

Cultivating Compassion in Children Series

This multi-award-winning **Cultivating Compassion in Children** series is about preparing, nurturing, growing, teaching, and appreciating compassionate children through creating increased awareness. It is like gardening that requires preparing the soil, watering, and fertilizing the plants, weeding, and then appreciating the fruit or flowers that are produced. The stories are intended, like looking through a magnifying glass, for children to get a bigger picture, a greater understanding of different situations. The series addresses inclusion, bullying, kindness, and understanding the natural process of aging and disabilities.

		<p>Have you ever felt left out, or that you just did not belong or fit in? Do you know a child that might feel this way? Human beings need the feeling of self-worth to grow and develop into a healthy contributing part of society. <i>BaBa-Balu Belongs, Too</i>, a multiple award-winning story in areas including School Issues, LGBT, and STEM is about a monarch caterpillar who doesn't fit in. He feels uncomfortable in his own skin. The story reaches a turning point where he feels loved and accepted. This allows him to become the beautiful butterfly he is meant to be. This story follows the metamorphosis cycle and includes several of its scientific terms.</p>
		<p>This award-winning book in cultural diversity is about a sunflower, Suzy, that blows into a perennial garden. Mr. Gardener considers anything that he has not planted, a weed. This story is about "welcoming" something or someone new or different into your garden. When something new is added or happens, it can add more love and joy. This is a story about inclusion and acceptance.</p>
		<p>This award winning and Amazon #1 Best Seller book in categories including Peer Pressure, Values, Self-Esteem & Self-Respect is about six-year-old Maggie as she questions her grandmother whether old things can be beautiful. This is after Maggie sees advertisements to wash the gray out of your hair and creams to wipe away the wrinkles to make a woman look young and beautiful. The intent of this story is to see beauty from beyond societal norms to what is simply natural in life. It can lead to thoughts and discussion on positive self-esteem. The illustrations in the book are beautiful and culturally diverse. This is a warm and wonderful multigenerational book for parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends to read to young children.</p>
		<p>If you are looking for a story about understanding aging, disabilities, acceptance, and compassion, this Amazon #1 Best Seller is the book for you. This multi-award-winning children's book in categories including disability awareness and special needs is a sweet story to help explain the impacts of aging and disabilities in general. It is about a boy and his grandpa as they are trekking on a Colorado trail where little Joey sees his grandpa is acting differently and thinks it's a reflection about him. Misunderstandings such as this are common and require communication to get the true picture of what really is happening. This is a multigenerational story which is wonderful for parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends to read to with children leading discussion on how easily situations can be misunderstood.</p>

