an elementary school teacher then as a school counselor. He excels at teaching students life skills that will take them far and help them succeed. He is also a popular children's author whose other titles include *Kindness Counts*, *My Day Is Ruined!* and *What Were You Thinking?*

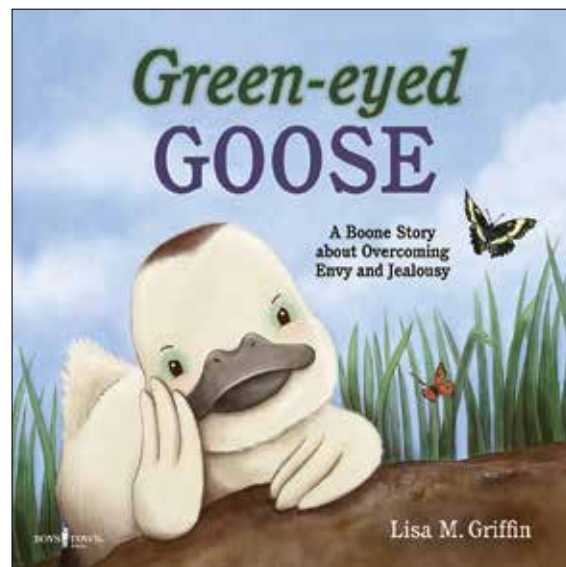
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Green-Eyed Goose

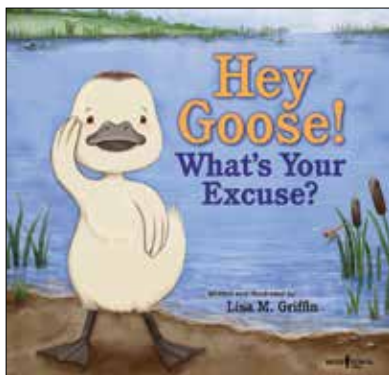
A Boone Story about Overcoming Envy and Jealousy

Written and Illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

Boone is back, and boy is he bothered! Why is his brother Finn the first to fly? And why can Otter flip but Boone can't? And what's with Beaver's big tail? It just doesn't seem fair! But Boone soon learns, with the help of those around him, that instead of begrudging what others have or earned, he should be grateful for what he has, and work hard to earn what more he wants.



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Hey Goose! What's Your Excuse?

Written and illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

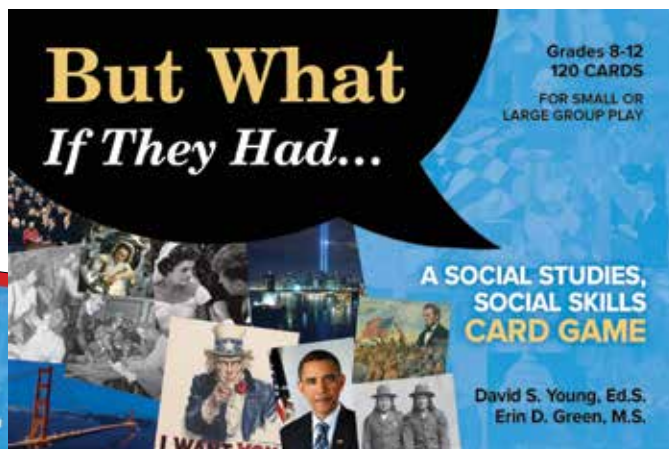
A heartwarming tale about spreading your wings and finding yourself.

When Boone's momma and siblings swim off to the opposite shore, he won't follow. He has his reasons, like the water seems too cold and deep, and the other shore looks too muddy. But when he sees his family having fun, he wonders what he's missing.

Soon enough, Boone's curiosity grows bigger than his fears. Slowly he paddles away from his safe space, taking readers on a journey that reveals why leaving your comfort zone can lead to exciting and unexpected places.



LISA M. GRIFFIN has a BFA in Illustration and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She has illustrated numerous children's picture books for the Boys Town Press and made her author/illustrator series debut with *The Boone Series*. Lisa lives in New Hampshire with her husband and their three children.



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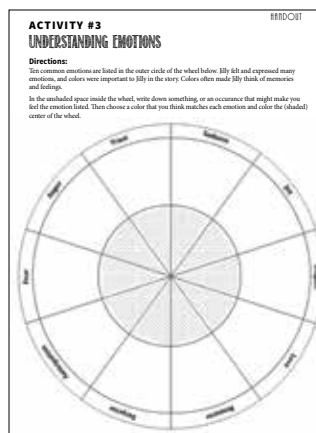
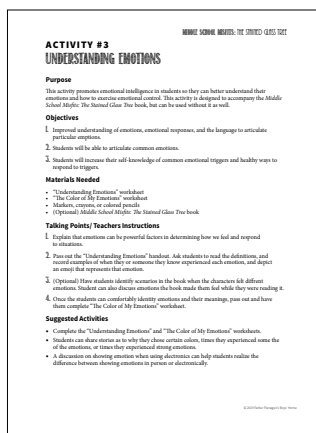
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This activity guide, designed to accompany the *Middle School Misfits: The Stained Glass Tree* chapter book, includes more than 20 activities for students in grades 5-9 on important topics addressed in the book. Sections are divided into lessons and activities that touch on these themes: A Healthy Self; Interacting with Others; Emotional Intelligence; Decision-making; and Just

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Look for a NEW book in the Middle School Misfits series in the Spring of 2020!



