

## 12 BOOKS ABOUT THE VALUE OF REPAIRING WHAT WE TREASURE

*King Leonard's Teddy*, by Phoebe Swan. King Leonard has everything he wants, but one day he discovers that his beloved teddy bear is broken. He's heartbroken. No one in town can help, but fortunately, King Leonard learns how to fix his bear himself, which inspires him to a life devoted to community service fixing things. (Kindergarten–grade 1)



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*Soomi's Sweater*, by Susie Oh. Soomi's mother hems her daughter's too-big sweater so that she can wear it to school. Soomi snags her sweater, and her well-meaning friends attempt to repair it, but quickly the small problem becomes huge. Fortunately, Soomi's mom repairs the sweater with a patch from one of her daughter's old sweaters. (Preschool–grade 2)

*Fix That Clock*, by Kurt Cyrus. A clock tower has fallen into disrepair. What was once a community timepiece is now home to assorted wildlife. Three construction workers have their work cut out for them, but day by day, project by project, they fix the clock tower, and with a little extra work build the wild residents new homes on the site. (Preschool–grade 2)

*Monkey With a Tool Belt and the Seaside Shenanigans*, by Chris Monroe. Chico Bon Bon the monkey is a consummate fixer. In this book in the series, his friend Clark the elephant pleads for Chico to help him at a seaside resort where mysterious breakages are going on. Chico and his tool belt to the rescue! (Preschool–grade 2)

*The One Day House*, by Julia Durango; illustrated by Bianca Diaz. Wilson tells his friends and neighbors the plans he has for fixing his friend Gigi's house. With Wilson's resourcefulness and community help, Gigi's house is soon all fixed up and better than ever. (Preschool–grade 2)

*Stanley's Garage*, by William Bee. It's a busy day at Stanley the hamster's garage. Helpful Stanley

assists his friends with assorted car problems. (Preschool–grade 2)

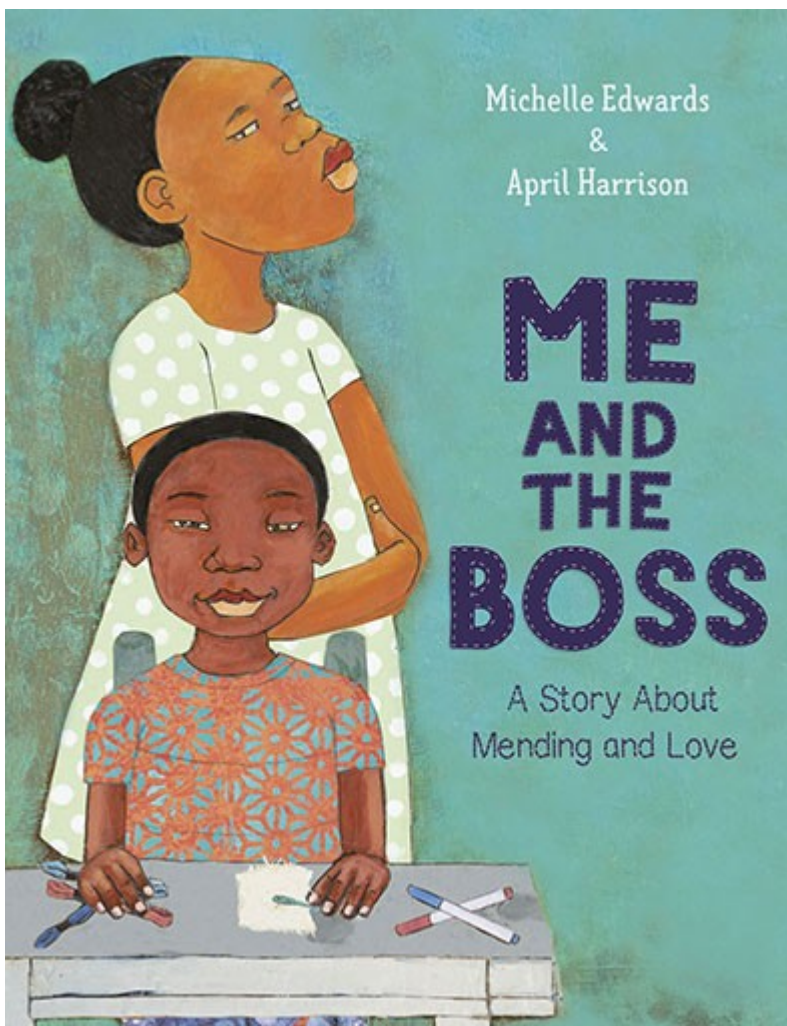


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*[The Doll Hospital](#)*, by Kallie George; illustrated by Sara Gillingham. Dr. Pegs runs a doll hospital. One day she has more patients than she can handle and calls for help. The Nesting Nurses (matryoshka dolls) appear, and soon all of the dolls and stuffies are repaired. Author Kallie George’s website offers a [downloadable Dr. Pegs paper doll](#) with accessories. (Preschool–grade 3)

*[Albert the Fix-It Man](#)*, by Janet Lord; illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Albert is the neighborhood fix-it guy. He wakes up each day and assists his friends and neighbors with their broken objects. When Albert comes down with a cold, it’s his neighbors’ joy to “fix” Albert. (Preschool–grade 3)

*[All the Way to Havana](#)*, by Margarita Engle; illustrated by Mike Curato. Some cars in Cuba are generations old, requiring owners to frequently and resourcefully repair their vehicles. This story describes a day in the life of a Cuban family traveling in their vintage car and references the daily father-son routine of repairing “Cara Cara.” (Preschool–grade 3)



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[\*Me and the Boss: A Story About Mending and Love\*](#), by Michelle Edwards; illustrated by April Harrison. Lee and his sister Zora head to the library, where they go to sewing class. Lee learns how to sew and then, on his own, fixes the hole in his pocket and mends his sister's teddy bear's ear. (Preschool–grade 3)

[\*Golden Threads\*](#), by Suzanne Del Rizzo; illustrated by Miki Sato. Emi's stuffed fox is swept away in a storm and is discovered in tatters on the opposite shore. The fox is repaired and loved by another young girl named Kiko. Ultimately, with a little detective work, Kiko reunites the fox with Emi, which brings the girls together in friendship. (Preschool–grade 3)

[\*Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention\*](#), by Pip Jones; illustrated by Sara Ogilvie. Izzy Gizmo is an engineer extraordinaire who specializes in repairing things for her friends and family. In this sequel to *Izzy Gizmo*, Izzy resources discarded items to create the "Tool-Fix-Recycle-O-Matic" machine. (Preschool–grade 3)