

# Biblioguidance Booklist

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Please note: There is purposeful overlap in the lists with the some of the same books in multiple categories. Many of the books present more than one "issue." We hope that people continue to add and update this list.

## Books Appropriate for K-6

### 9-11

#### *Picture Books:*

- Bravemole by Lyna Jonell
- Courage by Bernard Waber
- Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Henry by Maira Kalman
- On that Day by Andrea Patel
- Sept. 12: We Knew Everything Would Be Alright by H. Bryon Materson  
School 1st Graders available via Scholastic
- Series ... Voyage to the Bunny Planet by Rosemary Wells

### Adoption

#### *Picture Books:*

- Jin Woo by Eve Bunting
- Mother for Choco by Eve Bunting
- Tell Me Again About the Night I was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis

#### *Novels:*

- A Family Apart by Joan Lowry Nixon
- Rodzina by Carla Cushman
- Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
- Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay

### Aging

#### *Picture Books:*

- My Grandmother's in a Nursing Home by Judy Delton & Dorothy Tucker
- Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

#### *Novels:*

- The Graduation of Jake Moon by Barbara Park (4th Grade +)

## **Bullies**

### *Picture Books:*

- The Ant Bully by John Nickel
- Big Bad Bruce by Bill Peet
- Bootsie Barker Bites by Barbara Bottner
- Glasses, Who Needs 'Em by Lane Smith
- Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill
- Stand Tall Molly Lou Mellon by Patty Lovell
- Shrinking Violet by Cari Best
- William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow

### *Novels:*

- Blubber by Judy Blume
- Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet by Andrew Clements
- Skinnybones by Barbara Park
- Surviving Brick Johnson by Laurie Meyers

## **Death/Grief**

### *Picture Books:*

- Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley
- First One Step, then the Other by Tommy DePaola
- Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst
- The Giant by Claire Ewart
- The Language of Doves by Rosemary Wells
- Reading with Dad by Dick and Richard Jorgensen
- To Hell with Dying by Alice Walker
- The Wall by Eve Bunting

### *Novels:*

- Blue Eyes Better by Ruth Wallace Brodeur
- Getting Near to Baby by Audrey Couloubis
- Indigo by Alice Hoffman
- Izzy's Place by Marc Kornblatt
- Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson (poetry)
- Loose Threads by Lorie Ann Grover & Steve Rawlings (6<sup>th</sup> grade+)
- Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson
- Mick Harte was Here by Barbara Park
- Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
- Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes (6<sup>th</sup> grade+)
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- A Summer to Die by Lois Lowry
- Wenny Has Wings by Janet Lee Carey
- Sweet By and By by Patricia Hermes
- The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

## **Fears/General**

### *Picture Books:*

- Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
- Morris the Artist by Lore Grosezmann Segel
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- Will I Have a Friend? By Miriam Cohen

## **Fears/School**

### *Picture Books:*

- Edward Unready by Rosemary Wells
- ...From the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
- Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard
- Timothy Goes to School by Rosemary Wells
- Wemberly Worried by Kelvin Henkes

## **Handicaps/ Disabilities**

### *Picture Books:*

- I'm the Big Sister Now by Michelle Emmert

### *Novels:*

- Izzy Willy Nilly by Cynthia Voigt
- Tiger's Fall by Molly Garrett Bang
- Trout and Me by Susan Shreve (Grades 5 +)

## **Honesty**

### *Picture Books:*

- Boy Who Cried Wolf by Tony Ross (one version)
- Olivia by Ian Falconer

### *Novels:*

- Liar, Liar Pants on Fire by Gordon Korman and Joann Adinolfi
- On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
- One-Eyed Cat by Paula Fox
- Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

## **Illness**

### *Picture Books:*

- The Teddy Bear by David McPhail

## **Shyness**

### *Picture Books:*

- Shrinking Violet by Cari Best

## **Tolerance & Diversity**

### *Picture Books:*

- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
- The Sneetches & Other Stories by Dr. Seuss
- Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester
- The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting
- Westlandia by Paul Fleischman

### *Novels:*

- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Melonhead by Michael de Guzman
- When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt
- My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt
- Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
- Keeper of the Doves by Betsy Byars

## Books for Young Adults (Grades 7-12)

### **9-11**

#### *Novels:*

- The Usual Rules by Joyce Maynard

### **Abuse**

#### *Novels:*

- America by E. R. Frank (High School ONLY)
- Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn
- Catalyst by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Cracker Jackson by Betsy Byars
- Don't Hurt Laurie by Willo Davis Roberts
- Durable Goods by Elizabeth Berg
- I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This by Jacqueline Woodson
- Melonhead by Michael de Guzman
- Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky (High School ONLY)
- Silent to the Bone by E. L. Konigsburg
- Silver by Norma Fox Mazer
- Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher
- The Watcher by James Howe
- What Jamie Saw by Carolyn Coman

