

## A Profundity List for Children

Title	Author	Possible Universal Theme
A Castle on Viola Street	Dyanne DiSalvo	
A Day's Work	Eve Bunting	Integrity
A Fine, Fine School	Sharon Creech	
A Picture Book of Rosa Parks	David A. Adler	Common Good Freedom
A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.	David A. Adler	Individual Rights
A Place Called Freedom	Scott Russell Sanders	
A River Ran Wild	Lynne Cherry	Environmental Respect Common Good
Albert	Donna Jo Napoli	
All The Colors of the Earth	Sheila Hamanaka	Working Together Understanding Differences
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	Understanding Differences
Amos and Boris	William Steig	Friendship
Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad	Pamela Duncan Edwards	
Baseball Saved Us	Ken Mochizuki	Understanding Differences
Be Good to Eddie Lee	Virginia Fleming	Understanding Differences
Bein' With You This Way	W. Nikola-Lisa	Working Together Accepting Diversity
Being Friends	Karen Beaumont	Friendship
Berenstein Bears Lend a Helping Hand	Stan and Jan Berenstain	Kindness
Berenstein Bears and the Truth	Stan and Jan Berenstain	Truth
Betty Doll	Patricia Polacco	
Big Al	Andrew Clemens	
Big Fat Enormous Lie		Integrity
Birthday Presents	Cynthia Rylant	Kindness
Book! Book! Book!	Deborah Brass	
Brave Irene	William Steig	Courage
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	A message from Chief Seattle	Environmental Respect
Buzzy the Bumblebee	Denise Brennan-Nelson	Believing in Your Dreams
Chester's Way	Kevin Henkes	Making the Strange Familiar Understanding Differences
Chicken Little	Steven Kellogg	Truth
City Green	DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan	Working Together
Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type	Doreen Cronin	The Common Good
Come Back, Salmon	Molly Cane	Environmental Respect
Come A Tide	George Ella Lyon	Working Together
Dear Willie Rudd	Libba, Moore Gray	
Dr. White	Jane Goodall	
Elmer	David McKee	Be True to Yourself Accepting Diversity
Encounter	Jane Yolen	
Flower Garden	Eve Bunting	Kindness
Fly Away Home	Eve Bunting	
Franklin Fibs	Paulette Bourgeois	Learning From Your Mistakes Truth
Franklin Helps Out	Paulette Bourgeois	Friendship

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Friends	Helen Heine	Working Together Friendship
Follow the Drinking Gourd	Jeanette Winter	Freedom
George and Martha	James Marshall	Friendship
(The) Giant Jam Sandwich	John Vernonlord	The Common Good
Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles Andrede	Believing in Your Dreams
Gleam and Glow	Eve Bunting	
Goin Someplace Special		
Goldilocks Returns	Lisa Campbell	
Helen Keller Courage in the Dark	Johanna Hurwitz	Overcoming Adversity
Henry David's House	Henry David Thoreau Edited by Steven Schnur	Environmental Respect
Herman the Helper	Robert Kraus	Helping Others
Honest Abe	Words by Edith Kunnandt	Truth
Horace and Morris but mostly Dolores	James Howe	Friendship
I Wish I Were A Butterfly	James Howe	Be True to Yourself
Ira Sleeps Over	Bernard Waber	Be True to Yourself Friendship
It's Mine	Leo Lionni	Cooperation
Jamaica's Find	Juanita Havill	Truth
Johnny Appleseed	Rosemary and Stephen Benet	Believing in Your Dreams
Jubal's Wish	Audrey Wood	Believing in Your Dreams Friendship
June Bug	Alive Mead	Making the Strange Familiar
Just A Dream	Chris Van Allsburg	Learning From Your Mistakes
Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express	Margaret K. Wetterer	Determination
Keep the Lights Burning Abbie	Peter and Connie Roop	Determination
Ladies First (song)	Free to Be You and Me soundtrack	Individual Rights - Equality
Leon the Chameleon	Melanie Watt	
Little Red Riding Hood	Lisa Campbell Ernst	Truth
Loki & Lex: The Adventure of a Dog & His Best Friend	Charles R. Smith	
Madlenka	Peter Sis	
Marva Zooms	Jane Cowen-Fletcher	Kindness
Minty – a Story of Young Harriet Tubman	Alan Schroeder	Freedom
Miss Opal's Auction	Susan Vizurraga	
Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney	Believing in Your Dreams Kindness
Miss Tizzy	Libba Moore Gray	
Molly Brannaky	Alice McGill	
Momma, Where Are You Fron?	Marie Bradby	
More Than Anything Else		
Mr. Lincoln's Way	Patricia Polacco	Making the Strange Familiar
Mrs. Spitzer's Garden	Edith Pattou	
My Big Lie	Bill Cosby	Learning From Your Mistakes

