

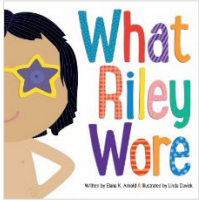
# Challenging Gender Stereotypes

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[What Riley wore](#) by Alena K Arnold



Riley's a creative kid who loves to mix up their wardrobe. Each day of the week, Riley decides to wear something unexpected, like a bunny costume on the first day of school, outer space pyjamas for a lesson on the planets, or a ballgown to dinner. Riley gets plenty of support from parents, adults, and other children, most of whom are delighted by Riley's choices. One question at the end; Are you a girl or a boy? is the only mention of gender, and Riley's answer, Today I'm a firefighter, is good enough for everyone.

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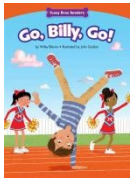
[Who's afraid of the quite nice wolf](#) by Kitty Black



The quite nice wolf doesn't fit in with the local wolf pack. He commences training to become a proper wolf – one that's big and bad. Can he help the wolf pack with their master plan?

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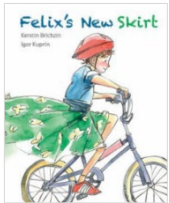
[Go, Billy, go!](#) being yourself by Wiley Blevins



Billy is a typical boy who loves to ride his bike and play video games. But when Billy tells his family and friends, he wants to be a cheerleader, everyone is surprised and starts taunting him. But Billy practices and practices and when he shows his skills at the big game, everyone is impressed and becomes proud of him.

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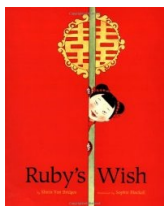
[Felix's new skirt](#) by Kerstin Brichzin



Felix likes to wear skirts. He thinks they're fun—plus he likes the way his legs move in them. His family doesn't mind, but that's not the case for Felix's classmates. Their merciless teasing makes him want to give up school for good. Can Felix's parents come up with a way to validate Felix's expression, while also teaching the other children a lesson in acceptance?

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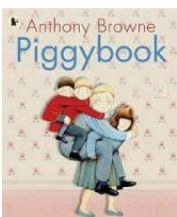
[Ruby's Wish](#) by Shirin Yin Bridges



In old China, Ruby lives with her enormous family. Boys are considered lucky and girls are expected to embroider and get married. Ruby is dissatisfied with her family's emphasis on traditional gender roles. Ruby doesn't want to get married; she wants to go to university like her brothers. Ruby tells her grandfather her wish but doesn't expect things to change for her. Just before she thinks she will have to get married, however, she finds her wish has been granted.

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[Piggybook](#) by Anthony Browne



A mother tired of doing all the chores ends up leaving her lazy family and the men literally turn into pigs. They attempt to clean the house and cook themselves but it's horribly disastrous without Mrs. Piggot to do all the work. When the mother comes back to the house, the boys and father beg for her to stay. She stays and the men begin doing all the chores while the mother fixes the car.

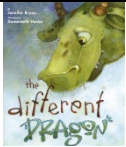
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[The different dragon](#) by Jennifer Bryan

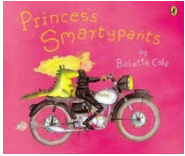
A bedtime story takes Noah on an amazing journey with his cat, where they meet a dragon who doesn't want to be scary and fierce.

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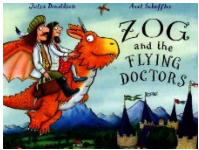


## [Princess Smartypants](#) by Babette Cole



Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the princes want her to be their Mrs. Find out how Princess Smartypants fights to preserve her independence.

## [Zog and the flying doctors](#) by Julia Donaldson



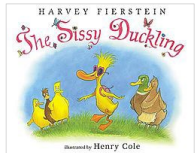
Meet the Flying Doctors: Princess Pearl, Sir Gadabout and, of course, their trusty 'air ambulance', Zog the dragon. There's much to do, as they fly around tending a sunburned mermaid, a distressed unicorn and a sneezy lion. But should princesses really be doctors? Pearl's uncle, the King, doesn't think so until he himself falls ill, and only Pearl knows how to cure him.

## [Rainbow Stew](#) by Cathryn Falwell



On a rainy summer day, three children and their grandpa pick vegetables in his garden and then cook and share a delicious meal of his famous Rainbow Stew.

## [Sissy Duckling](#) by Harvey Fierstein



This is the tale of a duckling named Elmer. Elmer is not like other boy ducks his age. He likes to decorate cookies, enjoys building sandcastles instead of forts, and would rather put on puppet shows than play sports. Papa Duck and the other guys just don't understand. Eventually Papa Duck realises that Elmer is a brave little duck whose courage is something to be admired.

