

**Sharing Random Books of Kindness: The Power of Story**  
**National Council of Teachers of English**  
**Annual Convention**  
**Friday, Nov. 21, 2014**  
**2:30-3:45pm**  
**Gaylord National Resort, Chesapeake D/E/F**

**PRESENTERS**

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| Eileen Spinelli | <a href="http://www.eileenspinelli.com">http://www.eileenspinelli.com</a>                 |
| Jerry Spinelli  | <a href="http://www.jerryspinelli.com">http://www.jerryspinelli.com</a>                   |
| Janet Wong      | <a href="http://www.janetwong.com">http://www.janetwong.com</a>                           |
| Sylvia Vardell  | <a href="http://poetryforchildren.blogspot.com">http://poetryforchildren.blogspot.com</a> |

**SELECTED BOOKS BY PRESENTERS**

- Spinelli, Eileen. 1996. *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*. Simon & Schuster.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 1999. *Tea Party Today*. Wordsong/Boyds Mills Press.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2003. *Thanksgiving at the Tappletons*. HarperCollins.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2004. *I Know It's Autumn*. HarperCollins.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2004. *In Our Backyard Garden*. Simon & Schuster.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2007. *Polar Bear Arctic Hare*. Wordsong/Boyds Mills Press.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2007. *Summertime House*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2007. *Where I Live*. Dial.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2008. *The Best Story*. Dial.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2009. *Silly Tilly*. Marshall Cavendish.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2010. *The Dancing Pancake*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2012. *Cold Snap*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 2014. *Another Day as Emily*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1982. *Space Station Seventh Grade*. Little, Brown.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1990. *Maniac Magee*. Little, Brown.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1991. *Fourth Grade Rats*. Scholastic.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1991. *There's a Girl in My Hammerlock*. Simon & Schuster.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1996. *Crash*. Random House.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 1997. *Wringer*. HarperCollins.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2000. *Stargirl*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2002. *Loser*. HarperCollins.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2003. *Milkweed: A Novel*. Random House.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2007. *Love, Stargirl*. Knopf.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2012. *Jake and Lily*. HarperCollins.
- Spinelli, Jerry. 2012. *Third Grade Angels*. Scholastic.
- Spinelli, Jerry.. 2013. *Hokey Pokey*. Knopf.
- Vardell, Sylvia and Wong, Janet. Eds. 2012. *The Poetry Friday Anthology K-5*. Pomelo Books.
- Vardell, Sylvia and Wong, Janet. Eds. 2013. *The Poetry Friday Anthology for Middle School*. Pomelo Books.
- Vardell, Sylvia and Wong, Janet. Eds. 2014. *The Poetry Friday Anthology for Science K-5*. Pomelo Books.
- Vardell, Sylvia. 2007. *Poetry People: A Practical Guide to Children's Poets*. Libraries Unlimited.
- Vardell, Sylvia. 2012. *The Poetry Teacher's Book of Lists*. Pomelo Books.

Vardell, Sylvia. 2014. *Poetry Aloud Here 2: Sharing Poetry with Children* (Second Edition). American Library Association.

Wong, Janet S. 1994. *Good Luck Gold and Other Poems*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet S. 1996/2008. *A Suitcase of Seaweed*. CreateSpace.

Wong, Janet S. 1999. *Behind the Wheel: Poems about Driving*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet S. 1999. *The Rainbow Hand: Poems about Mothers and Children*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet S. 2000. *Night Garden: Poems from the World of Dreams*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet S. 2003. *Knock on Wood: Poems about Superstitions*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet S. 2003. *Minn and Jake*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Wong, Janet S. 2006. *Apple Pie Fourth of July*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Wong, Janet S. 2007. *Twist: Yoga Poems*. McElderry.

Wong, Janet. 2007. *The Dumpster Diver*. Candlewick.

Wong, Janet. 2008. *Minn and Jake's Almost Terrible Summer*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Wong, Janet. 2010. *Me and Rolly Maloo*. Charlesbridge.

Wong, Janet. 2012. *Declaration of Interdependence: Poems for an Election Year*. PoetrySuitcase.

