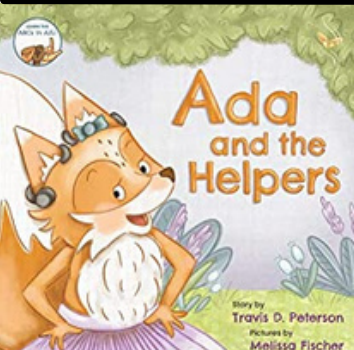




Supporting Success

for Children with Hearing Loss

Children's Books with Main Characters who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Book Title: Ada and the Helpers

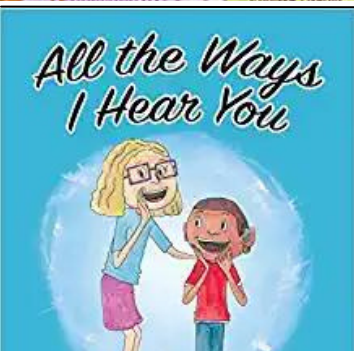
Author/Illustrator: Travis D. Peterson; Melissa Fischer

\$25

Theme: friendship, helping others, inclusion, and finding your strengths. For ages 3-8.

Description: Ada is a dancing, **deaf fox with cochlear implants** who loves to help others. On her way to a dance in a talent show, she meets three other creatures who are each facing a physical challenge of their own.

Book Details: Hardcover. 32 pages. Comes with ABCs in ASL flashcards; dustjacket is also a fold out ASL poster.



Book Title: All the Ways I Hear You

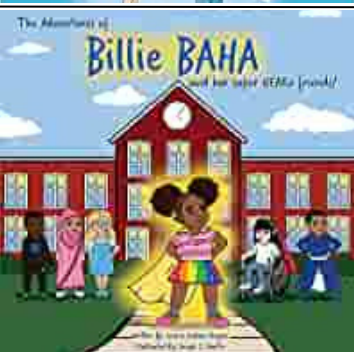
Author/Illustrator: Stephanie Marrufo; Priscila Soares

\$17

Theme: empathy, inclusivity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Sy goes on to introduce his diverse group of friends who are **deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind and their own hearing technology and communication styles**. Also introduces other familial support roles such as a hearing sibling, and a child of deaf adults (CODA).

Book Details: Softcover. 28 pages, 8 x 10".



Book Title: The Adventures of Billie BAHA

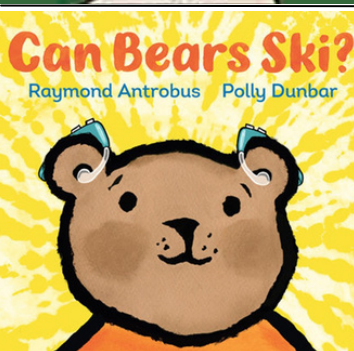
Author/Illustrator: Jessica Jordan-Hogan; Jacqui C. Smith

\$16

Theme: kindness, acceptance. For ages 3-8.

Description: My name is Billie. I'm four years old and I am also Hard of Hearing. I have bilateral hearing loss due to **Microtia**. Microtia is a congenital condition of a little or missing outer ear. I wear my **BAHA** to be able to hear the world around me.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8.5 x 8.5".



Book Title: Can Bears Ski?

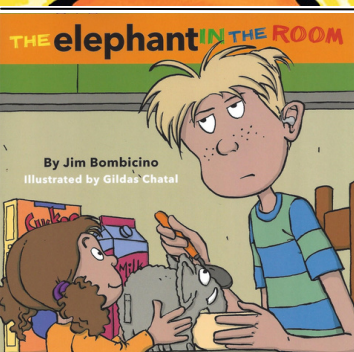
Author/Illustrator: Raymond Antrobus; Polly Dunbar

\$17

Theme: hearing loss awareness, self-discovery. For ages 3-8.

Description: Little Bear feels the floor shake when his teacher stomps to get his attention. But something else is missing. His friends tell jokes that he isn't sure he understands. All around him Little Bear hears the question, "Can bears ski?" One day, Dad Bear takes him to see an "aud-i-ologist," and Little Bear learns that **he has been experiencing hearing loss and will start wearing hearing aids**. He then realizes the phrase he has been mishearing is actually, "Can you hear me?"