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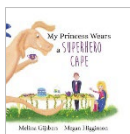


## [Be exactly who you are](#) by Laura Gehl & Joshua Heinsz

Girls perform to fairy songs. Boys play football all day long. Boys yell 'Boo!' and run away. Girls like kittens and ballet. Except when they don't. A lively and empowering reminder that you do not have to choose between dolls or robots, or pink or blue - you can be exactly who you are!

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## [My princess wears a superhero cape](#)



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by Melissa Gilsberg & pictures by Megan Higginson (2021)

'Princesses wear pink dresses and tiaras, don't they?' asked Zoe.

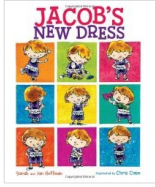
Lydia explains that her princess wears a superhero cape, carries a sword and lives in a secret hideout. She's too busy to wait around for a prince to rescue her.

## [Crusher is coming](#) by Bob Graham



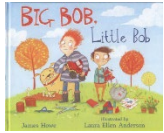
Pete gets rid of his "baby toys" and hopes to impress his friend Crusher, a school football hero, when he visits after school, but Crusher ends up babysitting Pete's baby sister--and seems to enjoy it.

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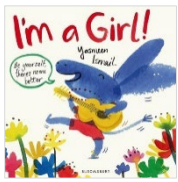
[Jacob's New Dress](#) by Sarah Hoffman

When Jacob wears a makeshift dress to school, the other boys tease him. The teacher explains that Jacob can wear whatever he is comfortable in, even reminding the kids that girls used to not be able to wear pants. Later, Jacob's mum helps him make a real dress to wear. There are "all sorts of ways to be a boy."



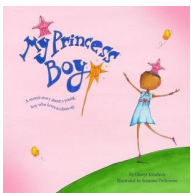
[Big Bob, Little Bob](#) by James Howe

Big Bob likes trucks and throwing balls and being loud. Little Bob likes dolls and jingling bracelets and being quiet. No matter what they do, they do not do it the same way. Can they possibly be friends despite these differences?



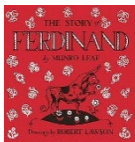
[I'm a girl](#) by Yasmeen Ismail

The girl in this book likes to win, she likes to be spontaneous, fast and strong, and because she also likes to dress in t-shirt and shorts, she is forever getting mistaken for a boy. And when she meets a boy who likes wearing princess dresses and playing dolls, they both quickly discover that they share interests that are wide and varied.



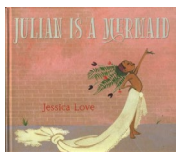
[My Princess Boy](#): a mom's story about a young boy who loves to dress up  
by Cheryl Kilodavis

My Princess Boy tells the tale of a four-year-old boy who happily expresses his authentic self by dressing up in dresses and enjoying traditional girl things such as jewellery and anything pink or sparkly. The book is from a mum's point of view, sharing both good and bad observations.



[The Story of Ferdinand](#) by Munro Leaf

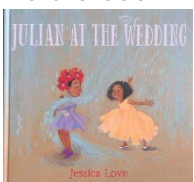
Ferdinand, a bull who prefers to sit and smell the flowers, is mistakenly thought to be the most ferocious bull in Spain. He is carted off to the arena for a bullfight, but a surprise awaits the spectators



[Julian is a mermaid](#) by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela (grandmother) one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes -- and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

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[Julian at the wedding](#) by Jessica Love

Julian and his nana are attending a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding along with his cousin Marisol. When wedding duties are fulfilled and with a new dog friend in tow, the pair takes off to roam the venue, exploring everywhere from underneath tables to enchanting willow trees to ... muddy puddles?

age: 4-6years

[Beautiful](#) by Stacy McAnulty

As the book recounts the virtues of "beautiful girls," spirited illustrations offer their

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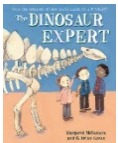


interpretations: "Beautiful girls move gracefully" describes girls playing soccer, rugby, and wheelchair basketball; "beautiful girls know all about makeup" has the girls covered in stubbly pirate beards. Each new page surprises with its empowered twist on worn-out sentiments, allowing girls to embrace their own brand of "beautiful"



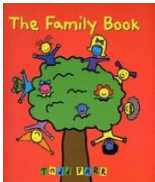
[There, There](#) by Sam McBratney

"There, there, Hansie Bear. You'll be better soon." That's what Hansie's dad says whenever Hansie hurts himself, and it always makes Hansie feel better. Later when his daddy is hurt, little Hansie knows just what to do.