LEONA LUGAN spent 10 years working with victims of crime and family abuse. She currently provides grant writing services, ghost writing, and consultation to nonprofit organizations and small businesses. Her educational background in communication, sociology and guidance counseling has given her a broad base from which to approach many topics affecting today's youth. Her personal experience growing up poor in the Midwest, frequently moving from town to town, inspired her to write *Middle School Misfits*.

KYLE MERRIMAN is a professional illustrator and concept artist with experience designing various games, books and animated short films. He earned his BFA in Illustration from Brigham Young University.

“... What I loved is how the book includes ample discussion options for parents or teachers to use with kids, to make sure they're really getting the point and to provide an outlet for questions that may naturally come up while reading.”

– Bekah Jorgensen, Blogger at Motherhood Moment

“Welcome to your new nightmare, Jillian. Please tell us what color underwear you have on today?”

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MISFITS
**Chapter One:
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“Jillian, we're waiting,” Ms. Jenkins said again.

“Please stand up and tell the class your full name, where you moved from, and a little something about yourself.”

It wasn't the first sixth grade class I'd been to this year – and it probably wouldn't be the last, either. You would think I'd be good at introducing myself by now. Nope. I have been to at least 12 new schools since kindergarten. Every time I started a new school I had to get to know new kids, new teachers, and new rules. No matter how hard I tried, every school I went to, it seemed I didn't fit in. Oh well, here I go again.

“Hi – my name is, uhh, Jillian – Jillian Lee Hick-kendley. And I go to life, by the way!” I said to the room filled with brand new faces – looking down.



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Middle School Misfits: The Stained Glass Tree

Leona Lugan, Illustrated by Kyle Merriman

Drama defines middle school, especially for Jilly. Not that she likes drama. She'd rather walk invisibly through the hallways than have any eyes turn toward her. But drama will always find Jilly.

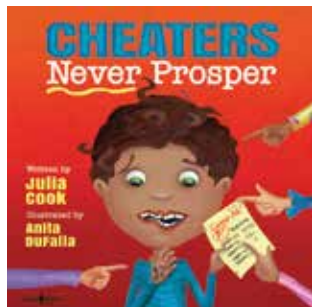
As the family bounces from town to town, Jilly changes schools... a lot! And there is nothing scarier than coming into a new school smack in the middle of the semester. With her country accent... clothes that are far from cool... an odd, funny-to-pronounce family name (that earns her a terrible nickname)... Jilly feels like an outcast. A misunderstood misfit. Can she find a way to fit in while still being true to herself? Independent readers and middle

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That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me!

The rules keep getting in the way of Noodle's fun! Rules for this and rules for that. There are so many rules! Can't he just have a rule-free day? Kids will laugh as Noodle describes the variety of rules he deals with daily. Will Noodle's mother and teacher convince him that rules are meant to help, not harm, him?

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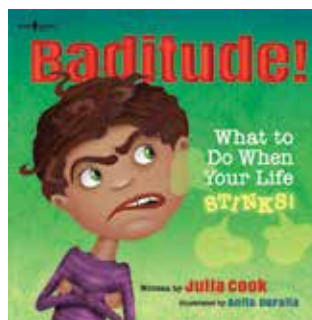
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Baditude!

Everything in Noodle's life stinks, or so he thinks.

Noodle's attitude, or "baditude," is alienating everyone around him. Can Noodle let go of his angst and try to find the brighter side of life? With help, Noodle learns how to turn his 'have tos' into 'get tos' and his baditude into gratitude!

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But It's Not My Fault

It just isn't Noodle's fault that his brother's game ran late, and he didn't finish his homework. Or that his mom forgot to remind him to turn in his library book.

Luckily, Noodle's mom is there to teach him to take responsibility for his actions and not blame others or try to find fault.

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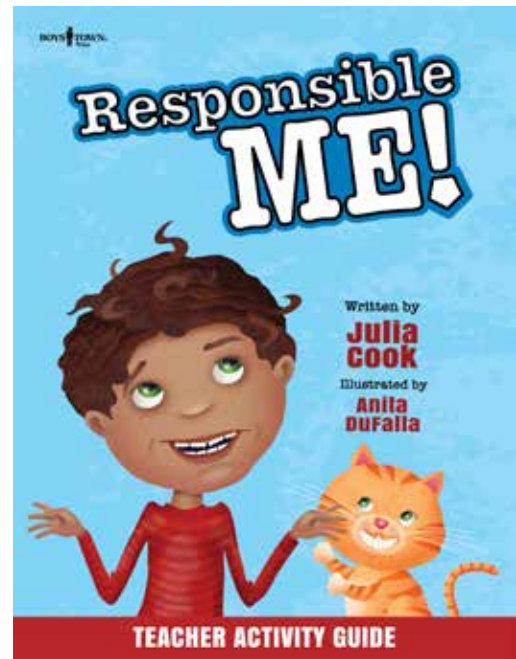
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What's in It for Me?

Noodle is always being told what to do. Pull the weeds. Make his bed. Kick the ball a certain way in soccer. Ugh! But he wonders, why? What's in it for him? Luckily, the adults in Noodle's life are there to teach him the importance of moving 'need tos' into 'I did its!' Join Noodle as he learns the value of practicing small chores now, so he'll be ready for life's big challenges later.



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The PROcrastinator

Noodle wonders why there is always so much to do. "Noodle do this. Noodle do that. Please do it RIGHT NOW. You must feed the cat." But Noodle has SO MANY — and SO MUCH better — things to do.

