

CHILDREN'S BOOKS SUPPORTING INITIATIVE

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"I can grow and change and learn new things"

Titles on this list focus on children's developing sense of competence and confidence, and include themes of persistence, and optimism. Some titles feature characters who are shy or anxious.

A HOUSE FOR HERMIT CRAB, Carle E.
ALL BY MYSELF, Aiki
ALL BY MYSELF, Bates
BARNABY BENNET, Rainforth, H.
BIG SARAH'S LITTLE BOOTS, Bourgeois, P.
CHALK, Thomson, B.
CHICKEN CHASING QUEEN OF LAMAR COUNTY, Harrington. J.
CHICKEN LITTLE, Emberly, R. & E.
CHICK'N PUG, Sather, J.
DRAW, Colon, R.
D.W. FLIPS!, Brown, M. (3-6)
FELIX AND THE WORRIER, Wells, R.
FLOTSAM, Wiesner, D.
FREDERICK, Leoni, L
GOOD JOB, LITTLE BEAR, Waddell, M.
HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON, Johnson, C (3-6)
I AM TOO ABSOLUTELY SMALL FOR SCHOOL, Child, L.
I CAN DO IT TOO, Baicker, K.
I'M GROWING!, Aiki
I'M GONNA LIKE ME, Curtiss, J.L.
IN THE SMALL, SMALL NIGHT, Kurtz.J.
IS IT HARD, IS IT EASY?, Green, M.
ITSY BITSY THE SMART SPIDER, Harper, C.
ITTY BITTY, Bell, C.
KITTEN'S FIRST FULL MOON, Henkes
LEO THE LATE BLOOMER, Kraus, R.
LITTLE BY LITTLE, Marlow, L.
LITTLE ONE STEP, Simon, J.
LOOK WHAT I CAN DO, Hayward, L.
LUCKY SONG, Williams, V
MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE, Arnold McCully, E.
MY BIG BOY BED, Bunting, E.
OCTAVIA AND HER PURPLE INK CLOUD, Rathmell, D.
PETE THE CAT :ROCKING IN MY SCHOOL SHOES, Litwin, E.

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SAHARA SPECIAL, Codell, E.R.
SAM AND DANE DIG A HOLE, Barnett, M.
SAMANTHA, Stoll Walsh, E.
SHIELA RAE, THE BRAVE, Henkes, K.
SHY CHARLES, Wells, R.
SOPHIE'S WHEELS, Pearson, D.
STAND TALL, MOLLY LOU MELON, Lovell, P.
TELL ME WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE BIG, Dunbar, J.
THE BEAR UNDER THE STAIRS, Cooper
THE BIG BUG BALL, Lillegard, D.
THE GIRL AND THE BICYCLE, Pett, M.
THE LITTLE ENGINE THE COULD, Piper, W.
THE POUT POUT FISH IN THE DEEP DEEP DARK, Diesen, D.
THE SOMETHING, Cobb, R.
THE THINGS I CAN DO, Mack
THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE, Schlichtin, M.
THE VERY BUSY SPIDER, Carle, E.
THE VERY QUIET CRICKET
WAFFLE, Raschka, C.
WALLACE'S LIST, Bottner & Kruglik
WEMBERLY WORRIED, Henkes, K.
WHEN I'M BIG McBratney, S (0-3)
WHEN I WAS LITTLE: A FOUR YEAR OLD'S MEMOIR OF HER YOUTH, Curtiss, J.L.
WHISTLE FOR WILLIE, Keats, E.

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