



## Kindness and Empathy – A Select Bibliography

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Sadly, our world seems more divided than ever. Wars, violence, greed, poverty, homelessness, and much more add to people's distress and unhappiness and it is hard to bridge differences between conflicting points of view and to reach out with kindness and empathy to others.

If we wish to make this world a happier place for all it is important that we learn to understand and empathise with others regardless of their colour, race, or creed. Listening and learning to and from an alternative story or viewpoint with empathy and kindness is an excellent way to improve our personal relationships, our community, and whole world.

***Where the titles listed have, an entry in one of NCACL's three databases, a link to the entry has been included.***

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2. APEL, Kathryn

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<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/bibliographies/australian-verse-novels-resource/>

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3. BAILLIE, Kaye. Illustrated by Luisa Gioffre-Suzuki

*Mizuto and the Wind*. Midnight Sun, 2023. ISBN: 9781922858023

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/mizuto-and-the-wind/>

4. BALLA, Trace

*Leaf-light; a story about caring for each other*. Allen & Unwin, 2023. ISBN: 9781760526207

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/leaf-light-a-story-about-caring-for-each-other/>

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*Twelve Days of Kindness*. Bright Light, 2023. ISBN: 9781761211928

6. BELL, Davina. Illustrated by Hilary Jean Tapper

*What to say when you don't know what to say*. Lothian Children's Books, 2022. ISBN: 9780734421142

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*What to do when you're not sure what to do*. Lothian Children's Books, 2023  
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*The Kindest Family*. Nelson Thomson Learning, 2001. ISBN: 0170098230
9. BERTINI, Anthony. Illustrated by Jennifer Goldsmith  
*Where Happiness Hides*. Dirt Lane Press, 2020. ISBN: 9780646813325  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/where-happiness-hides/>
10. BLACKALL, Sophie  
*If you come to Earth*. Chronicle Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781452137797  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/if-you-come-to-earth/>
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*The Garden of Broken Things*. Angus & Robertson, 2024. ISBN:9781460757550  
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*Say Yes: A Story of Friendship, Fairness and a Vote for Hope*. Allen & Unwin, 2017.  
ISBN: 9781760294670  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/say-yes-a-story-of-friendship-fairness-and-a-vote-for-hope/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/say-yes-a-story-of-friendship-fairness-and-a-vote-for-hope/)
13. CHENG, Christopher. Illustrated by Liz Anelli  
*Old Fellow*. Walker Books, 2022. ISBN: 9781760652395
14. CLARKE, Maxine Beneba  
*When we say Black Lives matter*. Lothian Children's Books, 2020. ISBN: 9780734420428  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/when-we-say-black-lives-matter/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/when-we-say-black-lives-matter/)  
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15. COLLINS, Jordan. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie  
*Where?* Allen & Unwin, 2022. ISBN: 9781760526382  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/where/>
16. CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Shane Devries  
*Crumbs*. Scholastic Press, 2022. ISBN: 9781760970086
17. FOX, Mem. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood  
*The Tiny Star*. Puffin Books, 2019. ISBN: 9780670078127  
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18. FOX, Mem. Illustrated by Julie Vivas  
*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*. Omnibus Books, 1984. ISBN: 9781862918177  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/wilfrid-gordon-mcdonald-partridge/>
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*The Gargoyle*. Lothian Children's Books, 2023. ISBN: 9780734421241  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-gargoyle/>

20. FRAILON, Zana. Illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith  
*Wisp: A Story of Hope*. Hachette Australia, 2018. ISBN: 9780734418043  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/wisp-a-story-of-hope/>
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*A bus called heaven*. Walker Books, 2011. ISBN: 9781406334197  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-bus-called-heaven/>
22. GRAHAM, Bob  
*How to Heal a Broken Wing*. Walker Books, 2008. ISBN: 9781406307160
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*The Happiness Box; a wartime book of hope*. Walker Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781925081381  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-happiness-box-a-wartime-book-of-hope/>
24. HERON, Steve. Illustrated by Benjamin Johnston  
*Ling Li's Lantern*. MidnightSun Publishing, 2020. ISBN: 9781925227673  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/ling-lis-lantern/>
25. HERRICK, Steven  
*The Simple Gift*. University of Queensland Press, 2000. ISBN: 0702231339  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/bibliographies/australian-verse-novels-resource/>  
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*The Happiest Boy on Earth*. Pan Macmillan, 2022. ISBN: 9781760985608  
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27. KOBALD, Irena. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood  
*My Two Blankets*. Little Hare, 2014. ISBN: 9781921714764  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/my-two-blankets/>
28. KWAYMULLINA, Ambelin & KWAYMULLINA, Ezekiel  
*The Two-Hearted Numbat*. Fremantle Press, 2008. ISBN: 9781821361234  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/two-hearted-numbat/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/two-hearted-numbat/)
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*Being wildly kind: finding the magical power inside*. Big Sky Publishing, 2021.  
ISBN: 9781922488053
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*The Biscuit Maker*. Walker Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781760650438
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*Kindness* (Book 5 The Invisible Tree series). Wombat Books, 2016. ISBN: 9781925139723

32. MASSON, Sophie. Illustrated by Lorena Carrington  
*Satin*. MidnightSun Publishing, 2023. ISBN: 9781922858016  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/satin/>
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*Kind: a call to care for every creature*. Allen & Unwin, 2022. ISBN: 9781761066047
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*The Duck and the Darklings*. Allen & Unwin, 2014. ISBN: 9781743312612  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-duck-and-the-darklings/>
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<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-tip-at-the-end-of-the-street/>
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*The Deliverance of Dancing Bears*. Cygnet Books, 1994. ISBN: 1875560378  
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*Where are you most beautiful?* Nurture with Words, 2018. ISBN: 9780648449904
41. TAN, Shaun  
*The Lost Thing*. Lothian Children's Books, 2000. ISBN: 9780734400741  
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-lost-thing/>
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<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/finding-you/>
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<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-stone-lion/>

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