



helping children and adults choose the Jesus-way of PEACE!

New Books 2021

The following titles have been carefully selected by educational professionals. New titles are added every year. Grade categories are a guide; children may choose from any level according to their interests and abilities.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference keeps a library of Shalom Readers books for check-out by Central Plains congregations. This library includes books that are out of print. Keep in mind that only books that are still in print are available to receive as rewards. Please note that a \$15.00 fee will be charged for each book that is borrowed from the CPMC Shalom Readers Library and not returned. This fee will be used to purchase replacement books.

Preschool through Grade Two (3-8 years old)

Say Something-by Peter H. Reynolds, Orchard Books, 2019. Encourages children (people) to find their voices and use them to make the world a better place.

Sensing Peace-by Suzana E. Yoder, ill. by Rachel Hoffman-Bayles, Herald Press, 2010. Children are encouraged to see what peace looks, sounds, feels, smells, and tastes like in their everyday moments.

Each Kindness-by Jacqueline Woodson, ill. by E. B. Lewis, Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. Chloe realizes she missed out on the opportunity for a friendship with new girl Maya.

When God Made You-by Matthew Paul Turner, ill. by David Catrow, Convergent Books, 2017. "God was thinking of you long before your debut."

Grades Three through Five (8-11 years old)

Pax-by Sara Pennypacker, ill. by Jon Klassen, Balzer + Bray, 2019. Peter and Pax have been inseparable since Peter rescued Pax as a kit. Now Peter is forced to return Pax to the wild. What will happen to Pax and to Peter?

Making Waves, Fifty Stories About Sharing Love and Changing the World-by Judy Clemons, ill. by David Leonard. Herald Press, 2020. This book is a showcase of 50 heroes who have stood up for what's right to make the world a better place.

Erika's Story-by Ruth Vander Zee, ill. by Roberto Innocenti, Creative Editions, 2003. A Jewish woman tells how as an infant, her mother spared her from the horrors of the holocaust.

Mississippi Morning-by Ruth Vander Zee, ill. by Floyd Cooper, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, reprint 2017. In the midst of the great depression, James William has a hard time grasping the harsh reality of the Klan and their hanging tree, until an unexpected encounter brings the issue even closer to home.

Grades Six through Eight (11-14 years old)

Refugee-by Alan Gratz, Scholastic Press, 2017. Josef is a Jewish boy trying to escape with his family from Nazi Germany in the 1930's, Isabel is trying to escape from Cuba with her family in 1994, and Mahmoud is trying to escape from Syria with his family in 2015. Chapters alternate between the experiences of the three.

House Arrest-by K. A. Holt, Chronicle Books, 2016. Timothy is a good kid who did a bad thing and now he's under house arrest for a whole year. This novel in verse tells about his experiences with his sick younger brother, missing father, overwhelmed mother and how he tries to help and cope.

Nowhere Boy-by Katherine Marsh, Square Fish, reprint 2020. Ahmed is struggling alone in Brussels, Belgium as a refugee from Syria. He meets Max from Washington DC, who is in Brussels with his family but struggling in this new culture and school.

Counting by 7's-Holly Goldberg Sloan, Puffin Books, reprint 2014. Willow Chance is a 12 year old genius, with her own unique obsessions and quirks. She really only connected well with her parents but now that they have both died in a car accident, read this book to see how Willow copes with her grief, finds a new family and triumphs in this baffling world.