

# Book Quote Posters

that teach character  
**50 Quotes from  
Middle Grade Novels**

"You never can  
tell when a  
*bad thing*  
might make a  
*good thing*  
happen."

-Ingrid Law  
*Savvy*

"...*YOUR* deeds  
are like *YOUR*  
*monuments*  
-Built with  
*memories*  
instead of  
*stone.*"

-R.J. Palacio  
*Wonder*

# 50 unique quotes from middle grade novels to engage and inspire upper elementary and middle school students.

"Your initial **opinion** ON just about anything may **change** over time."  
*Lemony Snicket*  
*The Bad Beginning*

"The worst surroundings in the world can be tolerated if the people in them are interesting and kind."  
*Lemony Snicket*  
*The Bad Beginning*

"What I have since realized is that if people **expect you to be brave**, sometimes you pretend that **you are**, even when you are frightened down to your very bones."  
*Sharon Creech*  
*Walk Two Moons*

"If you ain't scared... you ain't human."  
*James Dashner*  
*The Maze Runner*

"You won't figure out anything if you give in to **fear**."  
*James Dashner*, *The Maze Runner*

"The **trouble** with **anger** is, it gets hold of you. And then **you aren't the master** of yourself anymore.  
**Anger is:**  
*Jeanne DuPrau*  
*The City of Ember*

"What you need to **LEARN**, children, is the difference between **RIGHT** and wrong in every area of **LIFE**. And once you learn the difference, you must always **CHOOSE THE RIGHT**."  
*Jeanne DuPrau*  
*The City of Ember*

"**Hope is the only thing stronger than fear**."  
*Suzanne Collins*  
*The Hunger Games*

"Yes, ma'am. He figured the world was a sorry affair and that it had enough ugly things in it and what he was going to do was concentrate on putting **something sweet in it**."  
*Kate DiCamillo*  
*Because of Winn-Dixie*

"By the time they get to 6th grade honor roll students won't risk making a mistake, and sometimes to be **successful**, you have to risk making mistakes."  
*E.L. Konigsburg*  
*The View from Saturday*

"Don't judge a man until you have walked **two moons** in his moccasins."  
*Sharon Creech*  
*Walk Two Moons*

"Life, with its rules, its obligations, and its freedoms, is like a Sonnet: You're given the form, but **you have to write the Sonnet yourself**."  
*Madeleine L'Engle*  
*A Wrinkle in Time*

"We can't take any credit for **OUR TALENTS**. It's how we use them that **COUNTS**."  
*Madeleine L'Engle*  
*A Wrinkle in Time*

"People **find a way through just about anything**."  
*Jeanne DuPrau*  
*The City of Ember*

# engage and inspire

When given the **choice** between being right or being kind, **choose kind.**  
-R.J. Palacio Wonder

**"THAT'S ALL IT TOOK TO solve problems - JUST SENSE."**  
Gary Paulsen HATCHET

**"Happiness** can be found, even in the **darkest** of times, if one only remembers to turn on the **light.**"  
-Dumbledore  
-J.K. Rowling  
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

**"...HE LEARNED THE MOST IMPORTANT rule of survival, WHICH WAS THAT FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF DIDN'T WORK."**  
Gary Paulsen HATCHET

**"ALL** shall be done, **BUT IT MAY BE** harder **THAN YOU THINK."**  
-C.S. Lewis  
THE LORD OF THE RINGS AND THE WARHOLOGUE

**"Memories are precious ... they help tell us who we are."**  
-Katherine Applegate  
The One and Only Ivan

**"A PERSON'S A PERSON, no matter how small."**  
DR. SEUSS  
Horton Hears a Who

**"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals."**  
-Sirius Black  
-J.K. Rowling  
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

**"Nothing in life is easy. But there's no reason to give up. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish if you set your mind to it."**  
Louis Sachar (Holes)

**"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."**  
-Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
Fish in a Tree

**"And they are beginning to realize that the world they live in is a place where the right thing is often hard, sometimes dangerous, and frequently unpopular."**  
-Lois Lowry  
Number the Stars

**"Patience, he thought. So much of this was patience - waiting, and thinking and doing things right. So much of all this, so much of all living was patience and thinking."**  
-Gary Paulsen  
Hatchet

**"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."**  
-Dumbledore  
-J.K. Rowling  
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

**"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."**  
-Roald Dahl  
The Twits

**"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."**  
-Dumbledore  
-J.K. Rowling  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

**"Maybe it was always that way, discoveries happened because they needed to happen."**  
Gary Paulsen Hatchet

**"I also read tons of books so I can figure out what's true and what's fake, which isn't always easy. Books are like truth serum—if you don't read, you can't figure out what's real."**  
-Freak  
Rodman Philbrick  
Freak the Mighty

