

E Per  
***The Cardboard Piano***  
Perkins, Lynne Rae

Even best friendships can be tricky. Debbie means well when she gives a cardboard piano to Tina to practice on, since Tina doesn't have a real one like Debbie does. An excellent longer story about perspective, empathy, and understanding.

E Pom  
***You're Not My Best Friend Anymore***  
Pomerantz, Charlotte

Molly and Ben are best friends and neighbors until they have a falling out. Intensity of emotion will be most appreciated by older children, as will the reconciliation. (Don't judge this older book just by its cover.)

E Rob  
***The New Girl—and Me***  
***Two of a Kind***  
Robbins, Jacqui

Two excellent stories of school friendships - the new kid, the shy kid, the outcast, and the best friend.

E Sco  
***Friends!***  
Scott, Elaine

With photographs of children and thought-provoking questions to prompt discussion, here's an introduction to the delights and difficulties of childhood friendships.

E Sim  
***All Kinds of Friends***  
Simon, Norma

Everyone wants a friend. Friends make you feel good. They share, play together, listen to each other. You meet new friends, and say good-bye to old ones. Friends are important!

E Vai  
***Flabbersmashed about You***  
Vail, Rachel

When Katie's best friend Jennifer plays with Roy at recess, lots of emotions get expressed. But friendships can grow in many new ways.

E Yol  
***How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends?***  
Yolen, Jane

Do friends do naughty things to friends? No, say many different dinosaurs, who first appear brash and loud, but later become polite and pleasant. Another addition to the "How Do Dinosaurs" series.

# Let's Be Friends



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## about Friends and Friendship

E Bor  
***Milk Goes to School***  
Border, Terry

A carton of milk has a hard time at school. Other foods think Milk is “spoiled.” Full of puns and funky photographic illustrations, but there’s still plenty about fitting in, being mean, and friendships.

E Cou  
***I’m the Best***  
Cousins, Lucy

Dog’s friends suffer through his boasting until the tables get turned. Dog apologizes for being a show-off, but his personality still shines through, for better or worse.

E Ell  
***The Two Tims***  
Elliott, David

Like Kevin Henkes’ *Chester’s Way*, here’s a look at how friendship can always make room for one more friend.

E Hal  
***A Rainbow of Friends***  
Hallinan, P.K.

Through catchy rhyming text you’ll get a clear message about universal acceptance and world harmony, starting with friendship.

E Har  
***My Friend Maggie***  
Harrison, Hannah E.

Paula and Maggie have been best friends forever. When Paula starts hanging out with some mean girls, guess who comes to the rescue? A true friend.

E Hob  
***Best Friends for Frances***  
Hoban, Russell

Can a little sister be a friend? Can a boy and a girl be best friends? Here’s a satisfying classic about the rich dynamics of friendships.

E Jen  
***Tiger and Badger***  
Jenkins, Emily

These two best friends can “badger” and even get in a physical fight about a last popsicle, a favorite chair, and other scenarios that young kids can relate to. The illustrations are half the fun.

E Joo  
***Friends (Mostly)***  
Joose, Barbara M.

Henry and Ruby are best friends, but they don’t always get along. How does that happen? How does it feel? How do they stay best friends?

E Mon  
***Wanted: Best Friend***  
Monson, A.M.

Cat needs a new friend, because Mouse doesn’t want to play (and lose) at checkers—again. But the “friends” who show up are not what Cat had in mind. Will Mouse come back, if asked?

E Mun  
***Enemy Pie***  
Munson, Derek

A young boy’s summer is ruined when “the enemy” moves in nearby. But Dad’s Enemy Pie will do the trick, as long as the son does his fair share for the recipe. A sly look at how to handle a tough social situation.

E Num  
***The Jellybeans*** books  
Numeroff, Laura Joffe

Four different *Jellybeans* titles offer up how friendships are formed and maintained. Kids in school or summer camps will appreciate these stories the most.

E Nye  
***Squid and Octopus: Friends for Always***  
Nyeu, Tao

Four sweet stories in one book showing how two friends can argue over silly things, but will always cheer each other up when needed.

