

# Resources to support the social/emotional needs of gifted learners through literature and nature

## Books and articles for reference:

- Some of My Best Friends Are Books: Guiding Gifted Readers, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition by Judith Wynn Halstead
- Using Books to Meet the Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Students by Judith Wynn Halstead: <http://sengifted.org/using-books-to-meet-the-social-and-emotional-needs-of-gifted-students/>
- Byrdseed Blog-articles on social emotional needs: <http://www.byrdseed.com/tag/social-emotional/>
- Living With Intensity, edited by Susan Daniels and Michael Piechowski
- Dabrowski's overexcitabilities – A Layman's Explanation by Stephanie Tolan: <http://www.stephanietolan.com/dabrowskis.htm>
- The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease
- The Barnes & Noble Guide to Children's Books
- A Family of Readers by Roger Sutton and Martha V. Parravano
- How to Get Your Child to Love Reading by Esme Raji Codell
- The Essential Guide to Children's Books and Their Creators by Anita Silvey, Editor
- Show Me a Story! Why Picture Books Matter compiled and edited by Leonard S. Marcus
- Great Books About Things Kids Love by Kathleen Odean
- Presentation: Gifted Readers – What do we know and what should we be doing by Sally Reis, E. Jean Gubbins and Susannah Richards: <http://aea11gt.pbworks.com/f/nagcread.pdf>
- Vitamin N: 500 Ways to Enrich Your Family's Health and Happiness by Richard Louv

## Book lists:

- Stonewall Award book list (for books GLBT books): <http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/award/stonewall/honored>
- Hoagies Gifted Ed Page: [http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/hot\\_topics.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/hot_topics.htm)
- Rebecca Rupp Resources: <http://www.rebeccaruppresources.com/>

## Fiction:

The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall - gifted girls

A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration and the Meaning of Home by Henry Cole

Little Women - the struggles a gifted thinker goes through deciding how to develop their gifts and follow their passion (which passion is calling me right now?!)

Dragon of Lonely Island and its sequel by Rebecca Rupp

The Giver series by Lois Lowry

The View From Saturday and others by E.L.Konigsburg - 4 different kids are drawn together by a common interest in the intellectual

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan and Peter Sis - a fictional story about a boy who feels the calling to imagine and create wonderful poetry; based on the childhood of Pablo Neruda, a Chilean poet who won the Nobel prize for Literature

Anne of Green Gables series by L.M.Montgomery

The Fruit Bowl Project: 50 Ways to Tell a Story by Sarah Durkee

## Nonfiction:

The Survival Guide for Gifted Kids: Ages 10 and Under by Judy Galbraith

The Gifted Teen Survival Guide: Smart, Sharp and Ready for (Almost) Anything by Judy Galbraith

Can We Save the Tiger? By Martin Jenkins  
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman  
An Egg is Quiet (and all others in this series) by Dianna Aston and Sylvia Long  
Bat Loves The Night by Nicola Davies  
Yucky Worms and Caterpillar Caterpillar by Vivian French  
Insect Detective by Steve Voake  
Birds Build Nests by Elizabeth Raum

Poetry:

Red Sings from Treetops: a year in colors by Joyce Sidman  
Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill  
More Spice Than Sugar: Poems About Feisty Females compiled by Lillian Morrison  
This is Just to Say - Poems of Apology and Forgiveness by Joyce Sidman  
Watching Ants by Arden G. Thompson  
Days Like This by Simon James

Picture Books:

You Nest Here With Me by Jane Yolen and Heidi E.Y. Stemple  
Miss Maple's Seeds by Eliza Wheeler  
And then it's spring by Julie Fogliano  
Secret Tree Fort by Brianne Farley  
This Moose Belongs to Me (and all other titles!) by Oliver Jeffers  
Sidewalk Flowers by Jon Arno Lawson and Sydney Smith  
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown  
Inside Outside by Lizi Boyd  
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney  
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey  
The Nesting Quilt and Rainbow Stew by Cathryn Falwell  
Wildflower Tea by Ethel Pochocki  
The Gift by Carol Ann Duffy  
Andrew Henry's Meadow by Doris Burn - unappreciated giftedness (spatial skills, engineering)  
The Three Questions by Jon J Muth  
Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa by Don Brown  
The Genius of Leonardo by Guido Visconti and Bimba Landmann  
Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg  
Francis Dean Who Love to Dance and Dance and Oliver by Birgitta Sif  
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg & The Chronicles of Harris Burdick by various authors - read the first one with kids and give them lots of opportunity to create their own stories before introducing those created by other authors in the second book  
Journey, Quest, and Return - a trilogy by Aaron Becker

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