### **Adoption**

#### *Picture Books:*

- Mother for Choco by Eve Bunting

#### *Novels:*

- A Family Apart by Joan Lowry Nixon
- Rodzina by Carla Cushman

### **Alternative Punishment**

#### *Novels:*

- Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Iron Man by Chris Crutcher
- Rats Saw God by Rob Thomas
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
- Whirligig by Paul Fleischman

## **Body Image**

*Novels:*

- Blubber by Judy Blume
- Fat Kid Rules the World by K. L. Going
- Life in the Fat Lane by Cherie Bennett
- Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher

## **Bullying**

*Novels:*

- Amandine by Adele Griffin
- Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plumm-Ucci
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Give a Boy a Gun by Todd Strausser
- The Goats by Brock Cole
- Shattering Glass by Gail Giles
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

## **Cliques**

*Novels:*

- Ironman by Chris Crutcher
- Leaving Fishers by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Misfits by James Howe
- Shattering Glass by Gail Giles
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- True Believer by Virginia Euwer Wolff
- Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

## **Death and Dying**

*Novels:*

- Girlhearts by Norma Fox Mazer (YA)
- A Time for Dancing by Han Nolan

## **Diversity / Accepting Differences/ Tolerance**

### *Picture Books:*

- The Big Box by Toni Morrison
  - Intro to The Giver & Brave New World
- David's Father by Robert Munsch
- Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
- Westlandia by Paul Fleischman

### *Novels:*

- Define Normal by Julie Ann Peters
- Dovey Coe by Frances Dowell O'Roark
- Educating Esmé by Esme Faji Codell
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Joey Pigza Loses the Key (and sequels) by Jack Gantos
- Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- Mississippi Trail 1955 by Chris Crowe
- Petey by Ben Mikaelson
- Sahara Special by Esme Faji Codell
- Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Stones of Mourning Creek by Diane Les Becquets
- Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

## **Diversity/Tolerance**

### **Homosexuality**

### *Novels:*

- 8 Seconds by Jean Ferris
- Am I Blue? (short stories) edited by Marion Dane Bauer
- Annie on My Mind by Nancy Garden
- Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan
- Deliver Us from Evie by M.E. Kerr
- The Drowning of Stephen Jones by Bette Green
- Hard Love by Ellen Whittinger
- I'll Get There, It Better be Worth the Trip by Judy Blume
- Living in Secret by Christina Salat
- The Man Without a Face by Isabelle Holland
- My Heartbeat by Garrett Freymann-Weyr
- Up in Seth's Room by Judy Blume

## **Divorce**

### *Novels:*

- Blowfish Live in the Sea by Paula Fox
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- How I Became a Writer and Oggie Learned to Drive by Janet Taylor Lisle
- Ruby Electric by Teresa Nelson
- Seek by Paul Fleischman
- Tender by Valerie Hobbs

## **Drugs/Alcoholism**

### *Picture Books:*

- The House that Crack Built by Clark Taylor

### *Novels:*

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Go ask Alice edited by Beatrice Sparks
- The Jacob Ladder by Gerald Hausman & Uton Hinds
- Lucy the Giant by Sherri L. Smith
- Moonlight Man by Paula Fox
- Smack by Melvin Burgess
- Stetson by S. L. Rottman
- The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick

## **Drunk Driving / Accepting Consequences**

### *Novels:*

- Being Dead: Short Stories by Vivian Vande Velde
- The Coverup by Jay Bennett
- Driver's Ed by Caroline B. Cooney
- Izzy, Willy, Nilly by Cynthia Voight
- Whirligig by Paul Fleischman

## **Foster Kids**

### *Novels:*

- America by E. R. Frank (Upper High School ONLY)
- Born Blue by Han Nolan (High School ONLY)
- Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
- The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
- Heaven Eyes by David Almond
- Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson
- Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Rielly Giff
- Pinballs by Betsy Byars, Beverly Cleary
- Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
- Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

## **Gangs / Violence**

### *Picture Books:*

- Just One Flick of a Finger by Marybeth Lorbiecki

### *Novels:*

- Brimstone Journals (short stories) by Ron Koertge
- Give a Boy a Gun by Todd Strasser
- Monster by Walter Dean Meyers
- On the Fringe (short stories) edited by Donald Gallo
- Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier - YA
- Shooting Monarchs by John Halliday
- They All Fall Down by Robert Cormier

