

Reading For St. Mary's Heroes

Recommended eBooks

eBooks for Toddlers and Preschoolers

I Love to Share by Shelley Admont

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13362355>

Jimmy and his bunny brothers love to play, and today is Jimmy's birthday, so he has lots of toys. He doesn't always want to share, and because of that, he may miss out on having fun. Let's find out what it means to share, and why it makes us feel better!

Sharing Berries by Margo Bates

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13317148>

Sara picks many berries. What will she decide to do with them all? Follow along and find out.

Pierre's Friends by Andrea Beck

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13328135> Pierre is a pampered pooch who sets out to find his friend's that live in a park across town. Along the way he meets Old Wheezer and remembers Miss Murphy's words, "Dogs and people belong together." In the end, Pierre helps find a loving home for everyone.

Pete the Cat: Firefighter Pete by James Dean.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13051044>

Pete and his classmates are excited about their field trip to the firehouse. They get to slide down the pole, meet all the brave firefighters and other fun stuff.

Pete the Cat: Out of this World by James Dean e-book on Hoopla

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12457994>

When Pete heads off to space camp, he gets to float in zero gravity, build rockets, and even goes on an extraordinary interstellar mission that is out of this world-literally.

Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Kindness by James Dean

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13217820>

Kindness is cool! Pete the Cat shares some groovy words on kindness in this fun collection of his favorite famous quotes about sharing, lending a helping hand, and having compassion for others. Which are accompanied by Pete's witty responses.

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Doc McStuffins: Doctor's Helper

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12003090>

The Doc is in, and this time she has a special helper! Doc finds Ellie, a stuffed elephant toy on the playground, she is determined to find her owner. But when Ellie begins wheezing, Doc needs to diagnosis her stat! Kids will learn that even doctors need helpers-no matter how small-to help patients get better.

Stone Soup by Heather Forest

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12218300> Two hungry travelers arrive at a village expecting to find a household that will share a bit of food, as has been the custom along their journey. To their surprise, villager after villager refuses to share, each one closing the door with a bang. As they sit to rest beside a well, one of the travelers observes that if the townspeople have no food to share, they must be "in greater need than we are." With that, the travelers demonstrate their special recipe for a magical soup, using a stone as a starter.

Equal Shmequal by Virginia Krull

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11850640>

Mouse and her friends want to play tug-of-war but they can't figure out how to make teams that are equal. When Bear pulls on the rope, Mouse goes flying. Nothing works until Mouse starts thinking mathematically.

Making a Friend by Alison McGhee

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11232776>

When the snow falls, a young boy makes a snowman that becomes his friend until the seasons change. The Snowman has become something else - the fog, the rain. But, how can this boy forget his good friend? He doesn't...and he doesn't have to.

Dear Girl by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13325034>

In letter form for girls; a gentle reminder that she's powerful, strong, and holds a valuable place in the world. Encourages girls to always be themselves and to love who they are-inside and out.

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How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow by Monica Sweeney

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12343358>

The Sun and the Clouds are best friends. But one day they get into a fight and refuse to be in the sky together. That means no Rainbows. When colors start disappearing from earth, one forgotten box of crayons and teamwork makes a difference and saves the rainbows.

I am Human: A Book of Empathy by Susan Verde

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12466078>

A hopeful meditation on all the great (and challenging) parts of being human, *I Am Human* shows that it's okay to make mistakes.

Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12093890>

When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor?

Unicorn Day by Diana Murray

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12429105> The most important rule of Unicorn Day is to have fun, fun, fun! The unicorns are celebrating their favorite day of the year, complete with rainbows, cupcakes, butterflies, and all sorts of joyful things. But when it's revealed there's an impostor in their midst, the party comes to a screeching halt...Will the unicorns welcome all and continue their fun in all its glittery glory?

eBooks for Beginning Readers

Ivan by Kathrine Applegate

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12035213>

The extraordinary real story of a special gorilla. Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington, mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at Zoo Atlanta. From the Congo to America, and from a local business attraction to a national symbol of animal welfare, Ivan the Shopping Mall Gorilla traveled an astonishing distance in miles and in impact. This is his true story and includes photographs of Ivan in the back matter.

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Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12463523>

Every morning, Abuelo walks Sofia to school . . . until one day, when Abuelo hurts his ankle and can no longer do so. Sofia misses her Abuelo and wonders what she can do about the dangerous Mount Trashmore. Then she gets an idea-the town can turn the slimy mess into a park! She brainstorms and plans and finally works up the courage to go to City Hall-only to be told by a clerk that she can't build a park because she's just a kid! Sofia is down but not out, and she sets out to prove what one kid can do.