**"LIBRARY, where they keep the truth serum, and the magic carpets."**  
Freak's Dictionary  
Rodman Philbrick  
Freak the Mighty

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"Not everything **worth** keeping has to be **useful**."  
Cynthia Lord  
Rules

"If my life is going to mean anything, I have to live it myself."  
Rick Riordan  
The Lightning Thief

"Nobody knows how things will turn out, that's why they go ahead and play the game... You give it your all and sometimes amazing things happen, but it's hardly ever what you expect."  
Jennifer Choldenko  
Al Capone Does My Shirts

"Stories are light. Light is precious in a world so dark."  
Kate DiCamillo  
The Tale of Despereaux

"You can't always judge people by the things they've done. You've got to judge them by what they are doing now."  
Kate DiCamillo  
Because of Winn-Dixie

"Go on with what your heart tells you, or you will lose all."  
Rick Riordan  
The Lightning Thief

"Yes," Ba said sadly. "It is impossible. But it is not ridiculous."  
Grace Lin  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

"DON'T EVER FORGET your history," SHE SANG. "OR ANY WICKED BOUL CAN LIE TO YOU AND GET AWAY WITH IT."  
Jack Gantos  
Dead End in Norvelt

"Living with uncertainty is like having a rock in your shoe. If you can't remove the rock, you have to figure out how to walk despite it. There is simply no other choice."  
Amy Timberlake  
One Came Home

"In this game of life your family is the court and the ball is your heart. No matter how good you are, no matter how down you get, always leave your heart on the court."  
Kwame Alexander  
The Crossover

"CHALLENGE isn't going to come from any curriculum. NO MATTER how hard they make it, it's going to COME FROM LIFE."  
Gordon Korman  
UNGIFTED

"It all boils down to this: A person has only two options in life, to do something or to do nothing."  
Rodman Philbrick  
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

"If every person in this room made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary - the world really would be a better place."  
R.J. Palacio, Wonder

"...your deeds are like your monuments - built with memories instead of stone."  
R.J. Palacio  
Wonder

"We carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness."  
R.J. Palacio, Wonder

"But the good thing about life is that we can fix our mistakes sometimes. We learn from them. We get better."  
R.J. Palacio  
The Julian Chapter A Wonder Story

"It can take a lot of strength to show up and be yourself... don't you think?"  
Ingrid Law  
Scumble

"You never can tell when a bad thing might make a good thing happen."  
Ingrid Law  
Savvy

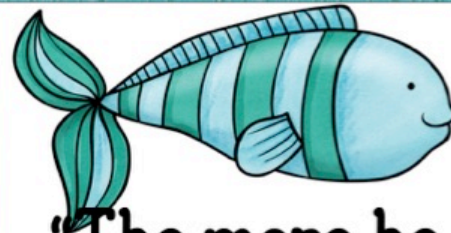
# Book Quote Posters

that teach character  
40 Quotes from  
Picture Books

“Kid,  
You’ll Move  
Mountains.”

DR. SEUSS

Oh, the Places You’ll Go



“The more he  
**GAVE AWAY**  
the more  
**DELIGHTED** he  
became.”

Marcus Pfister  
**THE RAINBOW FISH**

# 40 different quotes from picture or early chapter books to inspire and engage students of all ages.

"You're **BRAVER** than you believe, **STRONGER** than you seem, and **SMARTER** than you think."

**A.A. Milne**  
Winnie-the-Pooh

"CHRISTMAS doesn't come from a store; maybe CHRISTMAS perhaps means a little bit more..."  
Dr. Seuss  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas



"It is when we are **most lost** that we sometimes find our **truest friends.**"

**CYNTHIA RYANT**  
My Sister's Story and the Other Stories

"You'll miss **THE BEST THINGS** if you keep your **EYES** shut."

**DR. SEUSS**  
I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

"It has been a **terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.** My mom says **some days are like that.**"

**Judith Viorst**  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

"Unless someone **like you** cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to **get better.** It's not."  
**Dr. seuss**  
The Lorax

"Oh, please **don't go** — we'll eat you up—we **love YOU SO!**"  
**Maurice Sendak**  
Where the Wild Things Are

"Today **you are you.** that is truer than **true.** There is no one alive who is **youer than you.**"  
**DR. SEUSS**  
Horton Hears a Who!