## **Homelessness**

### *Picture Books:*

- December by Eve Bunting
- Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting
- The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen and Rachel Isadora
- The Teddy Bear by David McPhail

### *Novels:*

- The Homecoming by Cynthia Voight
- Monkey Island by Paula Fox
- Maniac McGee by Jerry Spinelli
- Skellig by David Almond
- Slake's Limbo by Felice Holman

## **Illness**

### *Picture Books:*

- The Teddy Bear by David McPhail

### *Novels:*

- Bluish by Virginia Hamilton
- A Cool Moonlight by Angela Johnson
- In Mind's Eye by Paul Fleischman
- Stuck in Neutral by Trueman

## **Individuality /Going Against the Grain**

### *Novels:*

- Big Mouth Ugly Girl by Joyce Carol Oates
- Come Sing Jimmy Jo by Katharine Paterson
- A Fine Dust by Cynthia Ryland
- Hoot by Carl Hiassen
- Nothing But the Truth by Avi
- Ringer by Jerry Spinelli
- Skinhead by Jay Bennett
- Standing up to Mr. O by Claudia Mills
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

## **Jailed/Arrested Parents**

### *Novels*

- Amber was Brave, Essie Was Smart by Vera B. Williams
- Queenie Peavy by Robert Birch
- Same Stuff As Stars by Katherine Paterson
- Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan
- When Dad Killed Mom by Julius Lester

## **Lying/Guilt**

### *Picture Books:*

- The Honest to Goodness Truth by Patricia McKissack

### *Novels:*

- Blackwater by Eve Bunting
- Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci
- Born too Short: The Confessions of an 8th Grade Basket Case by Dan Elish and Jon Agee
- Prairie Whispers by Frances Arrington
- On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
- One Eyed Cat by Paula Fox
- Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald
- Wenny Has Wings by Janet Lee Carey

## **Mental Illness**

### *Novels:*

- America by E.R. Frank (High School ONLY)
- Arthur ASHE and Me by allen B. Beyer
- The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
- Best Little Girl in the World by Steven Levenkrom
- Child Called It by Dave Pelzer
- A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Hudden
- Cut by Patricia McCormick
- Damage by Amanda J. Jenkins
- Dancing on the edge by Han Nolan
- The Game by Teresa Toten
- The Graduation of Jake Moon by Barbara Park
- I Am Not Esther by Fleur Beale
- Inside Out by Terry Trueman
- Kissing Door Knobs (OCD) by Tracey Spencer Hesser
- Lisa, Bright & Dark by John Neufeld
- Memories of Summer by Ruth White
- Sybil by Flora Rhea Schreiber
- Three Faces of Eve by Corbet H. Thingpen

## **Moving/ New Kids**

### *Novels:*

- Durable Goods by Elizabeth Berg
- Hush by Jacqueline Woodson
- Living in Secret by Cristina Salat

## **Nontraditional Families**

### *Picture Books:*

- Gardener by Sarah Stewart

### *Novels:*

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Box Girl by Sarah Withrow
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- Girlheart by Norma Fox Mazer
- Indigo by Alice Hoffman
- Living in Secret by Christina Salat
- Long Way From Chicago by Richard Peck
- Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson
- Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
- Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Paterson
- Sweet By & By by Patricia Hermes
- Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
- Tribute to Another Dead Rock Star by Randy Powell
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

## **Physical Disfigurement**

### *Novels:*

- A Face First by Priscilla Cummings
- Out of the Fire by Deborah Froese

## **Rape**

### *Novels:*

- Are You in the House Alone? By Richard Peck
- Lovely Bones by Alice Seibolt (YA)
- Lucky by Alice Seibolt (upper High School)
- Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

## **Sex**

### *Novels:*

- Forever by Judy Blume

## **Suicide**

### *Novels:*

- About David by Susan Beth B. Pfeffer
- Amiee by Mary Beth Miller
- Damage by Amanda J. Jenkins
- Up on Cloud Nine by Ann Fine

## **Teen Pregnancy**

### *Novels:*

- Annie's Baby: The Diary of Anonymous, A Pregnant Teenager edited by Beatrice Sparks
- Doll Baby by Eve Bunting
- First Part Last by Angela Johnson
- Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard
- Imani All Mine by Connie Porter (High School only)
- Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolf
- Mr. & Mrs. Bo Jo Jones by Ann Head
- Plainsong by Kent Haruf (High School)
- Someone Like You by Sarah Dessen
- Spellbound by Joyce Mac Donald (Sequels -2)
- Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts