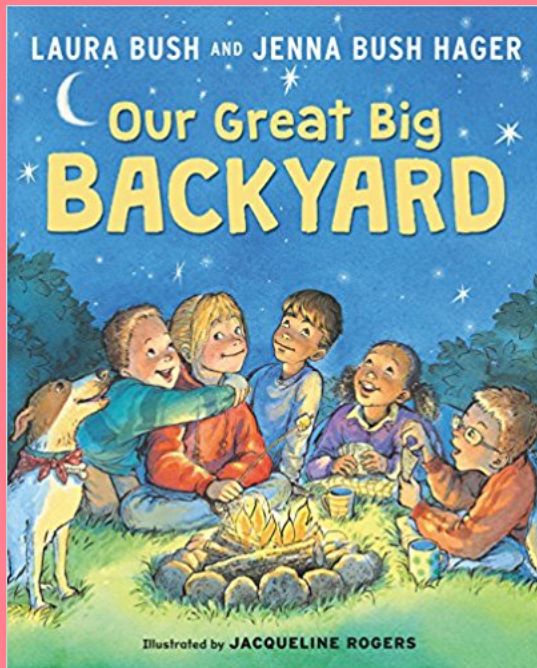


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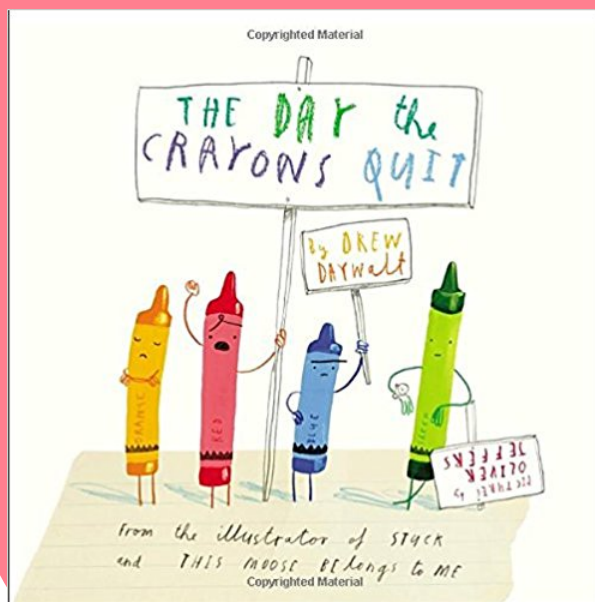
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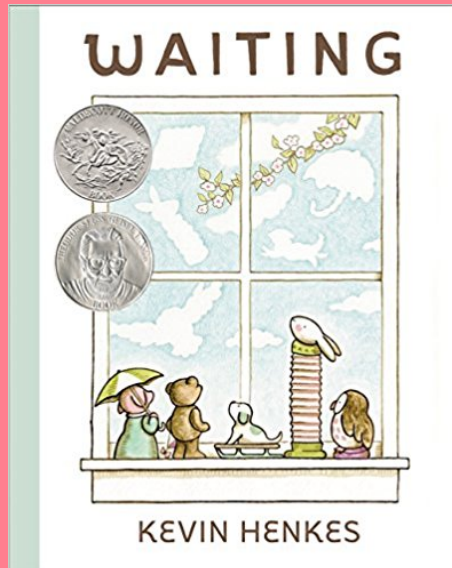
Bush, Laura and Jenna Bush Hager (2016). *Our great big backyard*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

Our Great Big Backyard is the perfect book for children. It begins with a little girl who is planning her summer break. She and her “crew” plan to make videos for the web, play video games and other tech-y things. However, her plans are ruined when her family decides to take a road trip across the USA. She doesn’t think she will have any fun, but discovers there is so much more to do and see outside of an electronic’s screen. This book highlights so many of America’s beautiful sights and will have kids and adults alike wanting to travel across this amazing nation.



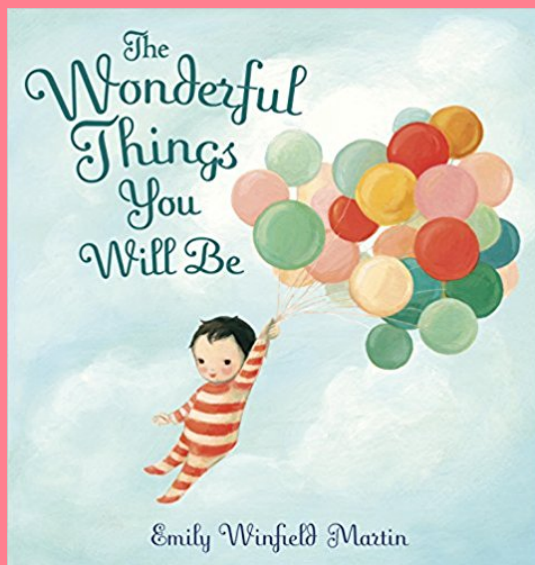
Daywalt, Drew (2013). *The day the crayons quit*. New York, NY: The Penguin Group.

