

Integrity
Character Education Theme
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Integrity is:
Telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing.
Being trustworthy and acting with strong ethics.

Elementary

- Andersen, H. C. (Hans Christian). *The Emperor's New Clothes*. ABDO, 2005.
ISBN 1591977460 (lib. bdg.) **Folktale**. (398.2) K-3.
A vain emperor is duped into parading through town without clothes by a pair of swindlers posing as tailors.
- _____. *The Emperor's New Clothes*. Illustrated by Virginia Lee Burton. Houghton, Mifflin, 2004.
ISBN 0618344217. **Folktale**. (398.2) K-3.
- Braver, Vanita. *Pinky Promise: A Book about Telling the Truth*. Child & Family Press, c2004.
ISBN 0878688935. **E**. K-3.
Five-year-old Madison is afraid to tell the truth after dropping her mother's expensive camera on the floor, but she soon discovers that lying only makes her feel worse.
- Buehner, Caralyn. *I Did It, I'm Sorry*. Dial Books for Young Readers, c1998. ISBN 0803720114 (lib.)
E. Grades 2-4.
Ollie Octopus, Bucky Beaver, Howie Hogg, and other animal characters encounter moral dilemmas involving such virtues as honesty, thoughtfulness, and trustworthiness. The reader is invited to select the appropriate behavior from a series of choices.
- Bunting, Eve. *A Turkey for Thanksgiving*. Clarion, c1991. ISBN 0899197930. **E**. K-3.
Mr. and Mrs. Moose try to invite a turkey to their Thanksgiving feast.
- Duffey, Betsy. *Hey, New Kid!* Puffin Books, 1998, c1996. ISBN 0670867608. **Fiction**. Grades 2-4.
Third-grader Cody dreads going to a new school when his family moves, so he decides to reinvent himself, hoping his new classmates will be impressed.
- Golenbock, Peter. *Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way*. Harcourt, c2001. ISBN 0152020934.
Biography. (796.357) Grades 2-4.
A biography of the Hall of Fame baseball player who broke Babe Ruth's career home run record.
- Guntly, Jenette Donovan. *I Can Tell the Truth*. Gareth Stevens Pub., 2005. ISBN 0836842499 (lib. bdg.)
Nonfiction (179) K-3.
Introduces children to the importance of social values by teaching them about trust, not cheating on tests, and being honest with others.
- Havill, Juanita. *Jamaica and the Substitute Teacher*. Houghton Mifflin, c1999. ISBN 0395905036.
E. K-3.
Jamaica copies from a friend during a spelling test because she wants a perfect paper, but her substitute teacher Mrs. Duval helps her understand that she does not have to be perfect to be special.

- Havill, Juanita. ***Jamaica's Find***. Houghton Mifflin, c1986. ISBN 0395393760. **E.** K-3.
A little girl finds a stuffed dog in the park and decides to take it home.
- Hoban, Russell. ***A Bargain for Frances***. HarperCollins, c1999. ISBN 0694012955. **E.** K-3
Frances foils Thelma's plot to trick her out of a new china set.
- Johnson, Donald B. ***Henry Hikes to Fitchburg***. Houghton Mifflin, c2000. ISBN 0395968674. **E.** K-3.
While his friend works hard to earn the train fare to Fitchburg, young Henry walks the thirty miles through woods and fields, taking the opportunity to enjoy nature. Includes biographical information on **Henry David Thoreau**.
- Kurtz, Jane. ***Fire on the Mountain***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613049748 (lib.bdg) **Folktale**. K-3
A clever young shepherd boy uses his wits to gain a fortune for himself and his sister from a haughty rich man.
- Leaney, Cindy. ***Lost and Found: A Story about Honesty***. Rourke Pub., c2004. ISBN 1589527364. **E.** K-3.
Matt and Jose decide to take the wallet they find on the street to the police station even though they need extra money to go the fair.
- Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. ***Snowflake Bentley***. Houghton Mifflin, c1998. ISBN 0395861624. **Biography**. (551.57) Grades 2-4.
A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.
- McKissack, Pat. ***The Honest-to-Goodness Truth***. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2000. ISBN 0689826680. **E.** K-3.
After promising never to lie, Libby learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth either.
- Nettleton, Pamela Hill. ***Is That True? Kids Talk about Honesty***. Picture Window Books, c2005. ISBN 1404806199. **Nonfiction** (179) Grades 2-4.
Frank B. Wise, thirteen-year-old advice columnist, helps kids solve their problems with honesty.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. ***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra***. Hyperion Books for Children, c1998. ISBN 0786821507. **Biography**. (781.65) Grades 2-4.
A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician and composer who, along with his orchestra, created music that was beyond category.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Chicken Sunday***. Philomel Books, c1992. ISBN 0399221336. **E.** K-3
To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat. The same book in Spanish is listed below:
- SP** Polacco, Patricia. ***El Pollo de los Domingos***, traducció_n de Alejandra Lo_pez Varela. Lectorum, c1997 ISBN 1880507315 (Chicken Sunday in Spanish) **E.** K-3.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Just Plain Fancy***. Dragonfly Books, 1994, c1990. ISBN 0553070622 (lib. bdg.) **E.** K-3
Naomi, an Amish girl whose elders have impressed upon her the importance of adhering to the simple ways of her people, is horrified when one of her hen eggs hatches into an extremely fancy bird.
- Soto, Gary. ***Too Many Tamales***. Putnam, c1993. ISBN 0399221468. **E.** K-3.
Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get-together. Panic ensues when hours later, she realizes the ring is missing.

SP Soto, Gary. *Que_Monto_n de Tamales!* Traducido por Alma Flor Ada y F. Isabel Campoy. PaperStar, 1996. ISBN 0698114132. **E.** K-3

Step toe, John. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale.* Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, c1987. ISBN 0688040462 (lib. bdg.) **E.** K-3.

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Stevens, Janet. *Coyote Steals the Blanket: A Ute Tale.* Holiday House, c1993. ISBN 0823409961. **Folktale.** (398.2) Grades 2-4.

Coyote receives justice when he takes something that does not belong to him.

Thomas, Pat. *I'm Telling the Truth: A First Look at Honesty.* Barron's, 2006. ISBN 0764132148 **Nonfiction** (179) Grades 2-4.

Looks at some of the reasons why people sometimes lie, and stresses the benefits of being honest and telling the truth.

Winter, Jeanette. *Follow the Drinking Gourd.* Knopf Books for Young Readers, 1989. ISBN 0394996941 (Sagebrush Rebound, 1999. ISBN 0833580477) **E.** K-3.

"Winter's story begins with a peg-leg sailor who aids slaves on their escape on the Underground Railroad. While working for plantation owners, Peg Leg Joe teaches the slaves a song about the drinking gourd (the Big Dipper). A couple, their son, and two others make their escape by following the song's directions. Rich paintings interpret the strong story in a clean, primitive style enhanced by bold colors. The rhythmic compositions have an energetic presence that's compelling. A fine rendering of history in picturebook format."--(starred) *Booklist*.

Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Adler, C. S. *Winning.* Clarion Books, c1999. ISBN 0395650178. **Fiction.** Grades 6-9.

Vicky is thrilled to be on the eighth-grade tennis team, until she realizes that her new playing partner Brenda is ruthless about winning and will even cheat to do so.

Armstrong, Jennifer. *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance.* Crown, 2000, c1998. ISBN 0517800144 (lib. bdg.) **Nonfiction.** (919.8) Grades 6-9.

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey to reach inhabited land.

Avi. *Nothing but the Truth.* Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0785714227. **Fiction.** Grades 5-8.

Structured as a series of journal entries, memos, letters and dialogues, this highly original novel emerges as a witty satire of high school politics, revealing how truth can easily become distorted. After Philip Malloy, a clownish, rather unmotivated freshman, is punished for causing a disturbance (humming "The Star Spangled Banner"), facts about the incident become exaggerated until a minor school infraction turns into a national scandal. Philip's parents, several reporters and a neighbor (who happens to be running for the school board) accuse the school of being unpatriotic. Philip gains fame as a martyr for freedom; his homeroom teacher, Miss Narwin, however, faces dismissal from her job. After gleaning the points of view of many characters, readers will side with Miss Narwin and will recognize the hollowness of Philip's eventual victory. It is clear that Avi (*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*) is attuned to the modern high school scene. With frankness and remarkable insight, he conveys the flaws of the system while creating a story that is both entertaining and profound. **Publisher's Weekly.**

Avi. *Perloo the Bold.* Sagebrush, 2001. ISBN 0613230256 **Fiction.** Grades 4-6.

A member of the rabbit-like Montmers, Perloo is unwillingly placed as their leader.

- Bauer, Marion Dane. ***On My Honor***. Clarion Books, c1986. ISBN 0899194397. **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.
- Bell, Hilari. ***Songs of Power***. Hyperion, 2001. ISBN 0786824875. **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.
Someone is trying to sabotage the underwater habitat where Imina, the granddaughter of an Inuit shaman, lives after terrorists have infected the earth's food supply, and Imina must call on her still undeveloped magical skills to save the colony.
- Bentley, Karen. ***Cindy's Honor***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613074912 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.
When Cindy's doctor tells her she won't be able to ride her horse in his first race because of her broken arm, she thinks that she knows what is best, and almost risks her entire riding career because of one wrong move.
- Bowen, Fred. ***Winners Take All***. Peachtree, c2000. ISBN 1561452297. **Fiction**. Grades 3-6.
When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating. Includes a section on the sportsmanship of Christy Mathewson, a pitcher who played professional baseball in the early 1900s.
- Ellwood, Nancy. ***Learning about Integrity from the Life of Eleanor Roosevelt***. Powerkids Press, 1999. ISBN 0823953459. **Biography**. (973.917) Grades 4-6.
A brief biography examining the value of integrity in the life of the First Lady who devoted herself to helping others and working for peace.
- Farrell, Mamie. ***Marrying Malcolm Murgatroyd***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613105176 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**. Grade 4-6
Hannah is faced with betraying a lifelong friend, Malcolm, in a story that involves family, friends and a brother with special needs.
- Fleischman, Sid. ***The Whipping Boy***. Greenwillow Books, c1986. ISBN 0688062164. **Fiction**. Grades 3-5.
A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.
- Fritz, Jean. ***The Cabin Faced West***. Putnam's Reprint, c1997. ISBN 0399232230. **Fiction**. Grades 3-6
Ten-year-old Ann overcomes loneliness and learns to appreciate the importance of her role in settling the wilderness of western Pennsylvania.
- Golenbock, Peter. ***Teammates***. Harcourt Brace, c1990. ISBN 0152006036 (lib. bdg.) **Biography**. (796.357) Grades 4-6.
Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.
- Hesse, Karen. ***The Music of Dolphins***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 061306836X (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.
Scientists try to "humanize" a girl raised by dolphins, who is happier in the water.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Three Sacks of Truth: A Story from France***. Holiday House, c1993. ISBN 082340921X. **Folktale**. (398.21) Grades 3-6.
With the aid of a perfect peach, a silver fife, and his own resources, Petit Jean outwits a dishonest king and wins the hand of a princess.

