

Brilliant Books for Respectful Relationships



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When we **foster positive personal identities and challenge gender stereotypes and roles** we are promoting gender equity and contributing to positive change for future generations.

You can read more about ways to support Gender Equity and Respectful Relationships in the Early Years [here](#).

The City of Darebin **Gender Equity in the Early Years** Community of Practice has been exploring the ways that children develop an understanding of who they are, and who they can be. We are “*committed to equity and avoid practices that directly or indirectly contribute to gender inequality, prejudice and discrimination.*” The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF), p.12.

“Upholding or supporting rigid gender stereotypes can potentially hamper both girls’ and boys’ development and inadvertently shape their later career prospects, their ability to process emotion in healthy ways and their capacity to engage in equal and respectful relationships. More broadly, adhering to and reinforcing gender stereotypes perpetuates a historical system of gender inequality that creates specific issues for both women and girls, and men and boys, and results in women and girls typically facing greater disadvantage. The kinds of behaviours and attitudes that lead to one in three Australian women experiencing physical violence in their lifetime are a product of this entrenched system of inequality.”


Our Watch (2018). Challenging gender stereotypes in the early years: the power of parents. Melbourne, Australia: Our Watch.

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Our books explore emotions and feelings, and challenge rigid stereotypes and roles to promote gender equality.

- ABC What Can He Be? Boys can be anything they want to be, from A to Z** by Sugar Snap Studio
- ABC What Can She Be? Girls can be anything they want to be from A to Z** by Sugar Snap Studio
- Ada Twist, Scientist** by Andrea Beaty
- All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold and Susanne Kaufman
- All Bodies are Good Bodies** by Charlotte Barkla
- All the Ways to be Smart** by Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys
- Clancy the Quokka** by Lili Wilkinson
- Clive and his Babies, Rosa Loves Dinosaurs, Rosa Loves Cars** (and others!) by Jessica Spanyol
- Dave the Lonely Monster** by Anna Kemp
- Dogs Don't Do Ballet** by Anna Kemp
- Ella May Does it Her Way** by Mick Jackson
- Hooray for You!** by Marianne Richmond
- How Are You Feeling Today?** by Molly Potter
- I am Enough** by Grace Byers
- I Believe I Can** by Grace Byers
- I Love Me** by Sally Morgan
- Julian Is A Mermaid** by Jessica Love
- Kindness Makes Us Strong** by Sophie Beer
- The Lion Inside** by Rachel Bright
- Little Bit Brave** by Nicola Kinnear
- Little Kunoichi the Ninja Girl** by Sanae Ishida
- Love Makes A Family** by Sophie Beer
- Mary Had a Little Lab** by Sue Fliess
- Mary Wears What She Wants** by Keith Negley
- No Matter What** by Debi Gliori
- Not All Princesses Dress in Pink** by Jane Yolen
- Odd Dog Out** by Rob Biddulph
- Our Little Inventor** by Sher Rill Ng
- Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley** by Aaron Blabey
- Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain** by Jayneen Sanders
- Pink Is for Boys** by Robb Pearlman
- Princess Smarty Pants** by Babelle Cole
- Red A Crayons Story** by Michael Hall
- Rosie Revere, Engineer** by Andrea Beaty
- Some Boys** by Nelly Thomas
- Some Girls** by Nelly Thomas
- Sugar and Snails** by Sarah Tsiang
- The Firefighters** by Sue Whiting
- The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch
- Today I Feel... An Alphabet of Feelings** by Moniz Madlena
- Tough Guys Have Feelings Too** by Keith Negley
- Want to Play Trucks?** by Anna Stott
- What If?: What Makes You Different Makes You Amazing!** By Sandra Magsamen
- Who Am I? I Am Me!** by Jayneen Sanders
- You Are Your Strong** by Danielle Dufayet
- You Can Be** by Elise Gravel
- You Matter** by Christian Robinson

*Artist: Nakia Cadd – Gunditjmarra, Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung, Bunitj.
Border: The different layers are sacred lands that we are fortunate to work, learn and grow on each day. The water and earth tones represent the many beautiful lands, waters and skies.*