In this book, every color of crayon writes their owner (a little boy named Duncan) and tells him their point of view about how he uses them and how it makes them feel. It is witty and sweet and is the perfect book to share with children when talking about point of view.



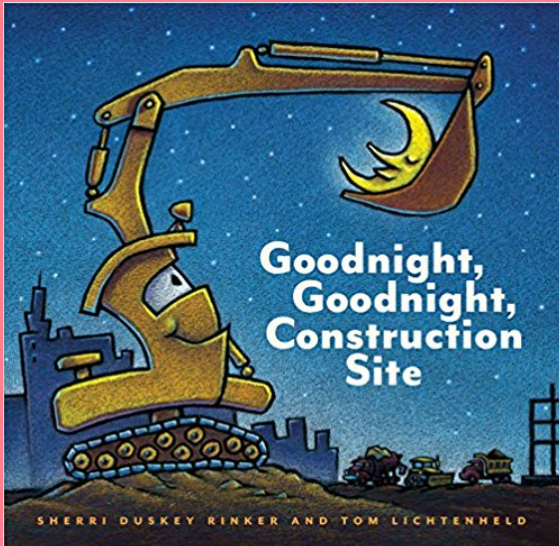
Henkes, Kevin (2015). *Waiting*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

This book is simple and pleasant. A pig, a bear, a pup on a sled, a rabbit and an owl all sit and wait on a windowsill. They are all waiting for different things and as the book continues, you understand that they are toys and they seem to be sitting on a child's windowsill. They enjoy waiting and sometimes one of them leaves (to be played with), but they always return. This is another good book about point of view.



Martin, Emily Winfield (2015). *The wonderful things you'll be*. New York, NY: Random House Children's Books.

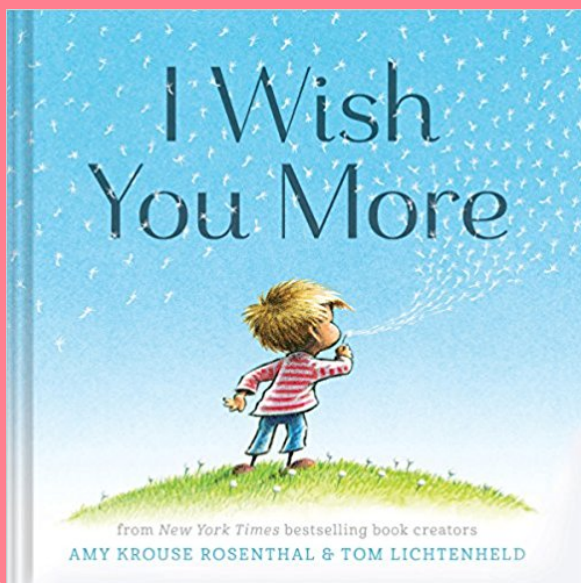
Unconditional love is what parents have for their children. This book is a mother or father telling their child they will love them no matter who or what they grow up to be. However, they do go through scenarios of questions of who they will be; planting a seed that they hope their child is someone kind and gentle to others. This is a wonderful book to be read with a parent and child.



Rinker, Sherri Duskey (2011). *Goodnight, goodnight*

construction site. San Francisco, CA: Chronicles Books.

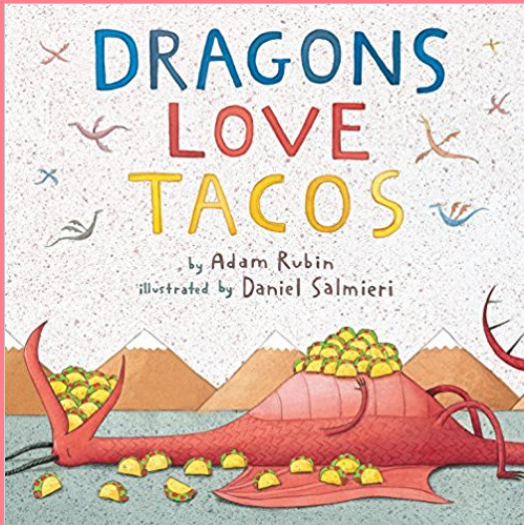
A peaceful and calming book that will help many little boys turn their motors off and go to sleep. This story, perfect for bedtime, is about the different trucks and machines at a construction site who shut down and go to sleep for the night. Each machine has had a busy day having fun and enjoying working, but when it's time to rest, they understand and turn it all off. Everyone needs to recharge, little boys and construction machines alike.



