

Book Suggestions: Grades 5 & 6



Say Something By Peter H. Reynolds

The world needs your voice. If you have a brilliant idea... say something! If you see an injustice... say something! In this empowering new picture book, beloved author Peter H. Reynolds explores the many ways that a single voice can make a difference. Each of us, each and every day, have the chance to say something: with our actions, our words, and our voices. Perfect for kid activists everywhere, this timely story reminds readers of the undeniable importance and power of their voice.



Big Boys Cry By Jonty Howley

It's Levi's first day at a new school, and he's scared. His father tries to comfort Levi by telling him "big boys don't cry." On the way, the young boy notices that adult men openly express their emotions. A story to fight against machismo, sexist clichés and gender stereotypes.



Playing from the Heart By Peter H. Reynolds

When a young boy begins to play on his family's piano, reveling in the fun of plunking the keys, his father signs him up for lessons so that he can learn to play properly. With his father's encouragement, Raj learns notes, then scales, then songs, and finally classical pieces that his father can recognize and be proud of. But the more Raj practices and the more skilled he becomes, the less he enjoys playing, until he grows up and stops playing altogether. When his father becomes ill and asks Raj to play for him, will Raj remember how to play from the heart?