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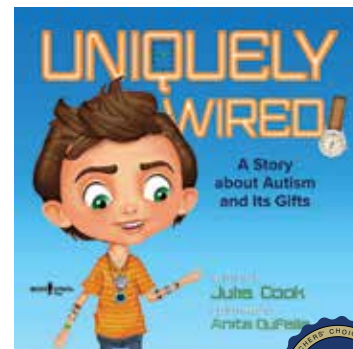
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Zak has autism, and he sometimes responds to the world around him in unconventional ways. As Zak describes his point of view, young readers gain a better understanding of his behaviors and learn valuable lessons about patience, tolerance, and curiosity. Parents, educators and counselors can use this vibrantly illustrated storybook to increase children's awareness of autism spectrum disorders and foster greater understanding toward those on the spectrum.

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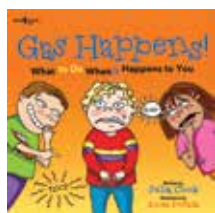
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If passing gas is so natural, why do we struggle with teaching children how to respond appropriately when it happens? Join Gus as he and his classmates learn a brief biology lesson behind why we all pass gas, and the right way to handle it when it happens in public.

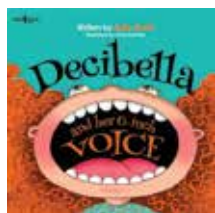
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Brad is a "one-upper." At school, he's mockingly referred to as BRAG because anytime someone shares an experience, Brad chimes in with his own story. In this imaginative tale, young readers learn how to avoid becoming "one-uppers" by behaving more like "pull-uppers."

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The Building Relationships series for grades K-6, authored by Julia Cook, helps children learn, understand, and develop good relationship skills with their peers, parents, and teachers.

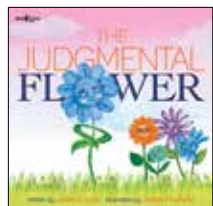


Rumor Has It...

Most of us have been involved with rumors somehow. But how many people really stop to think about the damaging effects?

Told through the eyes of the rumor marble, the story describes how a simple misunderstanding starts a chain reaction that can't be undone! Children will laugh as they learn that it's much easier to prevent a train – or rolling rumor marble – from starting to roll forward than trying to stop one!

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The Judgmental Flower

When Purple Flower moves into the Blue Patch, Blue just isn't sure how he feels about that! Fortunately, Blue's mom is around to point out how much Blue and his friends can learn from the wind, the rain, and the bees, who treat all flowers the same.

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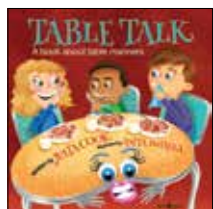


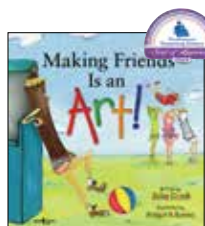
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Written from the Table's point of view, this humorous tale helps kids understand that good table manners are about being respectful, kind, and considerate to others and their feelings. Sharp, entertaining illustrations bring the Table's tips to life.

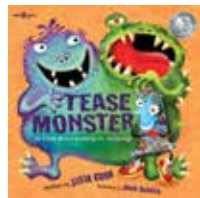
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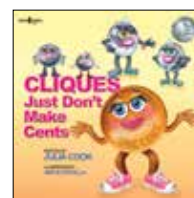
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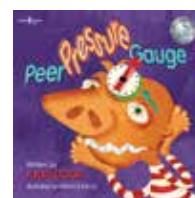
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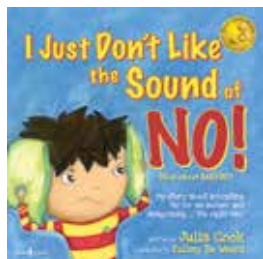


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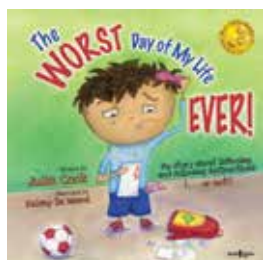
an answer and to disagree appropriately, he can add his name to the club's Star Board.

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The WORST Day of My Life EVER!

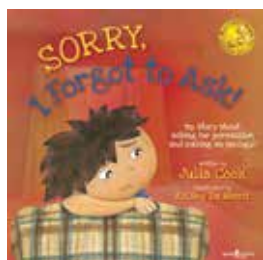
RJ wakes up with gum stuck in his hair, earns a zero on his math homework, and kicks the ball into his own team's soccer goal! His problems happen because he doesn't listen or pay attention to directions. Join him as he learns the steps to the fundamental social skills of "Listening" and "Following Instructions."

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Sorry, I Forgot to Ask!

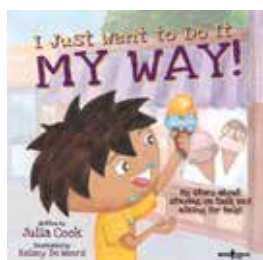
Without telling anyone, RJ and his best friend Sam decide to walk home from school. Then, RJ and his sister Blanche snack on Mom's triple-layer double-chocolate cake and spoil Grandma's birthday surprise.

RJ feels a lot happier when he says he's sorry and learns that asking for permission will mean fewer trips to the time-out chair!

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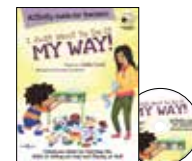


I Just Want to Do It MY WAY!

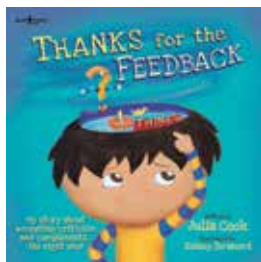
RJ likes to do things his own way and won't ask for help... even when he really should. That's why many of his assignments are missing or incomplete.

