

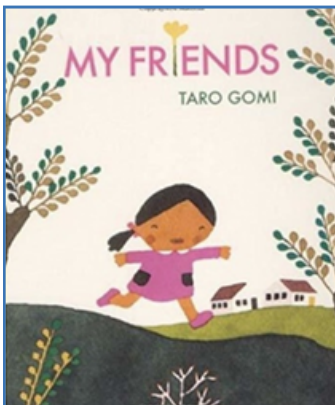
Book Suggestions (International Day of Friendship)



How to Grow a Friend by Sara Gillingham

Age: 0-3

How can friendships be made and kept? By means of a compelling metaphor, Sara Gillingham offers valuable lessons in how to treat others and make friendships blossom, just like a flower! How to Grow a Friend is a colorful board book that shows young children that thoughtfulness is a key to inter-personal relationships.



My Friends by Taro Gomi

Age: 1-3

My Friends features a young girl exploring the nature around her and her meetings with various animals. Each animal shares with her something of its special knowledge, all the while teaching her something about being a good friend. Children will learn, by means of Taro Gomi's simple text and bright illustrations, to seek knowledge from all kinds of friends.



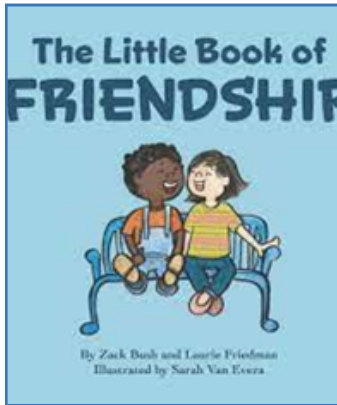
My Best Friend Is...: A Lift-the-Flap Book Board

by Little Genius Books

Ages: 3-6

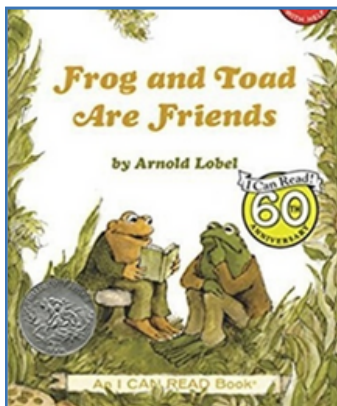
My Best Friend Is... features photographs of adorable little animals and positive messages about friendship. Children are prompted to lift a flap to reveal what a friend is like. The surprise under each flap will amuse little children and make them laugh warmly with you!

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The Little Book of Friendship: The Best Way to Make a Friend Is to Be a Friend by Laurie Friedman and Zack Bush (Age: 4-8)

Making friends is not always easy, but author Laurie Friedman and illustrator Zack Bush give children a book full of real-life scenarios to help them develop this important social skill. The key, as the book's subtitle says, is this: the best way to make a friend is to be a friend. The Little Book of Friendship is part of the instructive but fun series "The Little Book of" that touches on a range of ideas, activities, values, and emotions.



Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Age: 4-8

Join award-winning author and illustrator Arnold Lobel and his classic characters, Frog and Toad, as they do many fun activities together—writing letters, going swimming, and telling each other stories. Best friends do not necessarily always get along, but they do enjoy doing things together and always care about each other, and that is what makes Frog and Toad such good friends. A charming and humorous representation of the give-and-take of friendship.

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La souris qui cherche un ami by Eric Carle and translated by Laurence Bourguignon

Age: 2-7

Sometimes making friends can be difficult. None of the animals want to be friends with little mouse—not crocodile, not horse, and not fox. But mouse does not become discouraged and makes an unexpected friend: elephant. And what luck: snake wanted to be mouse's friend! La souris qui cherche un ami is another of Eric Carle's amusing and thoughtful picture books.



Mon ami by Astrid Desbordes and illustrated by Pauline Martin

Age: 3-6

Mon ami tells the story of the difficulties faced by Sam, a new kid at school. Being new at school can be a challenge for anybody, especially when one is different from the others in the group. How to fit in? Things become much easier when Archibald, one of Sam's classmates, approaches him and they become friends. Archibald discovers how interesting Sam is and that he can learn from him. They are happy spending time together!



Les bons amis written by Paul François and illustrated by Gerda Muller

Age: 4-6

One snowy day, when there is not much food to eat and it is cold out, little grey rabbit wants to share his carrot with his neighbor little horse, so he goes along and brings it to her. Horse, in turn, wants to give it to sheep, and sheep then gives it to deer. Who will finally eat the carrot?

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Veux-tu être mon ami? by Molly Potter, illustrated by Sarah Jennings, and translated by Isabelle Fortin

Age: 4-7

Veux-tu être mon ami? is a fun and compelling introduction to friendship and making friends. Together with Sarah Jennings's colorful illustrations, Molly Potter's text is full of practical counsel for children to discover the social skills necessary to be a good friend: sharing, negotiation, empathy, and forgiveness. This book will prompt children to discuss the characteristics of friendship with those around them.



Gentillesse by Ginger Swift

Age: 0-3

Kindness goes hand-in-hand with friendship. In *La Gentillesse*, Ginger Swift shows how important a quality kindness is. Her board book with flaps will delight small children with its surprises.