Book Details: Hardcover. 40 pages, 11 x 10".



Book Title: The Elephant in the Room

Author/Illustrator: Jim Bombicino; Gildas Chatal

\$9-\$20

Theme: feelings associated with hearing loss, self-advocacy. For ages 7-11.

Description: The story follows Skyler, a young **boy with hearing aids**, as he awakens and prepares for a typical school day. Situations such as mishearing and misunderstanding are highlighted.

Book Details: Softcover. 35 pages. Also available as an e-book for Apple devices with sound effects to simulate what Skyler hears.



Book Title: El Deafo

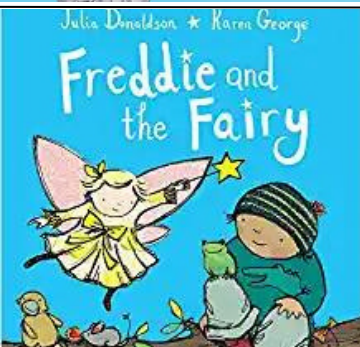
Author/Illustrator: Cece Bell

\$10

Theme: self-advocacy, making true friends. For ages 8-12.

Description: Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here, she's different. An autobiography of a girl struck by **meningitis who becomes deaf**, and learns how to harness her deafness as a superpower.

Book Details: Softcover. Graphic novel. 248 pages. 6 x 9".



Book Title: Freddie and the Fairy

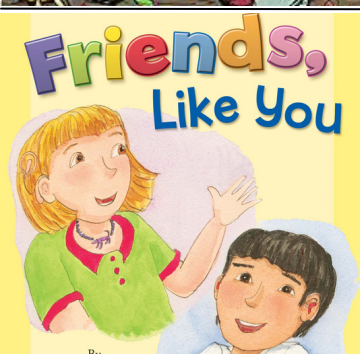
Author/Illustrator: Julia Donaldson; Karen George

\$18

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Freddie wants nothing more than a pet, so when the fairy Bessie-Belle offers to grant his wishes, he knows just what to ask for. But Bessie-Belle can't hear very well and Freddie tends to mumble, which means the wishes aren't turning out as planned! **Mishearing and communication repair strategies offered.**

Book Details: Softcover. 32 pages, 9 x 11".



Book Title: Friends, Like You

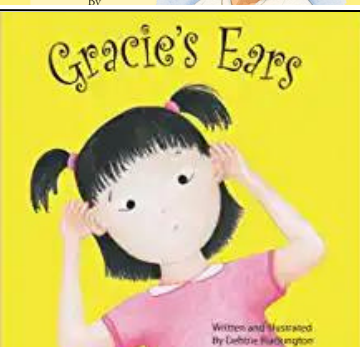
Author/Illustrator: Melissa Griswold; Cynthia Fisher

\$14

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 7-11.

Description: Molly and Max are two kids who happen to have a hearing loss. Listening can be hard work and misunderstandings happen sometimes, but they don't let their hearing loss stop them from making friends and having fun! An ideal teaching tool for raising awareness about hearing differences and devices (**hearing aids and cochlear implants**), and promoting friendships.

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 6 x 9".



Book Title: Gracie's Ears

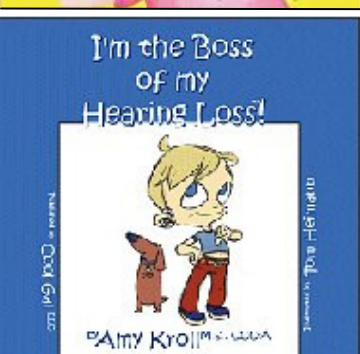
Author/Illustrator: Debbie Blackington

\$12

Theme: learning about hearing loss and hearing aids. For ages 3-8.

Description: Based on a real little girl who doesn't realize her ears aren't working like most people's do. When her family searches for answers, she discovers the wonder of **hearing aids** and the sounds of the world.

Book Details: Softcover, 30 pages, 8.5 x 8.5"



Book Title: I'm the Boss of my Hearing Loss!