With help, RJ discovers he doesn't have to keep doing things over and over again if he stays on task and asks for help when he gets stumped.

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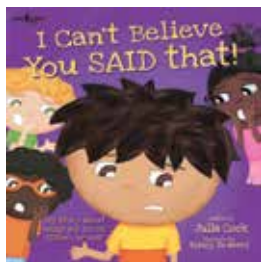
Thanks for the Feedback... (I Think!)

It doesn't matter if RJ hears compliments or constructive feedback, he's never sure how to respond. With guidance from his family, RJ learns why feedback, even when it's difficult to accept, is information he can use to become a better person.

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I Can't Believe You Said That!

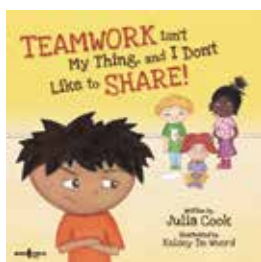
RJ's mouth is getting him into a lot of trouble. A rude comment at school earned him a detention. An insensitive remark at home earned him a scolding and made his sister cry. RJ doesn't realize his words are wrong. He thinks he's just offering

feedback. It's time RJ starts using a social filter when he speaks.

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Teamwork Isn't My Thing, and I Don't Like to Share!

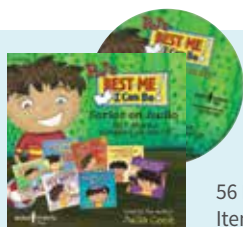
RJ's teacher wants him to work with bossy Bernice, messy Frankie, and Norma on a report. After a frustrating school day with his "team," RJ goes home to find only one cookie left in the jar. And his mom makes him share

it with his sister! RJ learns that working as a team and sharing are skills needed not just on the soccer field, but in school and at home too!

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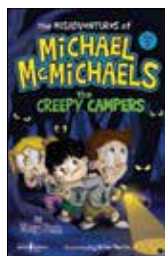
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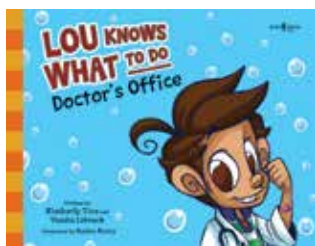
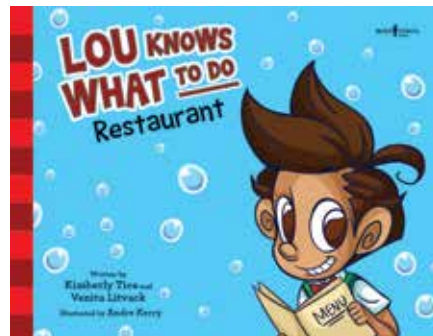
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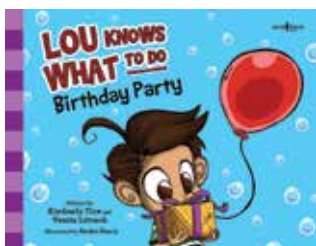
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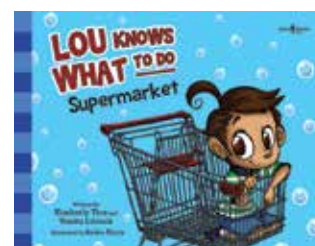
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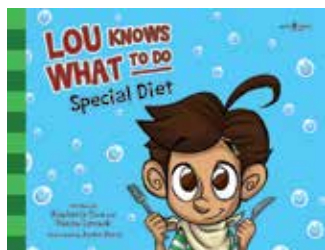
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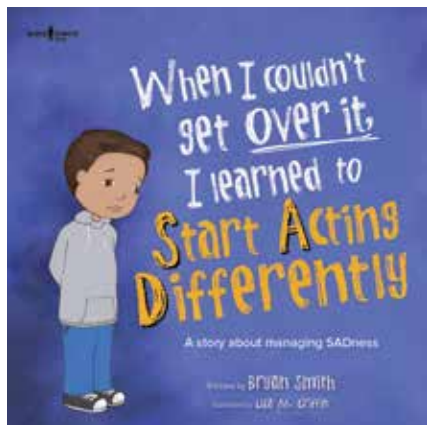
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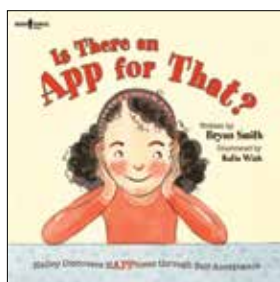
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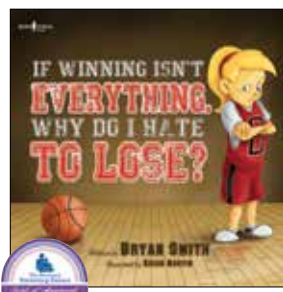
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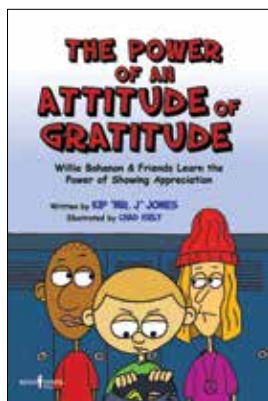
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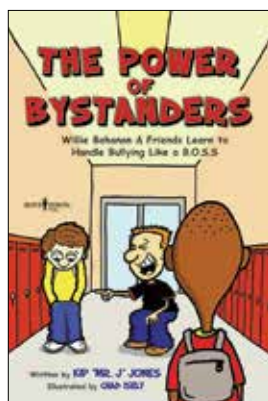
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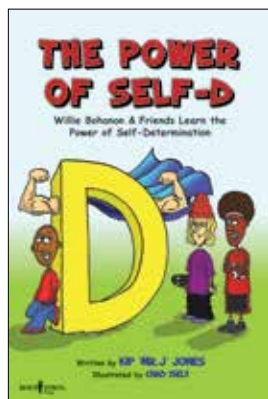
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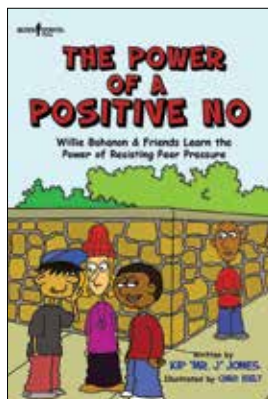
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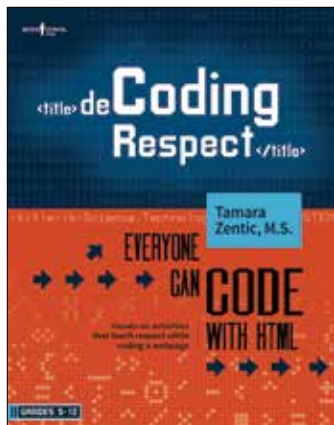
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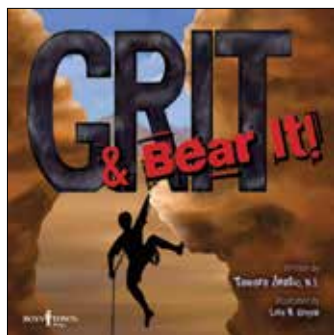


