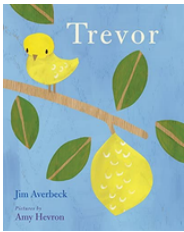


Friendship Book List



Younger Elementary



[Trevor by Jim Auerbeck](#)

(Picture Book, E AVE, AR Level: 2.9)

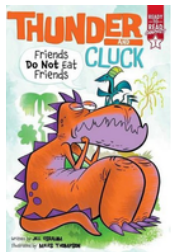
An elegantly told, truly unique tale of a canary who befriends a lemon and finds that you don't have to be two of a kind to form a meaningful and lasting friendship.



[Emma Kate by Patricia Polacco](#)

(Picture Book, E POL, AR Level: 2.0)

Emma Kate has an imaginary friend. They walk to school together every morning. They sleep over at each other's houses. They even have their tonsils out together. But there's more to this imaginary friend than meets the eye!



[Thunder and Cluck: Friends Do Not Eat Friends by Jill Esbaum](#)

(Easy Reader, *E ESB, AR Level: 1.7)

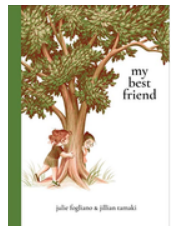
Big, scary, and hungry Thunder the dinosaur wants to chase and chomp Cluck, a small but brave dinosaur, but Cluck has decided that they will be friends.



[The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat](#)

(Picture Book, E SAN, AR Level: 2.3)

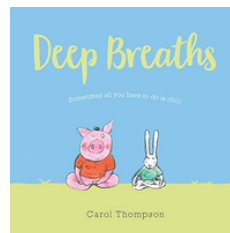
On an island far away, an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a child but is overlooked time and again, so he sets off on an incredible journey to the city where he finally meets his perfect match.



[My Best Friend by Julie Fogliano](#)

(Picture Book, E FOG, AR Level: 2.8)

A delightful story of first friendship about two girls who quickly become best friends even before they learn one another's names. After all, what is a best friend, if not someone who laughs with you the whole entire day?



[Deep Breaths: Sometimes All You Have To Do Is Chill by Carol Thompson](#)

(Picture Book, E THO, AR Level: NA)

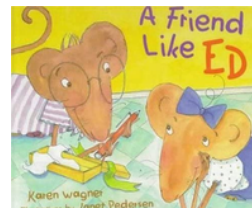
Dolly the Pig and Jack the Rabbit are best friends, but even best friends don't always get along. When Dolly and Jack have a big disagreement, they learn how to calm down and still be friends.



[Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky](#)

(Picture Book, E KEN, AR Level: 3.3)

When Rescue is paired with Jessica, a girl who has lost her legs, he worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog, but together, they help each other see a way forward one step at a time.



[A Friend Like Ed by Karen Wagner](#)

(Picture Book, E WAG, AR Level: NA)

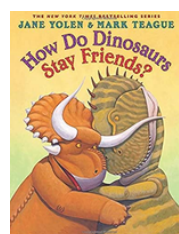
When Ed starts reciting poems wherever they go, Mildred is so embarrassed that she decides she needs a new friend. However, Mildred realizes that fitting in with everyone isn't so important and that Ed is her real friend.



[Circle of Friends by Naomi Kleinberg](#)

(Board Book, . E KLE, AR Level: NA)

Everybody on Sesame Street is friends with everyone else. They all laugh, play, and celebrate together. Whether it's two, three, or four pals sharing, in the end, everyone on this street is part of one big circle of friends.



[How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends by Jane Yolen](#)

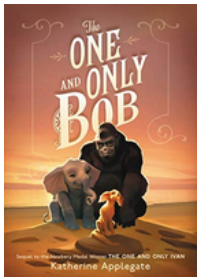
(Picture Book, E YOL, AR Level: 2.5)

A young dinosaur shows how to stay friends even after having a terrible fight with his very best friend.

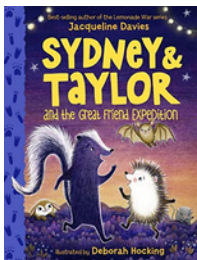
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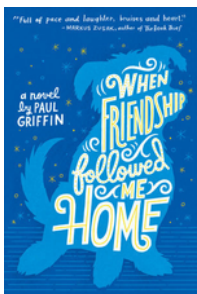
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
(Chapter Book, J F APP, AR Level: 3.8)
Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. Crenshaw, a large, outspoken, imaginary cat, has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?



The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate
(Chapter Book, J F APP, AR Level: 3.9)
Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.



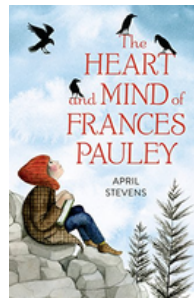
Sydney & Taylor and the Great Friend Expedition by Jacqueline Davies
(Chapter Book, J F DAV, AR Level: 3.1)
Taylor the hedgehog and Sydney the skunk set out on an adventure to make new friends, even through doubt and obstacles.



When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin
(Chapter Book, J F GRI, AR Level: 4.1)
Ben has never felt like he fits in, but that all changes when he befriends an abandoned dog named Flip and the librarian's daughter, Halley. Ben finally starts to feel like he belongs in his own life until everything changes, and suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever.



Camp by Kayla Miller
(Graphic Novel, GN J F MIL, AR Level: 3.2)
Olive is sure she'll have the best time at summer camp with her friend Willow – but while Olive makes quick friends with the other campers, Willow struggles to form connections and latches on to the only person she knows – Olive, leading to tension between the two friends.

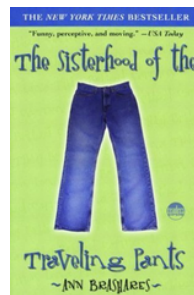


The Heart and Mind of Frances Pauley by April Stevens
(Chapter Book, J F STE, AR Level: 5.4)
Frances is an observer. She spends most of her time in her "rock world," the one place where she can truly be herself, but when the unimaginable happens, Frances discovers that perhaps the outside world isn't so bad, and that maybe she can find connection with the people who have surrounded her all along.

Young Adult



Just as Long as We're Together by Judy Blume
(YA BLU, AR Level: 3.7)
Rachel has been Stephanie's best friend since second grade. Now in seventh grade, Alison moves into the neighborhood. Stephanie hopes all three of them can be best friends, but it looks as if it's going to be a case of two's company and three's a crowd. Can the girls' friendship be saved?



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
(YA BRA, AR Level: 4.5)
During summer break, longtime friends Lena, Tibby, Carmen, and Bridget each embark on adventures that they share with each other through a pair of jeans that they have decided will be worn by all and so will absorb all of their stories.



Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
(YA KHO, AR Level: 4.7)
Darius is half Persian and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life. He has never really fit in at home, and he's sure things are going to be the same in Iran. Then Darius meets Sohrab. Everything changes, and Darius has never felt more like himself.



When You Were Everything by Ashley Woodfolk
(YA WOO, AR Level: 5.5)
In this story told in alternate timelines, teenaged best friends Cleo and Layla fall apart and learn about the beauty of self-forgiveness, the promise of new beginnings, and the courage it takes to remain open to love.