I Love My Purse by Belle DeMont

In TumbleBook Library

Charlie loves the bright red purse that his grandmother let him have. One day, he decides to take it to school. First his father, then his friends, and even the crossing guard question him about his "strange" choice. After all, boys don't carry purses. But Charlie isn't deterred. Before long, his unselfconscious determination starts to affect those around him. Thanks to Charlie, everyone around him realizes that it isn't always necessary to conform to societal norms. It's more important to be true to yourself.

Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11773599>

In this multicultural picture book, Carrie goes from one neighbor's house to the next looking for her brother, who is late for dinner. She discovers that although each family is from a different country, everyone makes a rice dish at dinnertime. Readers will enjoy trying the simple recipes that correspond to each family's unique rice dish.

Contest Between the Sun and the Wind by Heather Forest

In TumbleBook Library

Walking along a winding road, a man finds himself the subject of a contest of strength between the sun and the wind. Who can get the man to take his coat off? The howling wind boasts and bullies, but the shivering man tightly clutches his coat. With warmth and light from the sun, the man decides to remove his own coat! Throughout this story, Sun and Wind clash. The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind teaches readers that kindness and gentleness prevail over violence and force.

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The Ghost Catcher by Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss

In TumbleBook Library

This story is a retelling of a traditional Bengali tale in which a kind and generous Indian barber, pressed by his father and then his wife to earn more money, cleverly persuades a ghost to bring him riches.

Malala Yousafzai by Grace Hansen

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11894515>

This beginner biography takes a look into the life of Malala Yousafzai and her advocacy of girls' education.

Same, Same, But Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12359261>

Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they were actually similar. Same, same - but different!

This is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11848567>

Follow the real lives of seven kids from Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia for a single day! In Japan Kei plays Freeze Tag, while in Uganda Daphine likes to jump rope. But while the way they play may differ, the shared rhythm of their days-and this one world we all share-unites them.

Africa is Not a Country by Mark Melnicove

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11775196>

Enter into the daily life of children in the many countries of modern Africa. Countering stereotypes, Africa Is Not a Country celebrates the extraordinary diversity of this vibrant continent as experienced by children at home, at school, at work, and at play.

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Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13326384>

Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world.

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12217368>

The Cherokee community is grateful for the blessings and challenges that each season brings. This is modern Native American life as told by an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

In TumbleBook Library

It seems Mr. Rabbit is in a bit of a fix. After losing that race to Turtle, he's in a bit of a financial jam. So, he goes to Bear and makes a deal. The Rabbit family will plant and harvest the crops on Bear's land. Rabbit will split the crops with Bear 50/50. All Bear has to do is decide which half - tops or bottoms - he wants. Unfortunately, whether the crop is potatoes, lettuce, corn, or radishes, Bear keeps picking the "wrong half".

The Man with the Violin by Kathy Stinson

In TumbleBook Library

Based on the true story of Joshua Bell, the renowned American violinist who famously took his instrument down into the Washington D.C. subway for a free concert. More than a thousand commuters rushed by him, but only seven stopped to listen for more than a minute. Dylan is someone who notices things. His mom is someone who doesn't. So try as he might, Dylan can't get his mom to listen to the man playing the violin in the subway station. With the beautiful music in his head all day long, Dylan can't forget the violinist, and finally succeeds in making his mother stop and listen, too.

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I Am One by Susan Verde

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13481529>

One seed to start a garden, one note to start a melody, one brick to start breaking down walls: Every movement and moment of change starts with purpose, with intention, with one. With me. With you.

eBooks for Elementary Readers

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K Arnold

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12457605>

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he's up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

El Deafo by Cece Bell.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12474832>

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her “superpower.”

The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12018223>

All Anna knows for certain is that friendship is complicated. When Anna needs company, she turns to her books. Books, however, can't tell Anna how to find a true friend. She'll have to discover that on her own.

Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/series/zoey-and-sassafras/3067267145/titles>

A girl, Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help a dragon with a problem.

Dog Days by Karen English

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12015521>

It's tough being the new kid at Carver Elementary. And when Gavin's classmate Richard comes over and the boys end up in trouble, not only does Gavin risk losing his one new friend, he has to take care of his great aunt Myrtle's horrible little dog as punishment.