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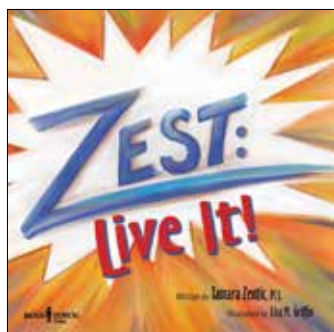
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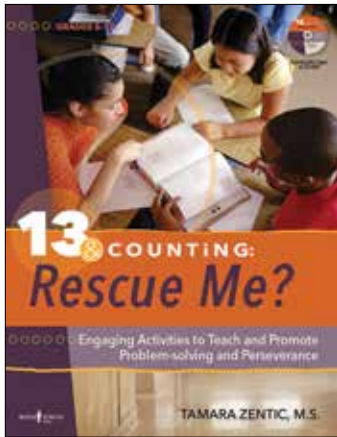
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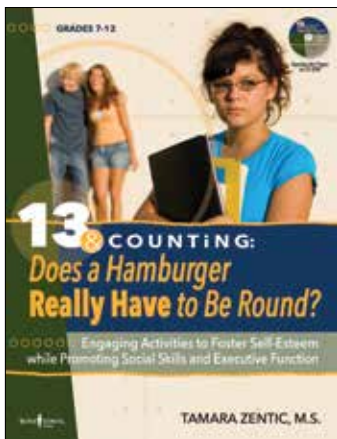
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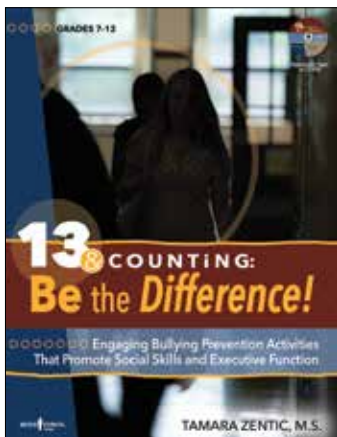
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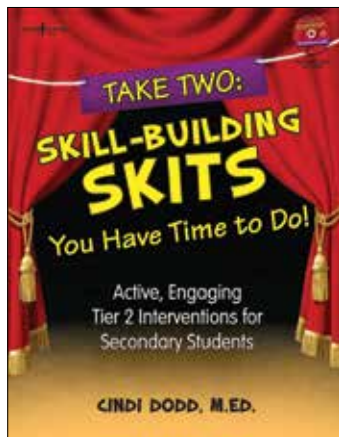
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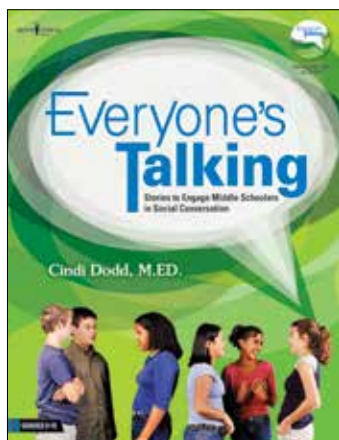
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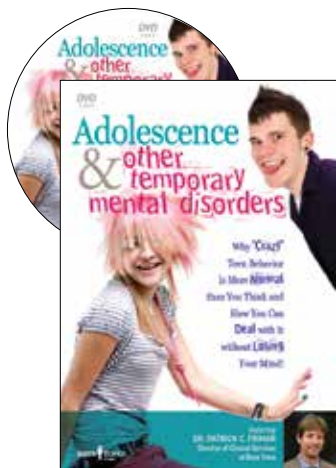
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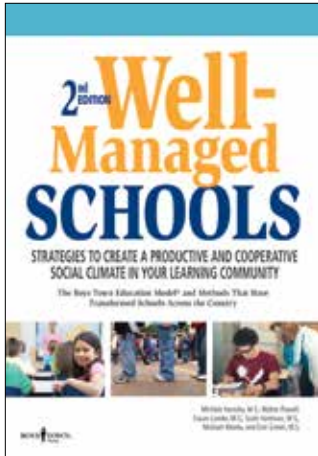
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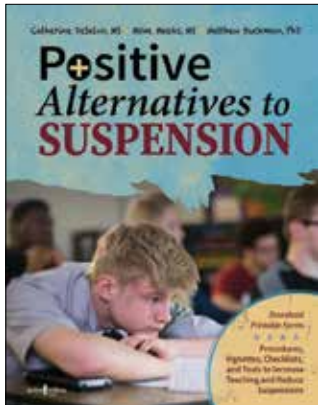