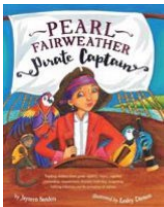
[The dinosaur expert](#) by Margaret McNamara

Future scientist Kimmy eagerly shares information about dinosaurs during a school field trip until classmate Jake tells her "girls aren't scientists," but Mr. Tiffin sets him straight.



[The Family Book](#) by Todd Parr

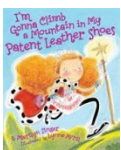
Represents a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but alike in some ways and special no matter what. This book defies gender stereotypes by showing diverse parents.



[Pearl Fairweather, pirate captain](#) by Jayneen Sanders

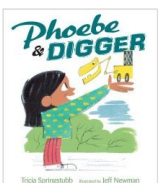
Captain Pearl Fairweather is a brave, fair and strong pirate captain. She and her diverse crew of twenty-four women sail the seven seas on the good ship, Harmony, looking only for adventure. All is well, until the day Captain Sandy McCross sails into their lives and demands to take over Pearl's ship!

This book includes comprehensive and supportive Discussion Questions.



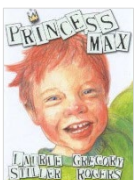
[I'm gonna climb a mountain in my patent leather shoes](#) by Marilyn Singer

Sadie is all-girl, but she does not let that--or her wardrobe--stop her from enjoying a family camping trip as she helps pitch the tent in "fancy ruffled pants" and looks for Bigfoot while wearing a tutu.



[Phoebe and Digger](#) by Tricia Springstubb

When Mama got a new baby, Phoebe got a new digger. And when Mama is busy with the baby, Phoebe and Digger are busy, too. Finally, Mama says it's time to go to the park, the one with real dirt, where Phoebe and Digger happily build and knock down and dig things up.

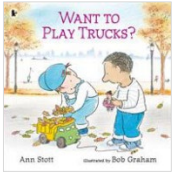


[Princess Max](#) by Laurie Stiller

This is a moving story of a young boy who dresses up in his parents' clothes (his father's underpants on his head and his mother's dress!!) and waltzes around the house - a beautiful princess. But his image and confidence is shattered when his favourite 'cool' cousin calls him a 'weirdo'. But his mother brings his smile and laughter back with a little

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bit of encouragement



[Want to play trucks?](#) by Ann Stott

Jack and Alex meet almost every morning in the sandbox at the playground. Jack likes trucks – big ones. Alex likes dolls – pink ones, with sparkles. And tutus. But Jack doesn't want to play dolls, and Alex doesn't want to play trucks. Luckily for Jack and Alex, the day is saved with a little bit of compromise and the easy acceptance that characterises true friendship... What about dolls who drive trucks?

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[Some boys](#) by Nelly Thomas

Your boy might like rough, tough, gentle or pretty stuff. He might wear shirts, skirts, hats or plaits. He might get sad sometimes, and mad sometimes. He might feel shy sometimes and want to fly sometimes! Some Boys says it's all good – all boys can be whoever they want.

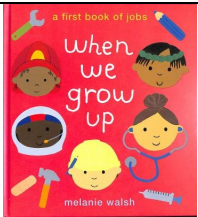
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[Some girls](#) by Nelly Thomas

Everyone is different and special in their own way. It's about knowing that you can do, and be, anything you want. Whether your girl is rough, tough, gentle or pretty, this book is for her. She might have short hair, long hair, big hair or strong hair. Some Girls encourages all girls to be free of stereotypes and other kids and adults to allow them to be.

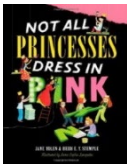
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[when we grow up](#) ( a first book of jobs) by Melanie walsh

What do you want to be when you grow up? Whether it is a vet, a mechanic or a programmer, this book will inspire you to follow your dreams, whatever they may be.

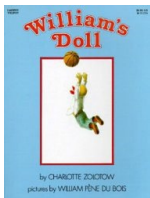
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[Not all Princesses dress in pink](#) by Jane Yolen

This affirming story encourages girls to pursue their interests, digging in the dirt, playing soccer, making messes, and they can do it all while wearing their tiaras.

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[William's Doll](#) by Charlotte Zolotow

William wants a doll to take care of, but no one seems sympathetic! His friends tease him and even his father continues to buy him stereotypical boy's toys in the hopes of squashing William's request. The only adult who understands William is his grandmother who buys William a doll so William can "practice being a good father."

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