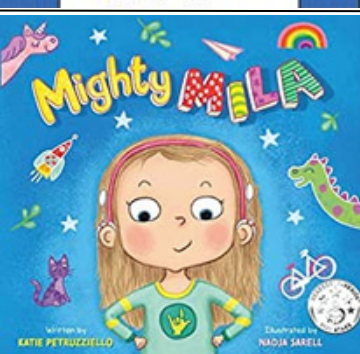
Author/Illustrator: Amy Kroll

\$15

Theme: awareness, encouragement, navigating hearing loss. For ages 8-12.

Description: This book serves as a communication tool for teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing, audiologists, parents, and classroom teachers to facilitate children's understanding of the various obstacles they may face. This book encourages children through simple explanations and illustrations that break down the often complex information that they receive about their hearing difference.

Book Details: Softcover. 24 pages, 8 x 8".



Book Title: Mighty Mila

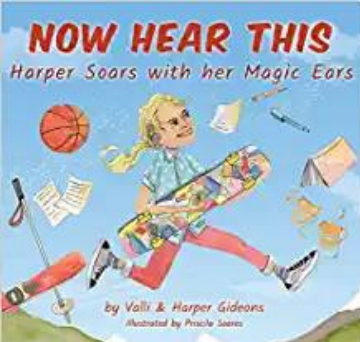
Author/Illustrator: Katie Petruzzello; Nadja Sarell

\$17

Theme: becoming independent; asking for help. For ages 3-8.

Description: Mila wants to prove to her family that she's a BIG KID! Her plan is to do everything on her own, without asking for help - not even once! She uses her creativity, willpower, and even her new **cochlear implant hearing devices**, to tackle one big kid activity after another.

Book Details: Hardcover. 35 pages, 10 x 10". [Comes with 34-page downloadable activity pack.](#)



Book Title: Now Hear This - Harper Soars with her Magic Ears

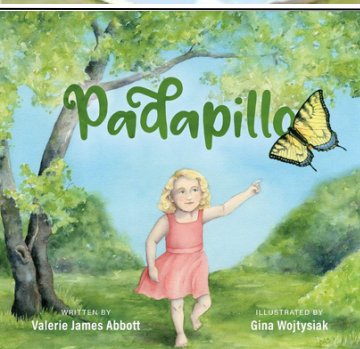
\$20

Author/Illustrator: Valli and Harper Gideons; Priscila Soares

Theme: encouragement, navigating hearing loss, empowerment. For ages 8-12.

Description: Harper's real life story allows readers to follow her journey, providing both parents and children who are facing any kind of diagnosis a much-needed dose of encouragement. Through Harper's **navigation of hearing loss with cochlear implants**, kids can imagine what is possible.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8.5 x 8.5".



Book Title: Padapillo

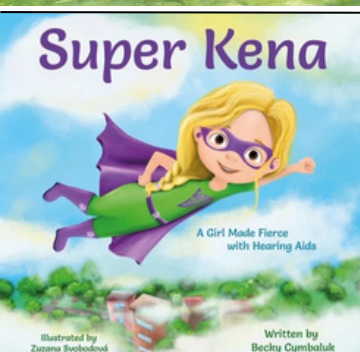
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Author/Illustrator: Valerie Abbott; Gina Wojtysiak; Crystal Cregge

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Bridget is acting strangely and no one seems to notice-except her older sister. When the rest of her family finally realize that Bridget has been ignoring the world around her and inventing weird words, it leads to a diagnosis no one saw coming. Narrated by the attentive older sister, we are led into the **real-life emotional process family members often experience after a hearing loss is identified**.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8 x 8".



Book Title: Super Kena: A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids

\$15

Author/Illustrator: Becky Cymbaluk; Zuzana Svobodova

Theme: overcoming adversity, inclusivity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Fierceness comes in many forms, but Super Kena's arrives in powerful determination. When kids at school make fun of her **hearing aids**, she gets a super idea. She will gather her differently-abled classmates to create a team of super heroes.

Book Details: Hardcover. 32 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: TJ's Story

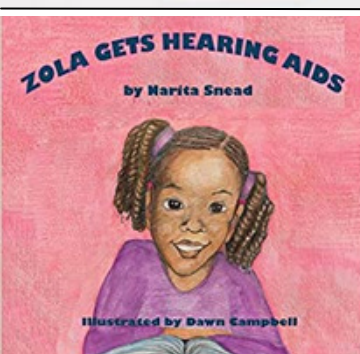
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Author/Illustrator: TJ & Molly Lyon

Theme: overcoming adversity, learning to self-advocate. For ages 8-12.

