

# Peace: A Bibliography

## Preschool

Awdry, W.                    Calling All Engines!                    ISBN# 978-1405221641  
Thomas and friends are working hard getting the new airport ready for the grand opening when a terrible storm slows them down. It is clear that they are going to have to work together, but the steamies and the diesels do not get along. Lady appears to Thomas in a dream and tells him it will be all right, but they will need to get the help of the biggest diesel of them all—Diesel 10. Will he cooperate and help them? In this book, Thomas helps young children understand that it is only when we cooperate, even with those who do not get along, that we can ever hope to come to a peaceful resolution to a problem. Ages 2-4

Goodall, Jane. The Eagle & the Wren.                    ISBN# 978-0735813809.  
Who can fly the highest? "I can," claim the lark & the dove, the vulture & the eagle. Soon the birds take to the air determined to prove they can fly the highest. Who will win? Surely it will be the eagle as he is the biggest of all, or will he? This story from Jane Goodall's childhood illustrates how we need to depend on each other for help and support. Ages 3-8

Perlman, Janet.            The Delicious Bug                    ISBN# 978-1-55337-996-6  
Two chameleon friends, Willy and Wally, are looking forward to their lunch. But then, KerBLAPP! - their tongues simultaneously latch onto a passing bumble bee. Willy claims he saw the bug first and Wally says, no he saw the bug first. As they argue and fight, their actions threaten the peace of the whole forest. It is only when Willy and Wally are forced to use teamwork to escape the jaws of doom, that they recognize the virtues of working together. This comically illustrated story highlights the importance of peacefully resolving conflict and will be a good jumping off point for a discuss on cooperation and friendship. Ages 3-5

Prus, Margi.                The Peace Bell.                    ISBN# 978-0-8050-7800-8  
Katie-chan, an American, is visiting her friend Yuko in Japan. Yuko's grandmother tells the her childhood was happy until war come to her village. Because they needed metals for war machines, her beloved village bell was donated as scrap metal. After the war, the town gradually came back to life, but Yuko's grandmother still missed the village bell. Then, one day, the bell came back! It had been found in a shipyard by American sailors, sent to Minnesota, and returned to the town in an act of friendship. The books simple plot makes it accessible to younger readers and its historical setting makes it perfect for older readers to explore into how friendship can extend beyond war. Based on a true story, this picture book promotes peace and illustrates how war impacts people in many different ways. Ages 3-8

Spinelli, Eileen. Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class. ISBN # 978-0807563793

Tired of the squabbling in her classroom, Miss Fox declares Peace Week: no quarrels, don't say mean things, and help others. They soon get to test their resolve. Squirrel wants to yell back when his big sister yells at him, but he doesn't. Baseball fans supporting opposite teams taunt each other, and then smile, and say, "Good game." The celebratory ending—make every week Peace Week—may be a bit much, but the common scenarios will make this a fun story that will lead to deeper discussions. Younger children need concrete examples and this book provides them with many that they will easily be able to relate too. Ages 3-8

## Elementary

Brink, Carolyn. Caddie Woodlawn. ISBN# 9781416940289

It is 1864 and Caddie lives with her brothers on a Wisconsin farm. Much to the dismay of her mother, Caddie can run and jump and climb trees as easily as her brothers Tom and Warren. But because of Caddie's adventurous spirit, a disaster is averted with the neighboring Indian tribe with whose leader, Indian John, Caddie has befriended. This Newberry winner tells the story of a spirited girl who knows that only through friendship can true peace be obtained. Grades 3-5

Bruchac, Joseph. Children of the Longhouse. ISBN# 978-0140385045

Ohkwa'ri is hiding when he overhears the Grabber's intentions to start a war with the neighboring Anen:taks tribe. Although only 11 years old, he realizes something must be done to stop his fellow tribesman's plans. Despite the predictability of the plot, young readers will enjoy the glimpses of Native American culture and understand that you do not have to be an adult to be a peacemaker. Grades 3-6

Polacco, Patricia. Just in Time, Abraham Lincoln. ISBN# 978-0-399-25471-0

Michael and Derek are not looking forward to visiting a Civil War museum with their grandmother. But the museum keeper invites them to play a game, and before they know it, they're walking straight into a very realistic depiction of 1863. They see the destruction at the battlefield of Antietam, and even meet President Lincoln. This powerful book will help children see the cost of war. This book can be used to lead young people in tackling the hard questions about peace and war. Grades 3-5

Proimos, James. Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace. ISBN# 978-0316032926

How does a seven-year-old achieve world peace? He begins with the easy stuff and works his way up. First, Paulie starts being kind to animals. Then he apologizes to his sister. At school, he is nice to everyone, even the principal, and hands out cupcakes to help resolve conflicts. Having established peace at home and at school, he is ready to take on the world. World peace is a serious issue, but Proimos's tongue-in-cheek approach makes the "can do" message fun and child friendly. Grades K-3

## Middle School

Myers, Walter Dean. Cruisers.

ISBN# 978-0439916264

Zander Scott and his friends, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi are in trouble. Their grades are slipping and the principle is ready to "send them on their way." When the school starts a unit on the Civil War, and kids split up into Union and Confederate sympathizers, Zander and his crew are given a charge - to negotiate a peace between both sides before the war actually breaks out. Zander comes up with the idea to launch an alternative school newspaper called The Cruiser. He and his friends soon learn that although their words have the power to keep the peace, they can also be used as weapons. Soon everyone at school is forced to consider the true meaning of democracy and what it costs to stand up for a cause. The result is nothing they could have expected, and everything they could have hoped for. Acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers delivers the first book in a middle-grade series that will have boys and girls cheering for a group of misfits who may just be the coolest kids in town. Grades 7-8

Pierce, Tamora. The Emperor Mage.

ISBN# 978-1416903376

Sent to Carthak as part of the Tortallan peace delegation, Daine finds herself in the middle of a tough political situation. She doesn't like the Carthaki practice of keeping slaves, but it's not her place to say anything. It is extremely frustrating! As the peace talks stall, Daine puzzles over Carthak's two-faced Emperor Ozorne. How can he be so caring with his birds and so cruel to his people? She is sure he's planning something. Daine must fight the powerful Emperor Mage, knowing that the safety and peace of the realm depends on stopping Ozorne's power-hungry schemes. Grades 6-8

Woodson, Jacqueline. Peace Locomotion.

ISBN#978-0142415122

Twelve-year-old Lonnie is finally feeling at home with his foster family. Separated from his little sister, Lili, he decides it's his job to be the "rememberer" and write down everything that happens while they're growing up. Lonnie's musings are bittersweet; he's happy that he and Lili have new families, and though his new family brings him joy, it also brings new worries. With a foster brother in the army, concepts like peace have new meaning for Lonnie. Told through letters from Lonnie to Lili, this thought provoking book will bring the concept of peace an intimacy not often found in books for teens. Grades 6-8

Yep, Laurence. Lady of Ch'iao Kuo.

ISBN# 978-0439164832

This novel covers four months in the life of Princess Redbird, a member of the royal family of the Hsien people. Decades before, China invaded their land and now the Hsien live in an uneasy peace with the invaders. With an eye to the future of his people, Redbird's father sends the 16-year-old to a Chinese school to learn the language and the customs of the Chinese, and also to be a representative of her people. Her schooling is interrupted when a neighboring tribe, the Dog Heads, attack both the Hsien and the Chinese. The attacks escalate and Princess Redbird's will need all her knowledge to help defeat the invaders. Grades 6-8