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My Friend John	Charlotte Zolotow	Kindness Friendship
My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother	Patricia Polacco	Accepting Diversity
Night and the Candlemaker	Wolfgang Somary & Simon Bartram	
No Such Things	Bill Peet	
Old Henry	Stephen Gammell	Be True to Yourself Understanding Differences Learning From Your Mistakes
Olivia	Ian Falconer	
Olivia Saves the Circus	Ian Falconer	
Paul Revere's Ride	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Freedom
Pig's Aplenty Pigs Galore	David McPhail	Learning From Your Mistakes
Pink and Say	Patricia Polacco	Determination
Principal's New Clothes	Stephanie Calmenson	Perception Over Reality
Read For Me, Mama	Vashanti Rahaman	Determination
Red Riding Hood	James Marshall	Truth
Riding the Tiger	Eve Bunting	
See the Ocean	Estelle Condra	
Shoveling Snow	Pat Cummings	Friendship
Sister Anne's Hands	Marybeth Lorbiecki	Making the Strange Familiar Determination Acceptance
Smoky Night	Eve Bunting	Working Together
Snowflake Bentley	Jacqueline Briggs Martin	Perseverance
Sophie's Masterpiece	Eileen Spinelli	
Stellaluna	Janell Cannon	Understanding Differences Friendship
Stand Tall Molly Lou Mellon	Patty Lovell	Be True to Yourself
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	Courage
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown	Perception Over Reality
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Deborah Hopkinson	Freedom Kindness
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig	Be True to Yourself Learning From Your Mistakes
Tacky the Penguin	Helen Lester	Be True to Yourself
Teammates	Peter Golenbock	Integrity
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Patricia Polacco	Determination Kindness
The Araboolies of Liberty Street	Sam Swope	Individual Rights - Equality
The Ballot Box Battle	Emily Arnold McGully	Individual Rights
The Babe & I	David Adler	
The Big Orange Splot	Daniel Manus Pinkwater	Individual Rights - Equality
The Brand New Kid	Katie Couric	Making the Strange Familiar Understanding Differences Friendship Kindness
The Bus Ride	William Miller	Individual Rights - Equality
The Empty Pot	Demi	Perseverance
"The Girl Who Makes the Cymbals Bang" More Spice Than Sugar	Compiled by Lillian Morrison	Individual Rights - Equality

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The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	Friendship
The Grannyman	Judith Byron Schachner	
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes	Accepting Diversity
The Lady in the Box	Ann McGovern	Kindness
The Legend of the Lady's Slipper	Kathy-jo Wargin	Courage
The Little Engine That Could	Michaela Muntean	Solving Problems
The Little Red Hen	Paul Galdone	Solving Problems Helping Others
The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History	Jane Yolen	
The Meanest Thing To Say	Bill Cosby	Friendship
The Memory String	Eve Bunting	
The Mixed-Up Chameleon	Eric Carle	Be True to Yourself
The Other Side	Woodson	Individual Rights - Equality
The Potato Man	Megan McDonald	Kindness
The Secret Freedom	Marcia Vaughan	Freedom
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles	Individual Rights - Equality
The Summer My Father Was Ten	Pat Brisson	Integrity
The Tin Forest	Helen Ward	Believing in Your Dreams
The Tiny Seed	Eric Carle	Perseverance
The Wall	Eve Bunting	
The Wartville Wizard	Don Madden	The Common Good
The Wednesday Surprise	Eve Bunting	Working Together Determination
Through the Cracks	Carolyn Sollman	
To Tell the Truth	Patti Taylor	Learning From Your Mistakes Truth
Tops and Bottoms	Janet Stevens	Cooperation
Too Many Tamales	Gary Soto	Integrity
Train to Somewhere	Eve Bunting	Acceptance
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Margaree King Mitchell	Perseverance
Under the Quilt of the Night	Deborah Hopkinson	Believing in Your Dreams
Where Have the Unicorns Gone?	Jane Yolen	
Where Once There Was A Wood	Denise Fleming	Environmental Respect
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox	
We All Sing with the Same Voice		Individual Rights - Equality
We Share Everything	Robert Munsch	Friendship
Will I Have A Friend	Miriam Cohen	Friendship
Will We Miss Them? Endangered Species	Alexandra Wright	Respecting Our Environment
William's Doll	Charlotte Zolotow Also a song on "Free to Be, You and Me"	Individual Rights - Equality
You Look Ridiculous	Bernard Waber	Be True to Yourself

Tools for Thinking – Possible Themes – Universal Truths –

Fundamental Beliefs:	Change	Memories	Technology
▪ Life	Environment	Systems	Cooperation
▪ The Pursuit of Happiness	Communication	Power	Discovery
▪ Justice	Symbols	Invention	Diversity
▪ Equality	Conflict	Harmony	Equilibrium
▪ Diversity	Beliefs / Facts	Fantasy	Evolution
▪ Truth	Transitions	Happiness	Fairness
▪ Popular Sovereignty	Interdependence	Fear	Honor
▪ The Common Good	Wellness	Adventure	Order
▪ Patriotism	Independence	Future	Negotiation
	Commercialism	Man Vs. Society	
Constitutional Principles	Cause and Effect	Man Vs. Nature	
▪ The Rule of Law	Culture	Truth	
▪ Separation of the Powers	Peace	Pride	
▪ Representative Government	Authority	Human Weakness	
▪ Checks and Balances	Freedom and Justice	Heroism	
▪ Individual Rights	Adversity	Survival of the Fittest	
▪ Freedom of Religion	Honesty	Renewals	
▪ Federalism	Love	Success	Caring
▪ Civilian Control of the Military	Hope	Patience	Empathy
	Loyalty	Revenge	Relationships
Exploration	Fate	Humor	Determination
Choices	Man Vs. Man	Challenges	Achievement
Organization	Good and Evil	Perseverance	
Tools	War	Necessity	
Accomplishment	Prejudice	Social Issues	
Institutions	Censorship	Abundance / Scarcity	
Justice	Imagination	Acceptance / Rejection	
Dilemmas	Friendship	Man's Inhumanity to Man	
Identities	Interactions	Adaptation	
Government	Patterns	Aging / Maturity	
Continuity	Rhythm	Balance	
Human Rights	Wealth	Connections	
Survival	Cycles	Production / Consumption	
Equal Opportunity	Courage	Defense / Protection	