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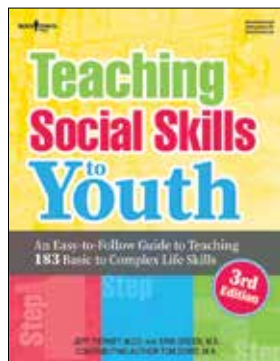
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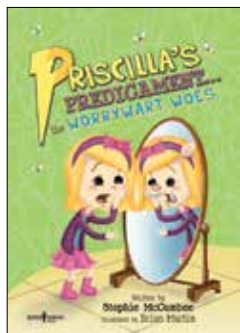
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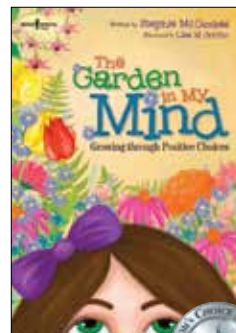
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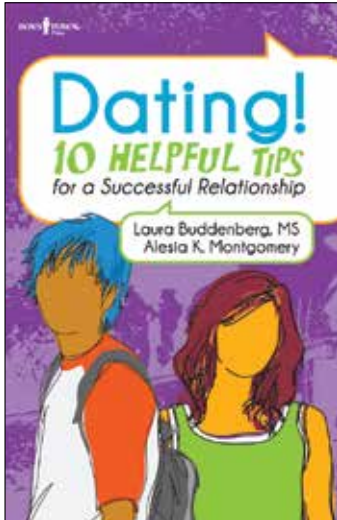
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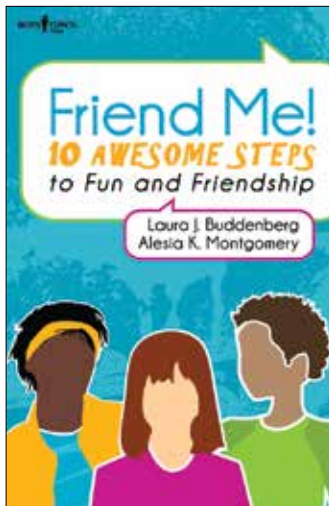
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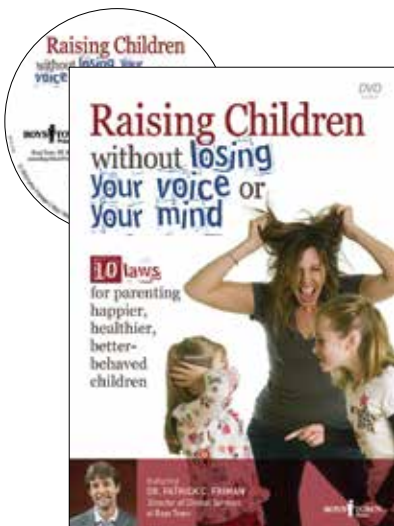
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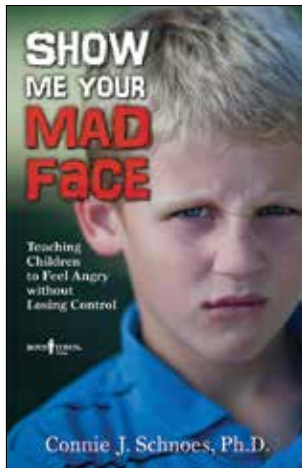


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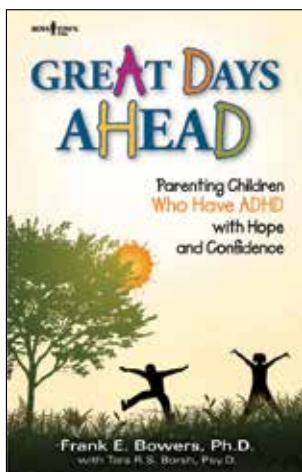
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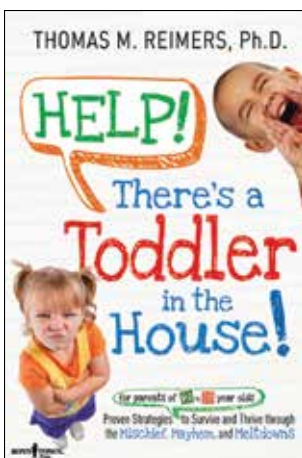
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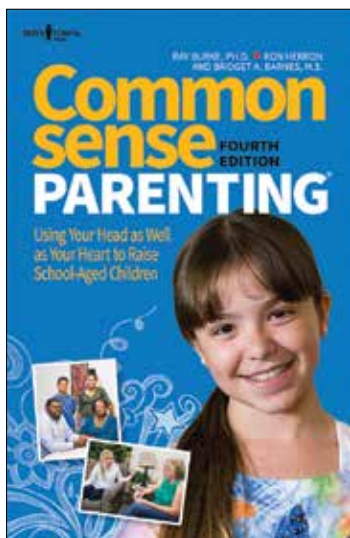
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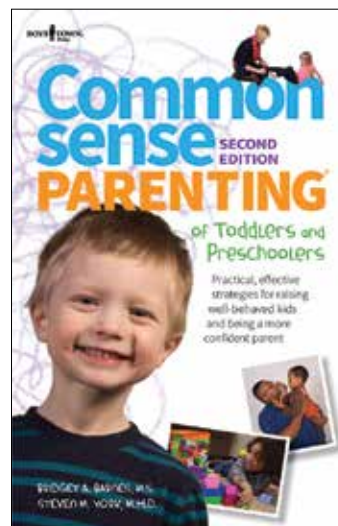
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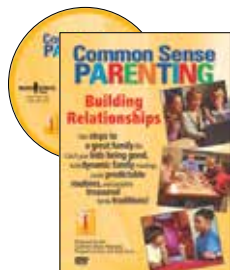
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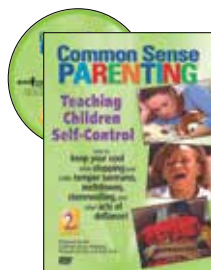
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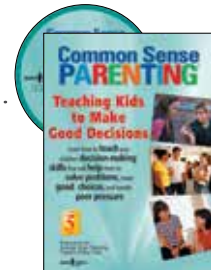
Learning how to stay calm yourself is the first step you must take when facing an upset child. This DVD demonstrates how you can calm the child down and, once he or she is in control again, do follow-up teaching. The child practices how to behave better when feeling angry or upset. Teaching self-control gives both of you the time and space to calm down and to work toward fewer angry outbursts in the future.