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## **SELECTED BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT KINDNESS**

Bunting, Eve. 2006. *One Green Apple*. Clarion.

Cuyler, Margery. 2007. *Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler*. Simon & Schuster.

Dillon, Leo & Diane. *If Kids Ran the World*. Blue Sky Press.

Frank, John. 2014. *Lend a Hand*. Ill. by London Ladd. Lee & Low.

Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. Philomel.

Hennessy, B. G. 2011. *Because of You: A Book of Kindness*. Candlewick.

Jules, Jacqueline. *Never Say a Mean Word Again*. Wisdom Tales.

Lord, Cynthia. 2006. *Rules*. Scholastic.

Ludwig, Tracy. 2013. *The Invisible Boy*. Knopf.

Myracle, Lauren. 2014. *The Life of Ty: Non-Random Acts of Kindness*. Dutton.

Newman, Lesléa. 2012. *October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard*. Candlewick.

Palacio, R. J. 2012. *Wonder*. Knopf.

Pearson, Emily. 2002. *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*. Gibbs Smith.

Raschka, Chris. 2011. *A Ball for Daisy*. Schwartz & Wade.

Stein, David Ezra. 2012. *Because Amelia Smiled*. Candlewick.

Snow, Todd and Snow, Peggy. 2008. *Kindness to Share from A to Z*. Maren Green.

Woodson, Jacqueline. 2012. *Each Kindness*. Penguin.

## **PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE BOOKS**

Ferrucci, Piero. 2007. *The Power of Kindness: The Unexpected Benefits of Leading a Compassionate Life*. Tarcher.

Goldman, Carrie. 2012. *Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher, and Kid Needs to Know About Ending the Cycle of Fear*. HarperOne.

Laminack, Lester and Wadsworth, Reba. 2012. *Bullying Hurts: Teaching Kindness Through Read Alouds and Guided Conversations*. Heinemann.

Mah, Ronald. 2013. *Getting Beyond Bullying and Exclusion, PreK-5: Empowering Children in Inclusive Classrooms*. Skyhorse Publishing.

Pearson, Ferial. 2014. *Secret Kindness Agents: How Small Acts of Kindness Really Can Change the World*. WriteLife.

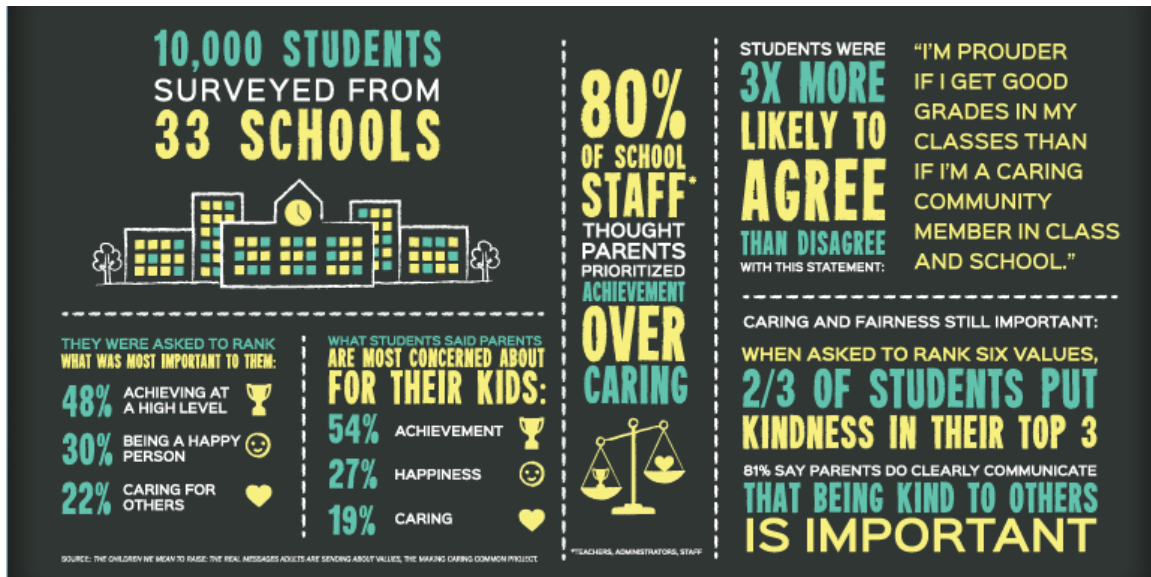
Rice, Judith Ann. 2013. *The Kindness Curriculum: Stop Bullying Before It Starts*. Redleaf Press.

