Gender Equality

This list is based on the Allen County Public Library’s Non Traditional Gender Roles list at http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/Childrens_Services/gender.html

Books for Children (Juvenile Collection)

Adoff, Arnold. Flamboyan. One sunny afternoon while everyone is resting, Flamboyan, a young girl named after the tree whose red blossoms are the same color as her hair, dreamily flies over her Caribbean island home. PZ 7 .A2616 Fl 1988

Aliki. The Two of Them. Describes the relationship of a grandfather and his granddaughter from her birth to his death. PZ 7 .A397 Tw 1979

Bang, Molly. Ten, Nine, Eight. Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed. PZ 8.3 .B22 Te 1983

Barber, Barbara E. Allie's Basketball Dream. Determined in her effort to play basketball, a young Afro-American girl gives it one more shot with the support of a special friend. PZ 7 .B2326 Al 1996

Barton, Byron. I Want to be an Astronaut. A young child thinks about what it would be like to be an astronaut and go out on a mission into space. PZ 7 .B28481 Wa 1988

Benjamin, Cynthia. I am a Firefighter. After Anna and Josh visit a firehouse with their class and learn about the work of firefighters and the importance of fire safety, they make a fire plan for home. PZ 7 .B43485 Iaae 1995 Boardbook

Benjamin, Cynthia. I am a Forest Ranger. Josh and Anna visit a national forest and see how rangers watch for fires, and teach visitors about conservation and safety. SD 256.5 B438 1995 Boardbook

Benjamin, Cynthia. I am a Pilot. When Josh and Anna travel on a jet airliner, they imagine what it would be like if they were to grow up and become pilots. PZ 7 .B43485 Iaaf 1994 Boardbook

Blaine, Marge. Terrible Thing That Happened at Our House. A youngster relates the terrible problems that occurred after her mother went to work and how the family solved them. PZ 7 .B5372 1975

Bourgeois, Paulette. Postal Workers. Explains how the postal system works by following a letter on its way to its destination, describing the jobs done by the many workers who contribute to the delivery of the mail. HE 6071 .B68 1999

Updated 2/20/12
Caines, Jeannette Franklin. *Just Us Women.* A young girl and her favorite aunt share the excitement of planning a very special car trip for just the two of them. PZ 7.C12 1982

Catalanotto, Peter. *The Painter.* Although her father is busy working as an artist at home, he still finds time to spend with his daughter. PZ 7.C26878 1995

Duble, Kathleen Benner. *Pilot Mom.* Jenny and her best friend K.C. accompany Jenny's mother, a tanker pilot in the Air Force, to the air base, where they explore her plane, a KC-135, prior to her departure on a training mission to Europe. PZ 7.D84955 2003

Elwin, Rosamund. *Asha's Mums.* Asha's trip to the Science Centre seems to be in jeopardy because she has two mums but after a class discussion about kinds of families, and a visit to her teacher by her lesbian parents, the day out is a great success and everyone has learned something about people and relationships. PZ 7.E553 As 1990

Enderle, Judith Ross. *Nell Nugget and the Cow Caper.* Although Nell Nugget has many cows, she is on a special mission to get her favorite cow, Goldie, back from the thief, Nasty Galoot. PZ 7.E6966 Ne 1996


Flanagan, Alice. *Letter Carriers.* Introduces the job of letter carrier, including the duties, skills, physical requirements, uniforms, and contribution to the community. HE 6499.F55 2000


Gilchrist, Jan Spivey. *Indigo and Moonlight Gold.* A beautifully written narrative of a young girl's feelings and understanding of how her relationship with her mother will change with the passage of time. PZ 7.G432 In 1993

Gilmore, Rachna. *Lights for Gita.* Recently immigrated from India, Gita is looking forward to celebrating her favorite holiday, Divali, a festival of lights, but things are so different in her new home that she wonders if she will ever adjust. PZ 7.G43805 1994 Holiday Collection

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Gordon, Sol. Girls Are Girls and Boys Are Boys, So What's the Difference? Briefly explains the facts of human reproduction, the physical differences between boys and girls, and the fact that these differences have no effect on a person's choice of career or other interests. HQ 53 .G6 1985


Hettman, Helen. Bubba, the Cowboy Prince. Loosely based on "Cinderella," this story is set in Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher. PZ 7 .K494 1997

Hines, Anna. Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti. Not only does Corey's father make the best spaghetti, but he also dresses up as Batman and acts like a barking dog. PZ 7 .H572 Dad 1986

Hoban, Lillian. Best Friends for Frances. When Albert and his buddies have a "no girls" baseball game, Frances and her sister organize a "Best Friends Outing -- No Boys." PZ 7 .H637 Be 1994

Hoffman, Mary. Amazing Grace. Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. PZ 7 .H67562 Am 1994

Joose, Barbara. I Love You the Purplest. Two boys discover that their mother loves them equally but in different ways. PZ 7 .J7435 Iae 1996


Kirk, David. Miss Spider's Tea Party. When lonely Miss Spider tries to host a tea party, the other bugs refuse to come for fear of being eaten! PZ 8.3 .K6554 Mi 1994

Kuskin, Karla. I Am Me. After being told how she resembles other members of her family, a young girl states positively and absolutely that she is "NO ONE ELSE BUT ME." PZ 7 .K965 2000

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Lattimore, Deborah. *Cinderhazel*. An untidy witch named Hazel discovers that Prince Alarming likes dirt as much as she does. PZ 7 .L36998 Ci 1997 Holiday Collection