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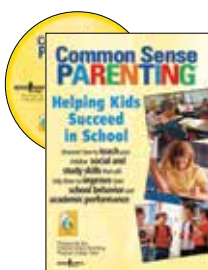
Often, what you need to teach a child is an appropriate social skill to replace a problem behavior. The key to preventing problems is teaching before a potential problem situation occurs, when both you and your child are calm. Preparing children by helping them learn social and life skills not only helps prevent disruptive behavior but can also save them from experiencing awkward, embarrassing, or even dangerous situations.



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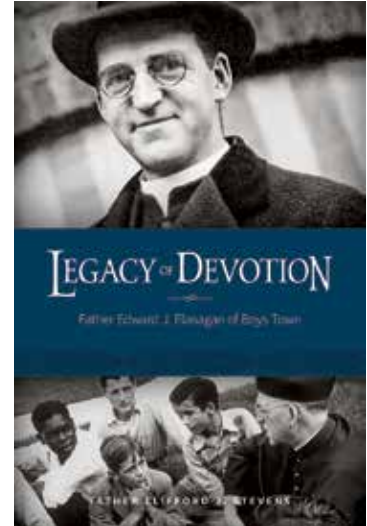
Father Flanagan was a complex human being, greatly influenced by his upbringing in a loving, close-knit family, and by the countless teachers, priests, relatives, friends, and recipients of his kindness who guided and nurtured his life's journey.

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FATHER CLIFFORD STEVENS was a 1944 graduate of Boys Town and knew Father Edward Flanagan as a caregiver and mentor. Father Stevens was ordained in 1956 and later joined the U.S. Air Force, serving as a military priest. He eventually returned to Boys Town, serving as a priest and conducting research on Boys Town's history. He has penned numerous books and articles and currently resides in Omaha, NE.

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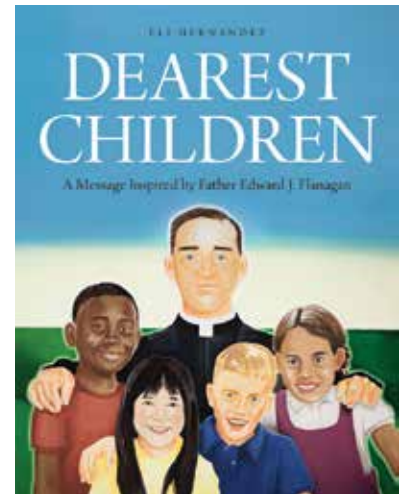
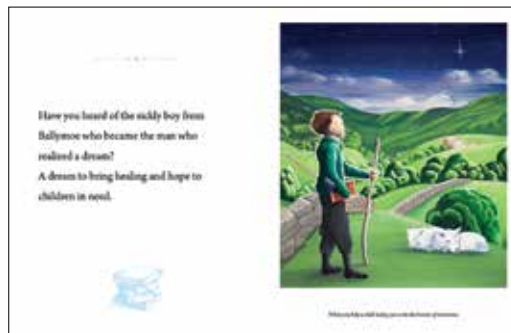
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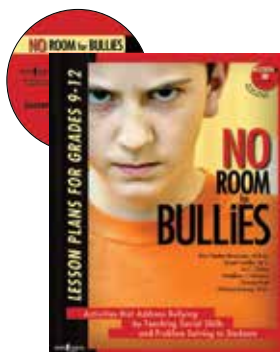


