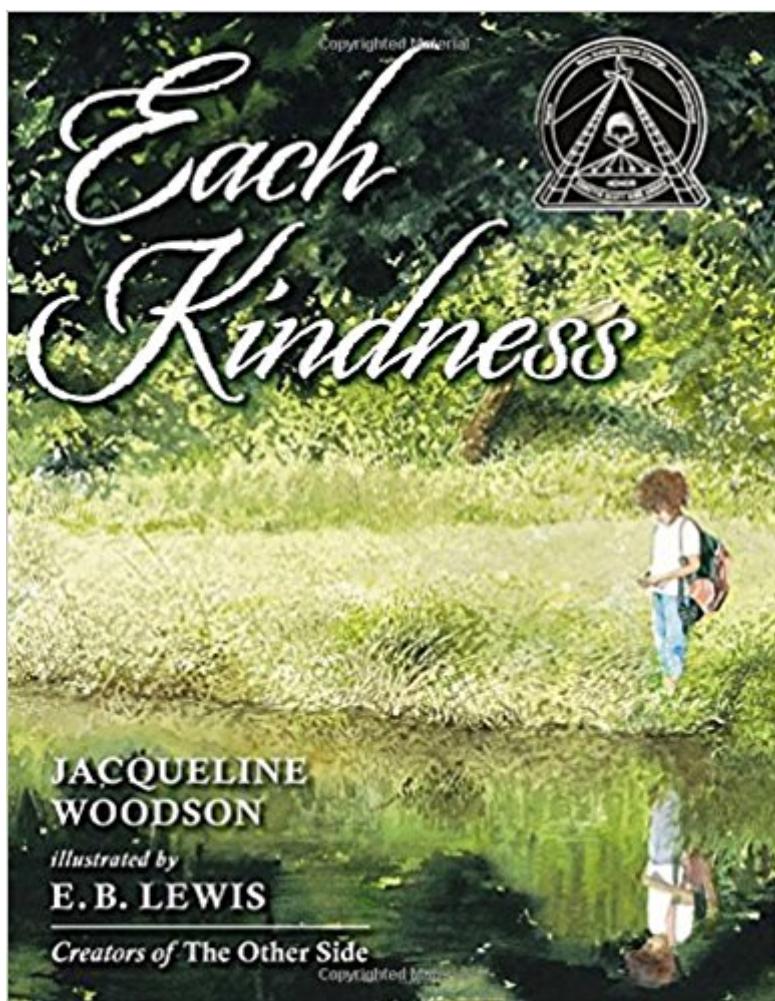


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# Each Kindness (Jane Addams Award Book (Awards))



## **Synopsis**

WINNER OF A CORETTA SCOTT KING HONOR AND THE JANE ADDAMS PEACE AWARD!

Each kindness makes the world a little better This unforgettable book is written and illustrated by the award-winning team that created The Other Side and the Caldecott Honor winner Coming On Home Soon. With its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, it will resonate with readers long after they've put it down. Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

As an elementary school counselor I could not be more OVERJOYED to have discovered this amazing teaching tool. It tackles bullying, friendship, rejection, kindness, empathy, bystanders and so much more. This is going to be one of the most important books I read to students this year. It

will definitely be one of my favorites. If you are an educator it is a MUST for your bookshelf. This is a powerful story PACKED FULL of life lessons. A new student Maya is treated horribly by her classmates. She tries making friends with the other students but is rejected and becomes a target because of her economic status. Students will feel sadness as you read this story - because they will be filled with an overwhelming empathy for Maya. In the end, we never know the full damage that may have been caused to Maya because she moves. We can surely guess though. However, it's Chloe who teaches us the lesson. She had shunned Maya but is filled with guilt, remorse, and emotional pain as she becomes aware of her own hurtful behavior. She is never able to make amends. I cannot wait for the discussion this will create. If we can teach our children to live their lives in complete kindness - hopefully they will not have to learn this lesson the hard way.

I read this book about a week ago, and I am now able to write about it! This is one of the best books ever done by the amazing, incredibly talented author Jacqueline Woodson. I am a storyreader, and I give reading presentations in schools, and my two favorites of Ms. Woodson are: The Other Side, and Locomotion. Each Kindness is in a class by itself. So well crafted and lovingly written, it expresses the frustrating feelings of "what should have been said or done" There is so much here to discuss for classes who really listen to this masterpiece! You ache for this little girl, and how she feels about things not done. I have been waiting for this book since The Other Side first came out. I am really looking forward to sharing this gem with parents, teachers and kids this year starting in Florida in January. Thank you Ms. Woodson for your inspiring words, your rhythmic dialogue, and for the best book of the year!!

A moving story of a lost opportunity, along the line that Eleanor Estes explored decades before in her book, The Hundred Dresses. Each generation must learn this lesson and teach the next about acceptance, friendship, and the too-fleeting moments that can define our lives.

This very original book contains a haunting truth: We don't always get a second chance to do the right thing. I recommend the book to every elementary school teacher out there, but I also think that it serves as a catalyst for some important conversations between parents and their kids. You'll be thinking about this book for a long time....

This picture book should be read by all children because of its underlying facet of bullying. A new girl, Maya, comes to school but because of her worn clothing and tattered shoes, she is not readily

accepted as a friend. She tries to befriend Chloe and Chloe's friends, but they disdainfully keep away from her and make fun of her. It is not until after Maya has left, that a class lesson causes Chloe to question her behavior towards Maya and to regret her actions. It is a beautifully written book that conveys deep felt emotions through its plain, unembellished narration yet gentle and soft watercolor illustrations. The illustrations are beautifully interwoven into the story, creating a mood all on their own. There's the angle looking up at Maya as she enters the classroom her first day and because Maya is looking down it is the only way to see her face. The illustration creates the sense that Maya feels uncomfortable and isolated. Then we see Chloe looking out the window, looking away from Maya, while Maya shyly smiles at Chloe. You can sense Maya's shy friendliness and Chloe's cold response to Maya. While the character illustrations say a lot about the characters feelings and personalities, it is the landscape that intensifies Maya's feelings of isolation. The vast landscapes seem to go on forever, with the sky and horizon melding together and creating a feeling of never-ending surroundings. The artwork alone speaks volumes, yet the text adds to the solemnity. Each Kindness, received The Coretta Scott King Honor Book Award which recognizes African American authors and illustrators of outstanding literature for young readers that addresses moral values and that validates African American culture. Woodson's and Lewis' book does just that. I found myself touched by the plight of Maya, yet seeing myself as Chloe at one time or another in my childhood.

This is a powerful book. I would not recommend reading it to a younger child but maybe age 7 or older. The story follows a girl who is not very nice to a new girl in school. She makes some mistakes but is too late to apologize to the new girl who has to move away. It is a sad yet meaningful story. It will give your child something to think about the next time they are unpleasant towards another child their age. I gave this book 5/5 stars. I thought the lesson of being kind was well presented.

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