Teaching Conflict

Conflict is what creates the plot of the story. There are typically four kinds: Character versus Character, Character versus Nature, Character versus Society, and Character versus Self. Often, more than one kind of conflict is taking place at the same time.

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Readers are invited to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in the natural world, even the humblest back garden! With detailed illustration that will appeal to children and art-lovers alike, and a wonderfully playful invented language, we soon find ourselves speaking "Bug" ... Du iz tak? What is that?


Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too.


Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lens less motorcycle goggles.


An owl helps a farmer and some crows reach a compromise over the rights to the wheat crop.


Walking down a dark lonely road on an errand one night, a brother and sister argue who is afraid of the dread Ghost-Eye tree.


Jewish Abe's grandfather wants him to be a violinist while African American Wille's father plans for him to be a great baseball pitcher, but it turns out that the two boys are more talented when they switch hobbies.


Dr. John Jeffries and his pilot, Jean-Pierre Blanchard, each want to be the first man to fly from one country to another, across the English Channel. There's only one problem: they can't stand each other!


Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker.

PreK-3  Polacco, Patricia. *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother*. New York:
After losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her obnoxious older brother, a young girl makes a wish on a falling star.


A new hedgehog in town stands up to bullying by the Truman Elementary Troublemakers and wins them over with her unwavering cheerfulness.


An unexpected rain shower causes quarreling among the members of a small community.


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


Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while she is gone.


No matter how hard he pleads and begs, the pigeon is not supposed to drive the bus while the driver is away, but pigeon tries every persuasive trick a young child knows to get you to say, "Yes."


Jack has been looking forward to playing the trumpet in his first concert, but on the morning of the big day, Jack becomes anxious about performing and his worry starts to grow.

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