# Problem Solving & Conflict Resolution

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<td><strong>BIG BOOKS</strong></td>
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<td>A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.</td>
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<td>2,000 years ago in China, a curious boy named Cao Chong solves the problem of how to weigh an elephant when the prime minister's most trusted and knowledgeable advisors are stumped. Includes activities.</td>
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<td>When Blanche goes to bed, she tries very hard to avoid the night. She makes</td>
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loud noises to try to wake up the sun, but instead she wakes up angry parents. She sings and fools around, jumping and tumbling on her bed until she is caught again. Eventually, she wears herself out and falls happily asleep. This is a little book about a big problem: going to sleep when you really HATE the night.

N/A  Ellis, Sarah. *Ben Over Night*. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006.

Ben likes nothing more than to go over to Peter's house. When the two friends play together, Ben can be anything he wants: a pirate, a musician, a cook. He can even be a potato! But when it comes to sleepovers, all Ben can think about is going home - right away. He doesn't like the strange bed or the unfamiliar noises in the night.


Oh, no! Teeny's mama is stuck in a bucket! What's a toad to do? Hurry home for help, of course!


Max, Nat, Bud, Al, Mose, Herm, and several other old men, pray in the morning and evening at the synagogue in much the same way until their routine is interrupted by an unlikely intruder.


Encourages the reader to shake, tilt, and wiggle the book to remove the little monster inside, but once it is out, another problem arises.


Jamaica finds a stuffed dog at the playground and after taking him home without trying to find the owner discovers her conscience as well.


Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.

Andy Shane hates school, mainly because of a tattletale know-it-all named Dolores Starbuckle, but Granny Webb, who has taken care of him all his life, joins him in class one day and helps him solve the problem.

Best friends Tiger and Badger work through their disagreements over a toy, a chair, and sharing.

Three selfish frogs live together on an island in the middle of Rainbow Pond. All day long they bicker: It’s mine! It’s mine! It’s mine! But a bad storm and a big brown toad help them realize that sharing is much more fun.

After they have an argument, a young girl imagines how she would treat her mother if their roles were reversed.

When women in an Icelandic village buy chickens to lay eggs for them to use, the chickens follow them, adopting human ways and forgetting their barnyard roots, until the ladies hatch a clever plan.

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.


Hally, the Tosis family dog, has such bad breath that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis plan to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog.


Although she is not very big, the Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain.


Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.


A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.


Engaged in a long-running battle, the Yooks and the Zooks develop more and more sophisticated weaponry as they attempt to outdo each other.


In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.


When a little dog appears at a family picnic, the girl and boy play with him all afternoon, and they name him Willy. At day's end they say good-bye. But the dog has won their hearts and stays on their minds.
The following Saturday the family returns to the picnic grounds to look for Willy, but they are not alone -- the dogcatcher is looking for him, too...


On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.


A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.


When Ella is banned from bringing her umbrella to the dance recital, she comes up with an ingenious solution to the problem.


When mice overrun her beautiful palace, every attempt to solve the problem creates even more trouble for the queen.


A trip to the laundromat leads to a momentous occasion when Trixie, too young to speak words, realizes that something important is missing and struggles to explain the problem to her father.


Piggie tells Gerald she has a surprise for him, but it is not there yet so Gerald must be patient.


Ten birds are trying to figure out how to get to the other side of the river. Will the simplest solution be the best?
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When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.

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<td>Cox, Judy.</td>
<td><em>Nora and the Texas Terror</em></td>
<td>New York: Holiday House</td>
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When Nora's uncle loses his job and house in Texas, he and his family come to stay with Nora's family in Portland, Oregon, and Nora must try very hard to adjust to her cousin Ellie, who is loud, stubborn, and a tease.

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When Anna returns from a three-week stay in a mental hospital she struggles to resume a normal life in the face of her parents' arguments and peers who are afraid to ask her what happened.

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The reader is invited to help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor.

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<td><em>Marvin and the Mean Words</em></td>
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Marvin gets a taste of his own medicine when he overhears his teacher saying unkind things about him! Marvin may tease other kids, but when a teacher says bad things about a student, it's the pits. Things get even worse when Marvin hears a student say that he's going to be suspended. It looks like Marvin's days of bullying his second-grade classmates are over--until he finds out that the mean words he heard weren't about him after all.

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Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark.
In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

As the tomboy daughter of the town's preacher, Billie McCaffrey has always struggled with fitting the mold of what everyone says she should be. She'd rather wear sweats, build furniture, and get into trouble with her solid group of friends: Woods, Mash, Davey, Fifty, and Janie Lee. But when Janie Lee confesses to Billie that she's in love with Woods, Billie's filled with a nagging sadness as she realizes that she is also in love with Woods... and maybe with Janie Lee, too. Always considered "one of the guys," Billie doesn't want anyone slapping a label on her sexuality before she can understand it herself. So, she keeps her conflicting feelings to herself, for fear of ruining the group dynamic. Except it's not just about keeping the peace, it's about understanding love on her terms -- this thing that has always been defined as a boy and a girl falling in love and living happily ever after. For Billie -- a box-defying dynamo -- it's not that simple.

A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

To prove to her mother, a famous opera singer dealing with depression after losing her singing voice, that she can handle the grueling life of an actress, Ingrid must survive a wilderness camp.

What’s the best way to solve problems between people? By talking them over and working them out. It’s never too soon for children to learn the process of peaceful conflict resolution. Children learn to calm themselves, state the problem, listen, think of solutions, try one, evaluate results, and even agree to
disagree when a solution isn’t possible.


Two brief stories demonstrate the importance of staying calm and thinking about how to solve the problem when things do not work on the first try.


Examines teen conflict resolution and interpersonal relations and provides tips and information about improving them.


Introduces the concept of nonviolent resolution of conflicts. Includes practical tips, hands-on activities, and appropriate role models for guidance and inspiration.


Defines peer mediation in practical terms and shows how it helps people get along.


Discusses what arguments are, how they begin, and ways to solve disagreements without fighting.

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