

## **SELF ESTEEM / INDIVIDUALITY / SELF CONCEPT**

Auch, M. The Easter Egg Farm. Pauline the hen lays unusual eggs, but Mrs. Pennywort, her owner, thinks they're beautiful, and she and Pauline work together to open an Easter Egg farm. jP Auch

Beaumont, K. Being Friends. Two very different girls find that the joy of being friends enables them to share their various likes and dislikes. jP Beaumont

Borden, L. A. Lincoln and Me. With the help of his teacher, a young boy realizes that he not only shares his birthday and similar physical appearance with Abraham Lincoln, but that he is like him in other ways as well. jP Borden

Brown, L. How to Be. When two children pretend to be various animals, they discover how to be themselves. jP Brown

Charlip, R. Hooray For Me! Explores an individual's relationship to family, friends, and even pets. jP Charlip

Côté, G. Me and You. Two friends discuss how different they are from each other, and each decide, after wishing they were like the other, that it's best to accept one's own individuality. jP Cote

Couric, K. The Blue Ribbon Day. When Carrie is disappointed not to make the school soccer team, she turns her attention to creating a science fair project. jP Couric

De Paola, T. The Art Lesson. Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there is much more regimented. jP De Paola

Dolenz, M. Gakky Two-Feet. Although the other hominidees tease him, Gak prefers to walk on two legs instead of four, and one day his difference turns out to be helpful, just as his mother said it would. jP Dolenz

Frasier, D. On the Day You Were Born. The earth celebrates the birth of a newborn baby. jP Frasier

Gikow, L. The Big Game. A child who has trouble with some of the soccer skills finds an important role as goalie. jE Gikow

Graves, K. Loretta: Ace Pinky Scout. Loretta, unrelenting perfectionist, is devastated when she fails to earn the Golden Marshmallow Badge, but her grandmother's picture gives her a new perspective on things. jP Graves

Graves, K. Three Nasty Gnarlies. When a butterfly informs three Nasty Gnarlies that they are ugly, they try to become beautiful like her. Eventually they realize that they like the way they are, and that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. jP Graves

Helakoski, L. Fair Cow. Effie the cow dreams of winning a blue ribbon at the state fair, while her best friend Petunia the pig advises her to give up all that she truly enjoys in order to prepare for the big day. jP Helakoski

Helakoski, L. Woolbur. Woolbur, a sheep with a mind of his own, never seems to follow the flock, despite his parents' reminders about how he should behave. jP Helakoski

Henkes, K. Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other students make fun of it. jP Henkes

Hoffman, M. Amazing Grace. Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black and a girl, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. jP Hoffman

Jenkins, E. Daffodil. Triplet sisters Rose, Violet, and Daffodil grow tired of wearing the colorful party dresses that match their names. jP Jenkins

Knowles, S. Edward the Emu. Tired of being an emu, Edward decides to try being like other animals at the zoo; but he soon discovers that being himself is the best after all. jP Knowles

Leaf, M. The Story of Ferdinand. A classic peace tale of the bull who would rather smell the flowers than fight. jP Leaf

LeShan, E. What Makes You So Special? Discusses the many different factors that make each one of us a unique human being. j 155.2 L

Lester, H. Tacky the Penguin. Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps. jP Lester

Lichtenheld, T. Bridget's Beret. When Bridget loses the beret that provides her with artistic inspiration like other great artists, she thinks she will never be able to draw again. jP Lichtenheld

Manning, M. Cock-A-Doodle-Hooooooo! When a tired, lonely owl finds shelter in a hen house during a storm, he is awakened by a flock of bossy hens who try to force him to be a cockerel, until he demonstrates what he can do for them. jP Manning

Meng, C. Tough Chicks. Three independent chicks who dare to be different are reprimanded by the other barnyard residents for not being quiet and docile, until the smart, fearless trio takes on a runaway tractor. jP Meng

Mills, C. Ziggy's Blue-Ribbon Day. Ziggy does not do well on the school track and field day events, but he feels much better after his classmates recognize his drawing talent. jP Mills

Molk, L. Good Job, Oliver! Oliver Bunny sets out to prove to the big bunnies that he can win the annual strawberry contest, but he is still his mother's little bunny boy. jP Molk

Moss, M. Regina's Big Mistake. When told to draw a jungle in art class, Regina experiences feelings of failure and creative insecurity, but manages to create a beautiful picture that's all her own. jP Moss

Rathmann, P. Ruby the Copycat. Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources. jP Rathmann

Roche, D. Little Pig is Capable. Little pig's parents worry about him so much that it's embarrassing, but all their warnings come in handy when he goes on a hike with his Snout Scout troop and their strange substitute troop leader. jP Roche

Rousaki, M. Unique Monique. More than anything, Monique wants to be different, and her school uniform just doesn't help. But when she finds her mother's old trunk, she is able to push the limits at school and really stand out . . . at first. Finally, though, Monique finds that having braces sets her apart without breaking any rules at all. jP Rousaki

Sauer, T. Mostly Monsterly. On the outside, Bernadette is a lot like the other monsters in her class but when she shows that she can be sweet, her classmates reject her until she finds a way to fit in again. jP Sauer

Schoonmaker, E. Square Cat. Eulah the cat is square and, while she longs to be round like other cats, her friends show her the benefits of the shape that she has. jP Schoonmaker

Shannon, D. A Bad Case of Stripes. In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself. jP Shannon

Sharmat, M. The 329<sup>th</sup> Friend. Bored with his own company, Emery Raccoon invites 328 guests to lunch but finds that none of them have time to listen to him. j PAR PIC Sharmat

Spier, P. People. Emphasizes the differences among the over six billion people on earth. j 155.2 Spier Peter

Weeks, S. I'm A Pig. In rhyming text, a little pig exults in the fact that she is a pig. jP Weeks

Wells, R. Bunny Cakes. In making a cake for Grandma's birthday, Max goes shopping. When the grocer can't read all of the shopping list, Max solves the problem by drawing a picture. jP Wells

Wells, R. Doris's Dinosaur. When Mrs. Jenkins proposes the class paint dinosaurs, Doris's unusual artistic talent is not recognized until the class visits a modern art museum. jE Wells

Young, A. The Mud Fairy. Emmalina the fairy describes how, after many efforts, she finally earned her wings by just being herself. jP Young

#### FOR OLDER READERS:

Green, S. Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman. Owen, a second-grader who is being teased for his small size, discovers that his friend Joseph is just as concerned about being overweight, and they share their fear of being humiliated by the school nurse. j Greene

Kline, S. Marvin and the Mean Words. Marvin overhears remarks made by his second-grade teacher and is sure she hates him. j Kline

Masters, S. Libby Bloom. When Libby, a fourth-grader who envies the accomplishments of her older sister, begins tuba lessons with a perceptive band teacher, she discovers that she has hidden talents of her own. j Masters

Yep, L. When the Circus Came to Town. An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stage coach station to regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face. j Yep