Books That Embrace Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
Middle Grade Booklist

- Finding Perfect by Elly Swartz
- Smart Cookie by Elly Swartz
- Give and Take by Elly Swartz
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang (Also Three Keys)
- The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
- Guts by Raina Telgemeier
- Roll With It by Jamie Sumner
- Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
- A Place at the Table by Laura Shovan and Saadia Faruqi
- Chirp by Kate Messner
- Star Crossed by Barbara Dee
- Piecing Me Together Renée Watson
- Stanley Will Probably Be Fine Sally Pla
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Blended by Sharon Draper
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- House Arrest by K. A. Holt
- Genesis Begins by Alicia D Williams
- Wish by Barbara O’Connor
- Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
- Rain Reign by Ann M Martin
- Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X Stork
- Good Enough by Jen Petro-Roy
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
- Footer Davis is Probably Crazy by Susan Vaught
- A Whole New Ball Game by Phil Bildner
- The Magical Imperfect by Chris Baron
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Focused by Alyson Gerber
- The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller
- Bat by Elana Arnold
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry
- The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

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