Description: An autobiography. TJ is a 5th grade student with **hearing aids**. He describes his issues hearing at home and school, strategies that help him understand and the the need to advocate.

Book Details: Softcover. 23 pages, 8.5 x 5.5".



Book Title: Zola Gets Hearing Aids

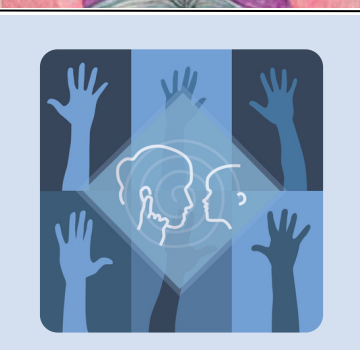
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Author/Illustrator: Narita Sneed; Dawn Campbell

Theme: courage, self-acceptance. For ages 5-12.

Description: Zola has a problem. She does not hear as well as other kids. Today is the day she goes to the doctor, a special doctor, to check her hearing. Zola is worried because she has heard all about those kids who do not hear well. Her greatest fear is having to wear a **hearing aid**.

Book Details: Softcover. 44 pages, 8 x 8".



*Why are books about kids with hearing loss and deafness
more expensive than other children's books?*

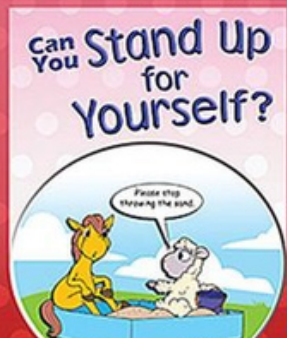
The more copies printed, the more cheaply a book can be sold. The **specialized and low-incidence nature of hearing loss** means that it is more expensive to produce books because of the relatively small number of people likely to purchase these titles.



Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss

Books to Address Teasing & Bullying

Children who are hard of hearing miss incidental language and often hear only parts of words. They need to learn to focus their attention, recognize when they miss information, use context to understand, and tips to remember what they did hear. These books provide strategies to help many students, including those who are hard of hearing.



Book Title: Can You Stand Up for Yourself?

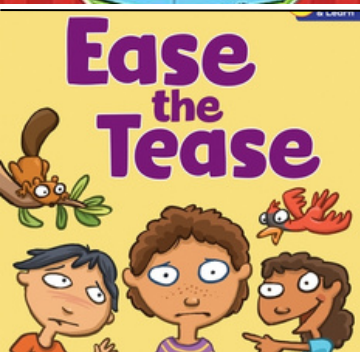
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Author/Illustrator: Nita Everly

Theme: resilience to teasing. For ages 4-8.

Description: Children with hearing loss are targets for teasing by peers. For a healthy self-concept, they need to learn to anticipate that they WILL be teased or bullied and provided strategies for WHAT to do WHEN this happens. Teasing often begins by age 4 and can be an early contributor to students feeling socially isolated and/or resisting hearing device use.

Book Details: Hardcover. 14 sturdy pages, 8.5 x 11". Includes suggested follow-up activities.



Book Title: Ease the Tease

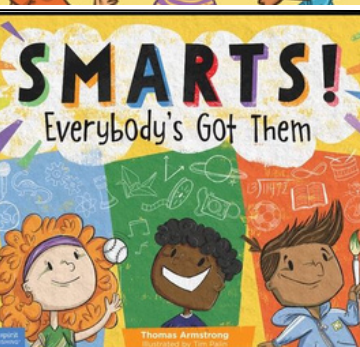
\$10

Author/Illustrator: Judy S. Freeman & Mimi P. Black; Steve Mark

Theme: building resilience, positive self-concept. For ages 6-9..

Description: Teasing happens to lots and lots (and lots!) of kids. Every day. Sometimes that teasing can be fun, but sometimes it hurts. Ease the Tease helps young readers recognize what hurtful teasing sounds and feels like and offers a toolkit for dealing with teasing.

Book Details: Softcover. Chapter book - 84 pages, 6.25 x 8".



