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Children's Books Related to Empathy

1. *The Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena

- Description: A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.
- Call number: J PIC De La Pena

2. *We're All Wonders* by R. J. Palacio

- Description: Augie enjoys the company of his dog, Daisy, and using his imagination, but painfully endures the taunts of his peers because of his facial deformity.
- Call number: J PIC Palacio

3. *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts

- Description: Jeremy longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother can't afford them. He is excited when he sees them for sale and decides to buy them even though they're the wrong size.
- Call number: J PIC Boelts

4. *Come With Me* by Holly M. McGhee

- Description: Frightened by news of angry people around the world, a young girl gets her parents' help in learning how to be compassionate and brave.
- Call number: J PIC McGhee

5. *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle

- Description: A friendly little truck named Blue always greets the animals as he drives by and treats them with kindness and respect, while Blue's big brother, the Big Yellow Dump Truck, is the complete opposite. After getting stuck in the mud, the Dump realizes how badly he has behaved and learns the importance of friends and help from others.
- Call number: J PIC Schertle

6. *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow

- Description: When Tanisha spills juice all over her new dress, her classmates contemplate how to make her feel better and what it means to be kind. From asking the new girl to play to standing up against a bully, this thoughtful story teaches kindness, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference.
- Call number: J PIC Miller

7. *Save Me A Seat* by Sarah Weeks

- Description: Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems -- but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class).
- Call number: J ELEM Weeks

8. *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

- Description: A rabbit and a mouse plant seeds, and in time, the seeds grow into vegetables. The animals gleefully enjoy their harvest until some birds show up, but the rabbit and mouse don't want to share, which leads to a squawking match and food fight. Eventually, the mouse then offers the birds a tomato and the birds respond with a kindness of their own, spreading more seeds as they fly. In the end, the animals enjoy the sweet fruits of cooperation.
- Call number: J PIC Nelson

9. *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson

- Description: Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.
- Call number: J PIC Munson

10. *A Sick Day for Amos McGhee* by Philip Christian Stead

- Description: Amos McGee, a friendly zoo keeper, always makes time to visit his animal friends, but when he becomes sick and can't come in to work, the animals pay him a visit instead.
- Call number: J PIC Stead

11. *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids* by Carol McCloud

- Description: This book encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation, and love by "filling buckets."
- Call number: J PIC McCloud

12. *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson

- Description: When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.
- Call number: J PIC Woodson

13. *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine

- Description: Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
- Call number: J ELEM Erskine

14. *The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade* by Justin Roberts

- Description: Sally McCabe is a very little girl, and nobody notices her, although she notices everything that goes on around her--but when she speaks out about the unkindness she sees, people start to pay attention.
- Call number: J PIC Roberts

15. *Peace is an Offering* by Annette LeBox

- Description: Illustrations and simple, rhyming text show different ways that peace can be found, made, and shared.
- Call number: J PIC LeBox

16. *How Kind* by Mary Murphy

- Description: When Hen gives Pig an egg, she sets off a chain of events that brings kindness to all of the animals on the farm.
- Call number: J PIC Murphy