- Lewis, C. S. ***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe***. Illustrated by Pauline Baynes. HarperCollins, 1994, c1950. ISBN 0060234822 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
- Lowry, Lois. ***Number the Stars***. Houghton Mifflin, c1989. ISBN 0395510600. **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. Charlotte Zolotow Book, c1985. ISBN 0060241020 (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. Grades 3-6.
When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.
- Park, Linda Sue. ***Seesaw Girl***. Clarion Books, c1999. ISBN 0395915147. **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.
Impatient with the constraints put on her as an aristocratic girl living in Korea during the seventeenth century, twelve-year-old Jade Blossom determines to see beyond her small world.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Riding Freedom***. Scholastic, 1999, c1998. ISBN 059095766X. **Fiction**. Grades 3-6.
A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.
- Sachar, Louis. ***Holes***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998. ISBN 0374332657 (Hardcover) ISBN 0613236696 (lib. bdg) from Sagebrush. **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
Stanley goes out to help Zero when no one else will. Newbery Award winner
- Sachar, Louis. ***Marvin Redpost: Alone in His Teacher's House***. Random House, c1994. ISBN 067991949X (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. Grades 3-6.
Marvin is pleased when his teacher asks him to take care of her dog while she's away, but he soon finds that there's more pressure involved than he likes.
- Smith, Roland. ***Zach's Lie***. Sagebrush, 2002. ISBN 0613634918 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
When Jack Osborne is befriended by his school's custodian and a Basque girl, he begins to adjust to his family's sudden move to Elko, Nevada, after entering the Witness Security Program, but the drug cartel against which his father will testify is determined to track them down.
- Spinelli, Jerry. ***Wringer***. Joanna Cotler, 1997. ISBN 0060249145 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**. Grades 5-8.
Palmer, or "Snots" to his friends, struggles with doing what is right at the town's annual Pigeon Shoot.
- Stewart, Paul. ***Joust of Honor: A Knight's Story***. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005, c2004., ISBN 0689872402. **Fiction**. Grades 4-6.
In his continuing adventures, the unbound knight Free Lance--with the help of his new squire, Wormrick--tries to save a lady of the court from a disastrous marriage by defying a treacherous lord who wants him to intentionally lose a jousting tournament.
- Thomas, Jane Resh. ***The Snoop***. Clarion Books, c1999. ISBN 0395858216. **Fiction**. Grades 3-6.
Although her grandmother admonishes her not to snoop while they visit friends on a farm, Ellen cannot control her curiosity which often gets her into trouble.

White, Ruth. ***Memories of Summer***. Sagebrush, 2002. ISBN 0613495063 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**.
Grades 7-10.

In 1955, thirteen-year-old Lyric finds her whole life changing when her family moves from the hills of Virginia to a town in Michigan and her older sister Summer begins descending into mental illness.

High School

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Your Dreams: Inspirational Stories, Powerful Principles and Practical Techniques to Help You Make Your Dreams Come True, compiled by James Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. Health Communications, c2003. ISBN 0757301177.
Story Collection.

Presents a plan designed to help people create the life of their dreams, and features sixty of the most popular inspirational stories from the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series of books, focusing on tales of men and women whose courage and perseverance allowed them to achieve great things.

Jimenez, Francisco. ***The Circuit***. Sagebrush, 1999. ISBN 0613068033 (lib. bdg.) **Fiction**. YA
Hispanic migrants work the yearly circuit of fields, maintaining an intense sense of loyalty to family.

SP Jimenez, Francisco. ***Cajas de Carton: Relatos de La Vida Peregrina de Un Nino Campesino/The Circuit (Spanish)***. Sagebrush, 2002. ISBN 0613890043 (lib. bdg.)
Fiction.

Robinson, Sharon. ***Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By***. Scholastic, 2002, c2001. ISBN 0439237645. **Biography**. (796.357)
Baseball hero Jackie Robinson's daughter discusses nine values that her father held dear, shares memories from her life and her father's that illustrate those values, and profiles individuals whom she considers heroes, including Christopher Reeve and Oprah Winfrey.

Swindoll, Charles R. ***Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness***. W Pub. Group, c1998. ISBN 084991342X. **Biography**. (222)
Examines the life and character of Joseph of Old Testament history, his qualities, leadership, and dependence on God, and how, in his loneliness and desperation, rose to prominence in Egypt saving them and Israel from starvation.

Weber, David. ***Honor among Enemies***. Baen, Distributed by Simon and Schuster, c1996. ISBN 0671877232. **Fiction**.
Captain Honor Harrington is given the chance to reclaim her career as an officer of the Royal Manticoran Navy if she will agree to accept command of a dangerous mission to stop a gang of pirates preying on the Star Kingdom. What Honor does not know is that she was recommended for the job by two powerful enemies who really do not care if she wins or loses her life.

Werlin, Nancy. ***Locked Inside***. Sagebrush, 2003. ISBN 0613623924 (lib. bdg) **Fiction**.
Heiress Marnie must face loyalty to her mother, after being kidnapped.