Book Title: Smarts! Everybody's Got Them

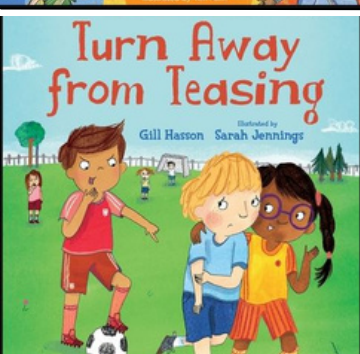
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Author/Illustrator: Thomas Armstrong; Tim Palin

Theme: encouragement, positive self-concept. For ages 5-9.

Description: It's easy for kids to get dejected and believe they're not as smart as the people around them. Maybe they got a low grade on their math test last week, or maybe they have a difficult time making new friends, but what kids may not realize is that math skills and people skills are just two types of smarts. There are actually eight types of smarts.

Book Details: Hardcover. 44 pages, 11.25 x 9.25".



Book Title: Turn Away from Teasing

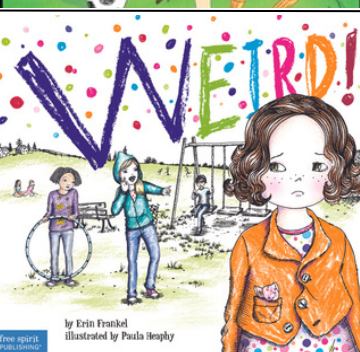
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Author/Illustrator: Gill Hasson; Sarah Jennings

Theme: courage, self-acceptance. For ages 6-9.

Description: Teasing can be embarrassing or upsetting. Kids need supportive advice for dealing with teasing—or for knowing when they should stop teasing someone else.

Book Details: Hardcover. 32 pages, 8.25 x 10.5".



Book Title: Weird!

\$9

Author/Illustrator: Erin Frankel; Paula Heaphy

Theme: courage, self-acceptance. For ages 5-9.

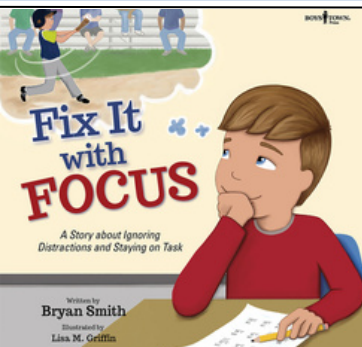
Description: Luisa is repeatedly teased and called "weird" by her classmate Sam, even though she is simply being herself—laughing with her friends,, greeting her father in Spanish, and wearing her favorite polka dot boots. Luisa initially reacts to the bullying by withdrawing and hiding her colorful nature. But with the support of her teachers, parents, classmates, and one special friend named Jayla, Luisa is able to reclaim her color and resist Sam's put-downs.

Book Details: Softcover. 48 pages, 9.5 x 8".



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Books to Improve Executive Function & Self-Management



Book Title: Fix It with FOCUS

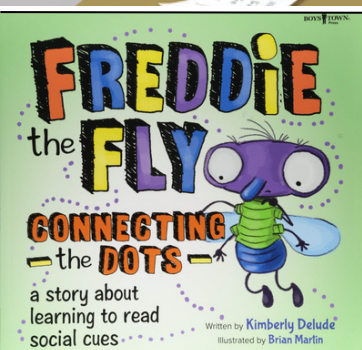
Author/Illustrator: Bryan Smith; Lisa M. Griffin

\$11

Theme: self-management. For ages 5-12.

Description: Focus. Focus. Focus. That is the advice Blake frequently hears but fails to follow. Although he may be struggling with focus and learning to stay on task, the adults in his life are there to help teach him how to use tools like the work/brain break cycle, squishy eraser, glove tapping, and more!

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: Freddie the Fly: Connecting the Dots

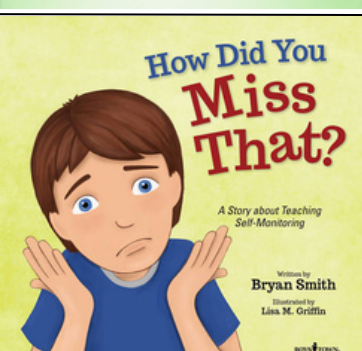
Author/Illustrator: Kimberly Delude; Brian Martin

\$10

Theme: understanding sarcasm, reading social cues. For ages 5-12.