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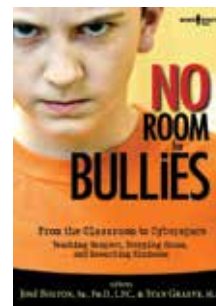
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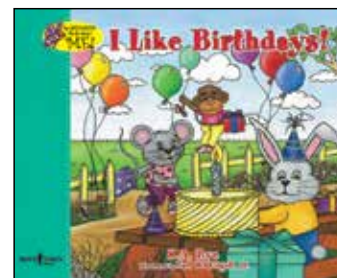
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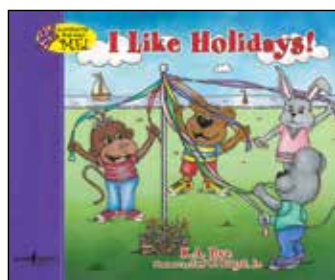
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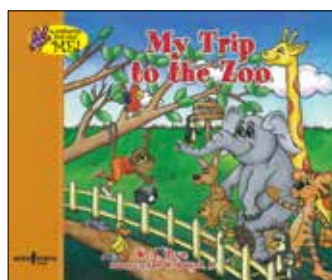
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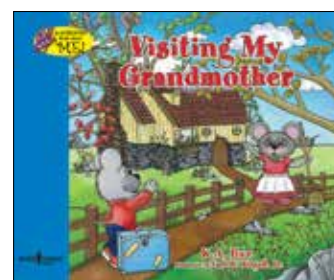
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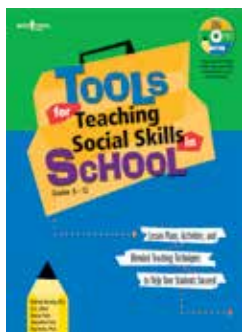
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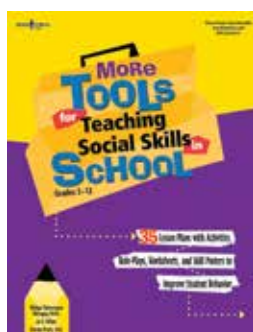
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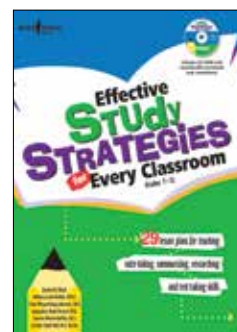
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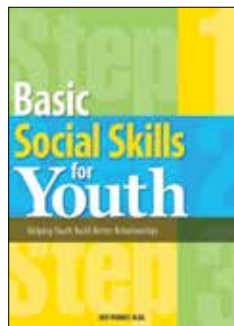
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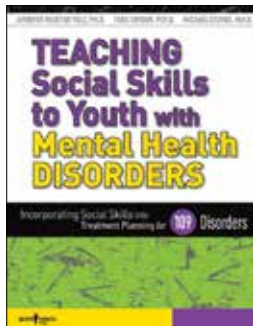
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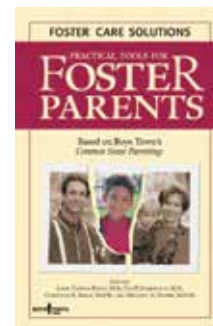
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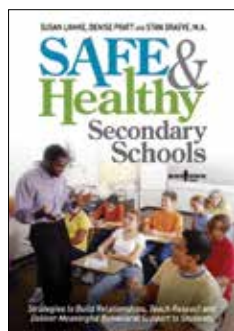
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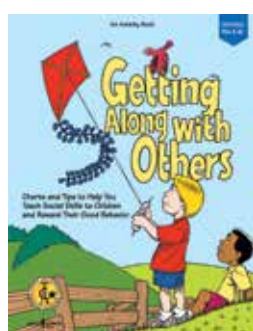
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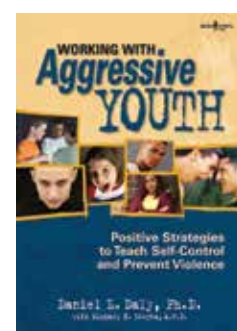
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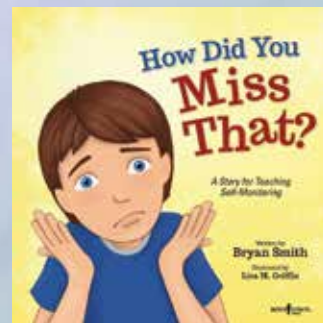
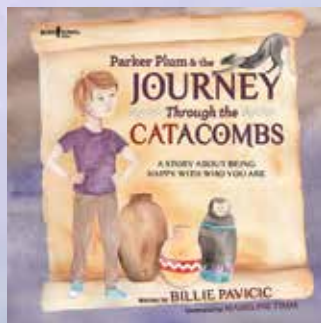
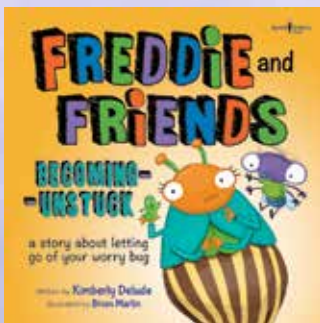
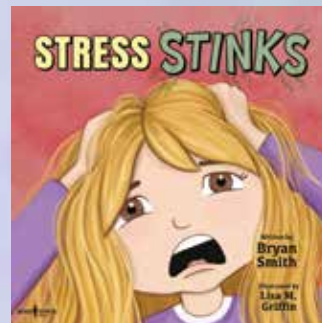
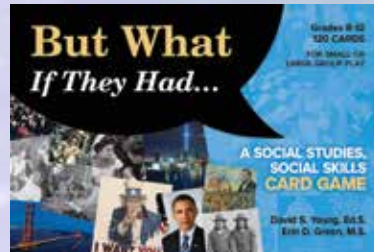
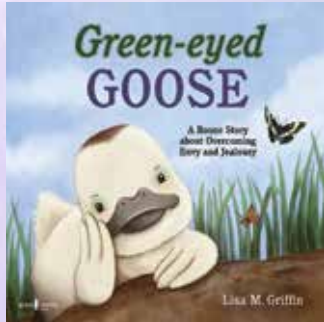
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