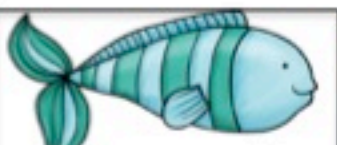
"No act of **kindness,** no matter how **small,** is ever wasted."  
**Aesop**  
The Lion and the Mouse

"**REAL** isn't how you are made," said the skin horse. It's a thing that **HAPPENS TO YOU** when a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but **REALLY** loves you, **THEN YOU BECOME REAL.**"  
**Margery Williams**  
THE VELVETEN RABBIT

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"YOU KNOW,  
YOU REALLY  
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OUT. BUT I  
LOVE YOU  
ANYWAY."  
IAN FALCONER  
OLIVIA

  
"The more he  
GAVE AWAY  
the more  
DELIGHTED he  
became."  
Marcus Pfister  
THE RAINBOW FISH

"It is ONLY with  
the heart that  
one can see  
clearly, for the  
most essential  
things are  
invisible to the  
eye."  
HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON  
The Ugly Duckling

"We all can  
dance  
when we find  
music  
that we  
love."  
Giles Andreae  
Giraffes Can't Dance

"BUT all the  
MAGIC I  
have known.  
I've had to  
make  
MYSELF."  
Shel Silverstein  
WOLFGANG VOEGE: SIEBENZIGLICHE WERDEN

"I love you  
right up to  
the moon  
- and  
back."  
sam McBratney  
Guess How Much I Love You

  
"It's not  
about  
what it IS,  
it's about  
what it can  
become."  
Dr. Seuss  
The Lorax

"Life will never  
be the same  
because there  
had never  
been anyone like  
you ever in the  
world."  
Nancy Tillman  
On the Night You Were Born

How much good  
inside a day?  
Depends how good  
you live 'em.  
How much love  
inside a friend?  
Depends on how much  
you give 'em.  
Shel Silverstein  
A Light in the Attic

"The moment  
where you  
doubt you can  
fly, you cease  
ever being able  
to do it."  
J.M. Barrie  
PETER PAN

"Today is  
your day,  
your  
mountain is  
waiting. so  
get on  
your way."  
Dr. Seuss  
Oh, The Places You'll Go!

"A PERSON'S  
A PERSON,  
no matter  
how small."  
DR. SEUSS  
Horton Hears a Who

"Why did you do all  
this FOR ME?" he  
asked. "I don't  
deserve it. I've  
never done  
anything FOR YOU."  
"You have been my  
FRIEND," replied  
Charlotte. "That in  
itself is a  
TREMENDOUS  
THING."  
E.B. White  
CHARLOTTE'S WEB

"And will you  
succeed? Yes  
indeed, yes  
indeed! Ninety-  
eight and three-  
quarters  
percent  
guaranteed!"  
Dr. Seuss  
Oh, The Places You'll Go!

"Anything  
can happen,  
child.  
Anything  
can be."  
Shel Silverstein  
Where the Sidewalk Ends

I think I can.  
I **think** I can.  
I think **I** can.  
I **KNOW** I **can**.

**Watty Piper**  
The Little Engine  
That Could

"He told his mother all about his **adventures** while she took off his socks.

And he **thought** and **thought** about them."

**Ezra Jack Keats**  
The Snowy Day

"Sometimes the **smallest** things take up the most **room in your heart.**"

**A.A. Milne**  
Winnie-the-Pooh

"A little boy **planted** a carrot **seed**... Everyone kept saying it wouldn't come up... **But he still pulled** up the weeds around it every day and sprinkled the ground with water. And then, **one day... a carrot came up**... just as the little boy had known it would."  
**Ruth Krauss**  
The Carrot Seed

"**THOUGH I'VE GROWN OLD, THE BELL STILL RINGS FOR ME, AS IT DOES FOR ALL WHO TRULY BELIEVE.**"

**CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG**  
THE POLAR EXPRESS

"**Why fit in, when you were born to stand out?**"

**Dr. Seuss**

"**Mr. Duncan put** the magic pebble in an iron safe. **Some day** they may want to use it, **but really** for now, **what more** could they wish for? They had all they wanted."

**WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

"Oh, the **thinks** you can **think.**"

**DR. SEUSS**  
Oh, the Places You'll Go

"**Don't you worry** about me. **I'll always come out on top.**"

Astrid Lingdren  
Pippy Longstocking

"**Paradise lost, is sometimes heaven found.**"

**APUHI YOPINKS**  
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Frog said, **I wrote "Dear Toad, I am glad that you are my best friend. Your best friend, Frog."**



"Oh," said Toad, **that makes a very good letter.**"

**Arnold Lobel**  
Frog and Toad are Friends

"**When the first baby laughed** for the first time, its laugh broke into a thousand pieces, and they all went skipping about, and that was the beginning of fairies."

**J.M. Barrie**  
Peter Pan

"**THINK AND WONDER. WONDER AND THINK.**"

**DR. SEUSS**

"**Kid, You'll Move Mountains.**"

**DR. SEUSS**  
Oh, the Places You'll Go

"**IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE. WHAT MATTERS IS THE TRUTH.**"

**MADONNA**  
MC BRIDE'S APPLES