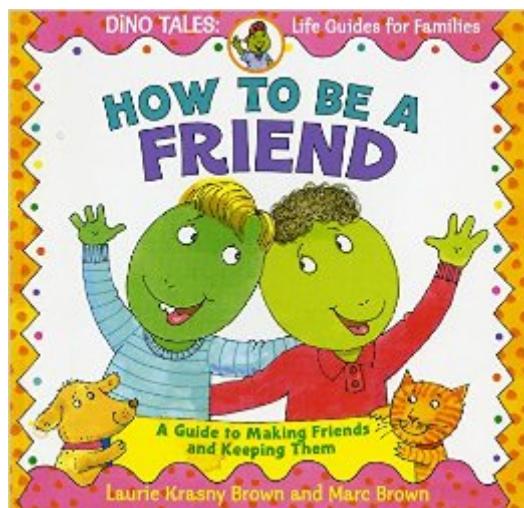


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# How To Be A Friend: A Guide To Making Friends And Keeping Them (Dino Life Guides For Families)



## **Synopsis**

Find out: \* who can be your friend \* how to show someone you would like to be friends \* how to handle bosses and bullies \* the best ways to be a friend and ways not to be a friend \* ways to settle an argument with a friend.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

This book is an excellent tool for parents and teachers to use with kids in the often times daunting world of social relatedness. Even kids who are very social would enjoy the way these gentle reminders are presented. Highly recommended for the special needs arena of Asperger's and High Functioning Autism. Our autistic son loved and responded well to the almost "social story" approach. This truly spelled out a lot of social do's and don'ts for him. His typical sister loved it as well. As a parent I highly recommend this book be in every kindergarten and first grade and second grade classroom. I bought several copies.

I do not write reviews often, only when I am unbelievably pleased or completely disappointed. My 3 1/2 has had a tough time making friends with peers. We bought a couple of books and videos as

one means for helping her along. Let me start by recommending the series of books by Cheri J. Meiners. The books don't even compare in regards to teaching my 3 1/2 year old lessons related to friendship and interacting with others...check them out. As for the book being reviewed, as one reviewer commented the pages are much too busy. In addition, there is a lot of negative content meant to teach children what behavior to avoid, however for a 3 1/2 year old, I think the more exposure they get to negativity the more apt they are to emulate it. Examples: "You Stupidosaurus!" "You can't play it's only for boys!" "Nya, Nya, na, na, na" "You can't play with her. You're my best friend." "This game is dumb I quit!" I'm not naive enough not to realize that my child will be exposed to this, but to be exposed to these concept at 3 1/2 via a book, could be counter productive. Even the section on ways to be a friend has examples I found asinine: "My parents are getting divorced. Please don't tell anyone." "I won't" ... Can you think of better examples to emulate trust? Yeah me too. If these quotes haven't deterred you, then spend away, but do check out the Cheri J. Meiners series as I can tell you the books were far and away better for my 3 1/2 year old.

.. and should be listed as such. My daughter loves this book, she is very intent as we read it, which means she is taking it in. She has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, which is a high-functioning form of autism. These kids have difficulty with social situations, and they are visual learners, so this is awesome.

With caddiness starting at even earlier ages these days, I bought this book to help my 6 year old daughter understand that not everyone demonstrates good friendship. She's so sensitive and doesn't understand why others don't respect her feelings. This book reiterates how to be a good friend and how not to be. It praises being kind and caring so it reinforced what she knew to be correct behavior. The illustrations she recognized immediately to be Marc Brown's adorable and colorful characters. I highly recommend this to any child who's learning to deal with bullies and pushy kids in school.

This teaches that friendship is reciprocal - your child doesn't have to go along with other kids all the time and they, in turn are expected to reciprocate by letting your child come first. Good teaching book. Too many books advocate giving guests their way at the expense of their host. Fortunately, this one doesn't. Useful for classes and families.

My son originally received this book as a gift from a family member. He loved to have this book read

to him and later to read it for himself. In my opinion, this book is a great tool at home and in school to teach young children what it means to be a friend - something that is difficult to learn for some children. Since my son has now out-grown this book - I use it in my tutoring classes and plan to use it later when I become a full-time teacher.

My 4 year old son's neuropsychologist highly recommended it as a great way to teach him about social norms so that he can build some good friendships instead of turning all the kids off with his boisterous and sometimes overbearing reactions (and affinity for pushing and chasing) Well, both of my kids (my youngest is 1.5) absolutely ADORE this book! They have wanted to read it every single day since it arrived. My son seems to be taking some of the lessons to heart, as he will bring up ways to be good friend or how not to be a friend randomly throughout the day. Our first playdate since getting this book also went swimmingly! There are a couple of more mature themes mentioned in this book- divorce being one of them. Not that I personally think it is an inappropriate topic, but if you have a child that you don't think is ready to discuss something like that, it's something to keep in mind. Though the beauty of reading to small children typically too young for stuff like that is- they can't read! So if you skip over a part, they never even know! (I always skip the part where the mom commits a little B&E and then cradles her sleeping adult son in that-book-that-shall-not-be-named because, creepy. And both kids are none the wiser) So yeah, this book is great, especially if you kiddo needs a little nudge about how to be good friend material. I'm not sure why, but small children tend to take a book's word for it more than if mom or dad tells them themselves... Worth every penny!

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