Rue, Nancy. 2014. *So Not Okay: An Honest Look at Bullying from the Bystander (Mean Girl Makeover series)*. Nelson.

## PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE WEBSITES

### MAKING CARING COMMON

<http://sites.gse.harvard.edu/making-caring-common>



### ***"Make Caring Common" Tool Kits for Educators***

<http://sites.gse.harvard.edu/making-caring-common/educators/toolkit-for-educators/strategy-guides>

### RFK PROJECT SEATBELT

For schools, homes, communities

<http://bullying.rfkcenter.org>

### THE BULLY PROJECT

Tools for educators, students, parents, advocates

[http://www.thebullyproject.com/tools\\_educators](http://www.thebullyproject.com/tools_educators)

### THE KIND CAMPAIGN

Movement, documentary and school program focused on girls

<https://www.kindcampaign.com>

### SAFE SCHOOLS-HEALTHY STUDENTS INITIATIVE

U.S. Dept. of Education Office of Safe Schools and Healthy Students

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/dvpsafeschools/index.html>

### YOUNG ADULT AUTHORS AGAINST BULLYING (on Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105581906147904/>

### YALSA RESEARCH

More than Just Books: Librarians as a Source of Support for Cyberbullied Young Adults by Abigail L. Phillips

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/2014/05/more-than-just-books-librarians-as-a-source-of-support-for-cyberbullied-young-adults/>

***Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli (Knopf, 2000)**  
**Chapter 13 Readers' Theater Script: "Hot Seat" (An excerpt)**  
**CHARACTERS: Stargirl, Becca, Mike, Kevin**

**Mike:** "I said, do you love your country?"

**Stargirl:** "Yes. Do you love yours?"

**Mike:** "Why don't you say the Pledge of Allegiance right?"

**Stargirl** (smiling): "Sounds right to me."

**Mike:** "Sounds like you're a traitor!"

**Becca:** "Why do you cheer for the other team?"

**Stargirl:** "I guess because I am a cheerleader."

**Becca:** "You're not *just* a cheerleader, you dumb cluck – you are supposed to be *our* cheerleader. A Mica cheerleader."

**Stargirl** (leaning towards Becca): "When the other team scores a point and you see how happy it makes all their fans, doesn't it make you happy too?"

**Becca:** NO!

**Stargirl:** "Doesn't it make you want to join in?"

**Becca:** NO!

**Stargirl:** "Don't you ever want the other team to be happy, too?"

**Becca:** NO!

**Stargirl** (somewhat surprised): "You don't always want to be the winner...do you?"

**Becca** (scowling): "Yes! Yes, I do. Yes! I *always* want to be the winner. That's what I do. I root for us to win. That's what we *all* do. We root for Mica. Who do you root for?"

**Stargirl** (jumping up arms open wide): "I root for *everybody*!!"

**Kevin:** "Hey – how about this? Maybe it should be official. Maybe one person in the whole district should be appointed to be on everyone's side!"

**Stargirl** (reaching over and slapping Kevin's leg): "She could wear every school's letter on her sweater!"

**Kevin** (laughing): "She would have to be as big as a house!"

**Stargirl** (slapping her own knee): "Then no letter at all. That's even better! Out with letters!!"

**Kevin:** "Cheerleader at large!"

**Stargirl:** "Everybody's cheerleader!"

**Kevin:** (sitting at attention, hand over heart): "With liberty and justice...and a cheerleader for all."

**Source:** All Access Pass blog <http://allaccesspassblog.wordpress.com/2013/03/13/stargirl-readers-theater/chapter-13-script/>