Lindberg, Reeve. *Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of Brave Bessie Coleman*. A rhymed telling of the life of the first African American aviator, who dreamed of flying as a child in the cotton fields of Texas, and persevered until she made that dream come true. PZ 8.3 .L6148 Nm 1996

Lowell, Susan. *Little Red Cowboy Hat*. A Southwestern version of "Little Red Riding Hood" in which Little Red rides her pony Buck to Grandma's ranch with a jar of cactus jelly in the saddlebag. PZ 8 .L9485 Li 1997

Mahy, Margaret. *A Busy Day for a Good Grandmother*. A very modern grandmother, Mrs. Oberon, rides her tuned-up trail bike to come to her son Scrimshaw's rescue when he cannot stop his teething baby from crying. PZ 7 .M2773 Bus 1993

Martin, Bill. *Fire! Fire! Said Mrs. McGuire*. In this version of the old rhyme the fire turns out to be the smoke from the candles of a birthday cake. PZ 8.3 .M4113 Fi 1996

McAllister, Angela. *The Wind Garden*. On his rooftop, Ellie's grandfather needs a special kind of garden that the wind won't destroy. PZ 7 .M47825 Wi 1995

McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*. McCully gives a stirring tale of a young girl’s act of bravery inspired by the great Elizabeth Cady Stanton. HQ 1413 .S67 M34 1996

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette on the High Wire*. Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear. PZ 7 .M478415 1992

Merriam, Eve. *Daddies at Work*. Portrays daddies in different jobs, including sailor daddies, tailor daddies, and lawyer daddies with egg salad sandwiches in their briefcases. HF 5381 .M399 1996

Merriam, Eve. *Mommies at Work*. Examines many different jobs performed by working mothers, including counting money in banks and building bridges. HD 6055 .M47 1996

Miller, Margaret. *Guess Who?* A child is asked who delivers the mail, gives haircuts, flies an airplane, and performs other important tasks. Each question has several different answers from which to choose. PZ 7 .M628 Gu 1994

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Miller, Margaret. *Who Uses This?* Brief text, in question and answer form, and accompanying photographs introduce a variety of objects, their purpose, and who uses them. *TT 153 .M48 1990*

Miller, Margaret. *Whose Hat?* Presents color photographs of hats that represent various occupations including a chef's cap, construction worker's helmet, magician's hat, and a fireman’s hat. *GT 2110 .M55 1988*

Miller, Margaret. *Whose Shoe?* Illustrates a variety of footwear and matches each wearer with the appropriate shoe. *GT 2130 .M55 1991*

Mills, Claudia. *Gus and Grandpa and the Christmas Cookies.* Having baked six dozen Christmas cookies for themselves and been given many more by the neighbors, Gus and Grandpa find a rewarding solution to disposing of their extra holiday treats. *PZ 7 .M63963 1997 Holiday Collection*

Munsch, Robert. *Angela’s Airplane.* When Angela's father takes her to the airport, he does not count on the magnitude of the problems she will create, as the young lady winds up taking off in an untended airplane. available in *Munsch Mini-Treasury One*


Ormerod, Jan. *Sunshine.* Awakened by the sun, a little girl proceeds to wake her parents and sees that they all leave the house on time. *PZ 7 .O634 Su 1981*

Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Clouds for Dinner.* It takes a visit to her aunt's house to make Janet appreciate her parents and their unusual way of looking at everything. *PZ 7 .P4313 Cl 1997*

Standiford, Natalie. *Astronauts Are Sleeping.* While spinning through space, three astronauts dream of life on earth. *PZ 8.3 .S786 As 1996*

Steig, William. *Brave Irene.* Plucky Irene, a dressmaker's daughter, braves a fierce snowstorm to deliver a new gown to the duchess in time for the ball. *PZ 7 .S8177 1986*

Steptoe, John. *Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters.* Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife. *PZ 8 .S585 1987*
Waber, Bernard. *Ira Sleeps Over*. A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear. PZ 7 .W113 1972

Waddell, Martin. *The Big, Big Sea*. A young girl and her mother take a nighttime walk to the sea, creating beautiful memories of a special experience. PZ 7 .W1137 Bi 1994

Wells, Rosemary. *Shy Charles*. Being painfully timid and shy does not keep a young mouse from rescuing his babysitter in an emergency situation, although after becoming a hero he still says zero. PZ 8.3 .W465 Sh 1988

Williams, Vera. *A Chair for My Mother*. A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. PZ 7 .W6685 Ch 1982

Williams, Vera. *Cherries and Cherry Pits*. Bidemmi draws pictures and tells stories about cherries. PZ 7 .W6685 1986 Seasonal Collection

Zolotow, Charlotte. *William’s Doll*. William's father gives him a basketball and a train but these do not make him want a doll less. PZ 7 .Z77 Wi 1972

Books for Adults (General Collection)

Bauermeister, Erica. *Let’s Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14*. This lively, browsable guide to books with strong female protagonists showcases fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biography, and picture books by women and men writers from around the world. Z 6520 .C5 B38 1997

Crawford, Susan Hoy. *Beyond Dolls & Guns: 101 Ways to Help Children Avoid Gender Bias*. Susan Crawford presented examples of inadvertent but blatant sexism to her daughter's school. The lukewarm response she received influenced her to research the topic on her own to learn ways she as a parent could have an impact. Finding mostly lengthy books geared toward educators, her research became the start of this book. HQ 784 .S45 C73 1995