Big Conversations About Social Situations

The books in this list are about social situations children find themselves in. Some are positive, some are negative, but all are a part of life. These books were chosen to aid in conversations about how to handle these situations.

When Your Friend is Scared	Allen Morey
In this book, readers will discover how to recognize fear in others and how to best respond to it with empathy and understanding.	

When Your Friend is Sad	Allen Morey
In this book, readers will discover how to recognize sadness in others and how to best respond to it with empathy and understanding.	

When Your Friend is Lonely	Allen Morey
In this book, readers will discover how to recognize loneliness in others and how to best respond to it with empathy and understanding.	

Just What to Do	Kyle Lukoff
This book offers an important lesson about how to offer comfort to loved ones by setting aside your assumptions and following their lead.	

Big Bird Can Share	Dina Anastasio
Big Bird shares his new pail and shovel with his friends with amazing results.	

Nelly That's Not Nice!	Shirley Bogart
Nelly, the Naughty Newt is habitually less than honest. Like the boy who cried "wolf, " Nelly finds out that because people have learned not to trust her, they accuse her of wrongdoing even when she's blameless.	

The Jelly Donut Difference: Sharing Kindess with the World	Maria Dismondy
Leah and Dexter are brother and sister. They don't always get along. In fact, there are times they can be downright mean to each other. The ooey, gooey jelly donuts in this story are a testament to the power of kindness, caring, and generosity.	

Honest Ashley	Virginia L. Kroll

When Ashley procrastinates writing her school essay, she's caught up short; it's due tomorrow and she hasn't even started. Her friend Kelly says she's having her sister write hers. Ashley knows that's cheating, but what is she to do?

Makayla Cares About Others	Virginia L. Kroll
With her tool box and her talent for fixing things, eight-year-old Makayla tries to mend a neighbor's broken heart.	

My Secret Bully	Trudy Ludwig
When Monica's friend Katie begins to call her names in front of other kids at school, she feels betrayed and isolated. But with help from her mother, Monica reclaims her confidence from a bully disguised as her friend. Includes helpful tips and discussion questions.	

Nobody Knew What to Do: A Story About Bullying	Becky R. McCain
Straightforward and simple, this story tells how one child found the courage to tell a teacher about Ray, who was being picked on and bullied by other kids in school.	

Bullies Never Win	Margery Cuyler
When the class bully makes fun of Jessica, she doesn't know what to do. She doesn't want to be a tattletale, but she also wants the bullying to stop. Can Jessica find the courage to stand up for herself?	

Enemy Pie	Derek Munson
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.	

Tina Tells the Truth	Ruth Lerner Perle
Tina the Truthful Tiger tells the truth in a way that hurts her friends' feelings. With the help of the AlphaPets, Tina finds out how to tell the truth in a friendly and thoughtful way.	

Kindness Counts: A Story for Teaching Random Acts of Kindness	Bryan Smith

When Cade learns strangers have paid for his family's ice cream at the drive-through, he wonders why anyone would do such a crazy thing. That's when his dad tells him about random acts of kindness.

Sometimes I Share	**Harriet Zifert**
A young girl describes how she shares with her younger brother--most of the time.	

Bijan Always Wins	**Abid Khorram**
Winning is Bijan's favorite thing. And Bijan *always* wins. But after declaring himself the winner of drawing and dinosaurs and even of lunch, Bijan notices that his friends aren't so keen to play with him. Could it be that some things, like friendship, *can't* be won?	