Description: Using the connect-the-dots method that Freddie learns can help young people navigate confusing social interactions, making it easier for them to interpret and understand what is really being said by teachers, friends, family, and others.

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: How Did You Miss That?

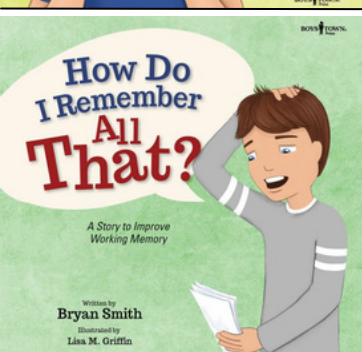
Author/Illustrator: Bryan Smith; Lisa M. Griffin

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Theme: self-management, self-monitoring. For ages 5-12.

Description: Self-monitoring can be challenging to understand for children and skills such as completing work accurately and completely, staying on task, following instructions the first time, waiting to be called on and getting the teacher's attention appropriately can be challenging to master.

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: How Do I Remember All That?

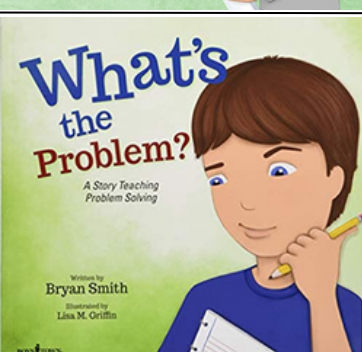
Author/Illustrator: Bryan Smith; Lisa M. Griffin

\$11

Theme: self-management, improving working memory. For ages 5-12.

Description: Word problems are more complicated. Reading passages are longer. When he's quizzed on details, they seem to be getting lost in translation. And this is carrying over to home, too! With help from a caring teacher and plenty of opportunities to practice at home, Braden starts to learn and practice strategies for improving his working memory!

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: What's the Problem?

Author/Illustrator: Bryan Smith; Lisa M. Griffin

\$10

Theme: problem-solving, critical thinking. For ages 5-9.

Description: The one thing all of us have in common is that we have to solve problems and challenges of various degrees and complexities. A lucky few among us always seem to resolve complex problems successfully by thinking critically and logically. Still, even the most talented problem solvers need practice (and experience!) to develop and perfect this skill.

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 9 x 9".



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Books for Young Children



Book Title: Baby Loves the Five Senses: Hearing!

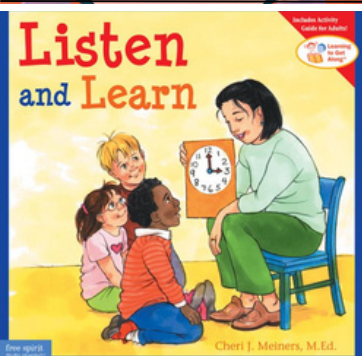
\$10

Author/Illustrator: Ruth Spiro; Irene Chan

Theme: hearing awareness For ages Baby - 3.

Description: Baby loves the five senses! Accurate enough for experts, yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores the science of sound and hearing. Beautiful, visually stimulating illustrations complement age-appropriate language to encourage baby's sense of wonder. Parents and caregivers may learn a thing or two as well.

Book Details: Board book. 20 pages, 7 x 7".



Book Title: Listen and Learn

\$10

Author/Illustrator: Cheri J. Meiners

Theme: developing listening skills, routine. For ages 4-8.

Description: Knowing how to listen is essential to learning, growing, and getting along with others. Simple words and inviting illustrations help children develop listening skills, understand why it's important to listen, and recognize the positive results of listening.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: Make a Friend, Be a Friend

\$10

Author/Illustrator: Eric Braun; Steve Mark

Theme: self- management, self-monitoring. For ages 6-9.

Description: Life is better with a friend. That's true for everyone. Some kids have lots of friends. Others have a few. Either way is great! Make a Friend, Be a Friend helps young readers find ways to—you guessed it!—make friends and be a better friend.

Book Details: Softcover. Chapter book - 88 pages, 6.25 x 8".



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