Rosenthal, Amy Krouse (2015). *I wish you more*. San

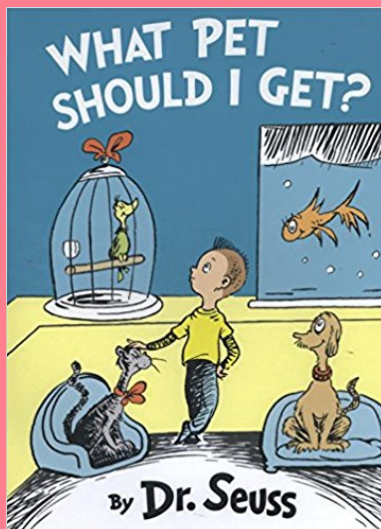
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The narrator of this story wishes that their child has more good than bad and more positive and negative in their world. It is a very uplifting book that ends with the child being more than they could wish for themselves. Another endearing book that can be read between a parent and a child.



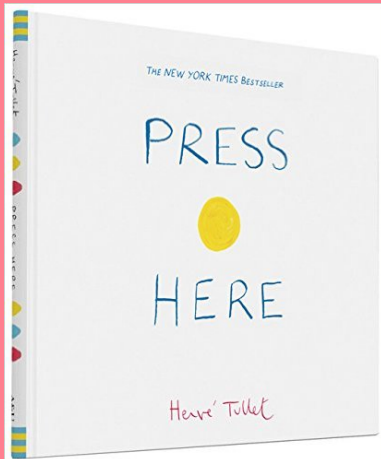
Rubin, Adam (2012). *Dragons love tacos*. New York, NY: Penguin Young Readers Group.

Everyone loves tacos, even dragons. This book tells you that dragons love tacos and parties, especially when put together. But, you must avoid the spicy salsa. Dragons and spicy salsa don't mix apparently. When the main character hosts a taco party for dragons, he realizes the mild salsa has peppers and in the end the dragons get sick and accidentally burn his house down. Fortunately, they feel bad and love tacos so much that they help rebuild the house.



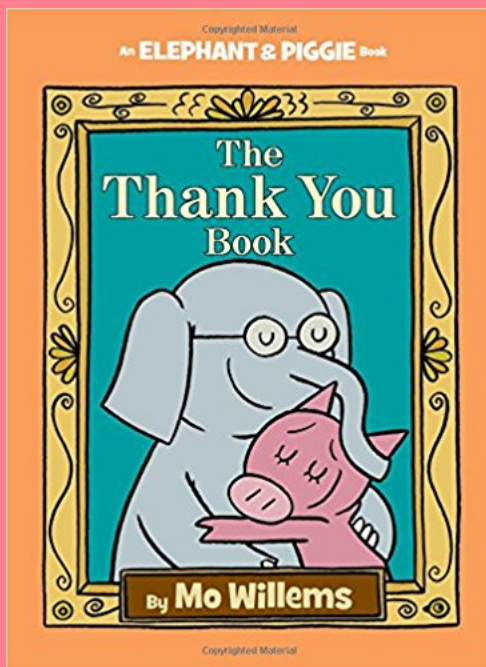
Seuss, Dr. (2015). *What pet should I get?*. New York, NY: Random House.

In this Dr. Seuss book, it cleverly rhymes as two siblings go into a pet store and must choose just one pet. They go all through the different options, from big to small, from furry to fishy, and finally choose just one. The best part, the ending leaves the reader trying to figure out what they chose, because it never tells. Another hit from the world of Dr. Seuss.



Tullet, Herve (2011). *Press here*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.

With this preschool geared book, children and parents both will be delighted at how much fun they have at following directions. This book takes the simplest tasks, such as pressing a color or tilting the book and turns it into a learning game no one can resist. The book is full of red, yellow and blue dots! So simple but somehow so engaging!



Willems, Mo (2016). *The thank you book*. New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children.

This book has an enjoyable twist, as do most of Willems's books. Piggie, one of the main characters, wants to thank everyone! Elephant thinks he'll forget someone though, and of course he does. We all think the elephant is trying to tell Piggie that he is forgetting him, however, it isn't him that he's concerned about at all. He tells Piggie that he forgot to thank the reader, because without the reader they wouldn't be who they are. This was an entertaining book that shows what it means to thank everyone.

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