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Nikki and Deja by Karen English

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12024040>

Meet Nikki and Deja, who live next door to each other and are best friends. They do everything together. But when an arrogant new girl arrives and Nikki and Deja form a club that would exclude her, the results are not what they expect.

Skateboard Party by Karen English

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12016902>

Richard can't wait to show off his skills at a friend's skateboard birthday party, but a note home from his teacher threatens to ruin his plans.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12325472>

Wanda Petronski, a little Polish girl in an American school, is laughed at because she always wears a faded blue dress, until her classmates learn a lesson.

The White Elephant by Sid Fleishchman

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11919691>

How can a beautiful white elephant be a terrible curse? Run-Run, a young elephant trainer, discovers the answer when he incurs the fury of the prince.

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12325789>

Freddie finds a mysterious package outside his apartment containing sneakers that allow him to run faster than a train, and inspire him to perform heroic deeds.

My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder by Nie Jun.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12192039>

Yu'er and her grandpa live in a small neighborhood in Beijing-and it's full of big personalities. There's a story around every corner, and each day has a hint of magic.

Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11707263>

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Every day, nine-year-old Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who has set up a free lending library next to her apartment building. But when the mayor tries to shut down the rickety bookstand, Yasmin has to take her nose out of her book and do something.

Sherlock Sam by A.J. Low.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/series/sherlock-sam/1767844009/titles>

Set in iconic Singapore locations, the series follows the mystery-solving exploits of smart, observant, food-loving 10-year-old Samuel Tan Cher Lock (a.k.a. Sherlock Sam), Watson, his reluctant robot sidekick, and the rest of the Supper Club they prove that mysteries are best solved through teamwork.

Lulu and the Duck in the Park by Hillary McKay

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12036352>

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11571659>

Naima is a talented painter of traditional alpana patterns, which Bangladeshi women and girls paint on their houses for special celebrations. But Naima is not satisfied just painting alpana. She wants to help earn money for her family, like her best friend, Saleem, does for his family.

Rescue on the Outer Banks by Candice Ransom

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11775492>

On October 11, 1896, 10-year-old Sam Deal and his horse, Ginger, watch as the brave surfmen of Pea Island struggle to save the lives of nine people stranded on a shipwreck. Sam has dreamed of becoming a surfman just like the all-African-American crew, and this is his chance.

Tiger Boy by Mitali Perkins

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11571698>

When a tiger cub escapes from a nature reserve near Neel's island village, the rangers and villagers hurry to find her before the cub's anxious mother follows suit and endangers them all. Mr. Gupta, a rich newcomer to the island, is also searching-he wants to sell the cub's body parts on the black market. Neel and his sister, Rupa, resolve to find the cub first and bring her back to the reserve where she belongs.

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Razia's Ray of Hope by Liz Suneby

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11426006>

Razia dreams of getting an education, but in her small village in Afghanistan, girls haven't been allowed to attend school for many years. When a new girls' school opens in the village, a determined Razia must convince her father and oldest brother that educating her would be best for her, their family and their community.

eBooks for Middle School Readers

If The Fire Comes by Tracy Daley & Eric Freeberg.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12308568>

It's 1935, and the Great Depression and California drought has left eleven-year-old Joseph McCoy shining shoes to help his family survive. Through his hard work and games with his sister, Joseph has figured out how to get by as one of the few black people in a mostly white community. But the order of the town is disrupted when an all-black Civilian Conservation Corps camp comes to Elsinore, sparking racial tension. It isn't long before prejudice spreads like wildfire and threatens to force the work camp to leave. Could Joseph's secret project save the camp and bring his family hope for the future? If not, the whole town just might go up in flames.

I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13217927>

All her life, Edie has known that her mom was adopted by a white couple. So, no matter how curious she might be about her Native American heritage, Edie is sure her family doesn't have any answers. Until the day when she and her friends discover a box hidden in the attic—a box full of letters signed "Love, Edith," and photos of a woman who looks just like her. Suddenly, Edie has a flurry of new questions about this woman who shares her name. Could she belong to the Native family that Edie never knew about? But if her mom and dad have kept this secret from her all her life, how can she trust them to tell her the truth now?

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Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly & Isabel Roxas.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12455821>

Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball. They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil. Through luck, smarts, bravery, and a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.

Flying the Dragon by Natalie Dias Lorenzi.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11571647>

American-born Skye is a good student and a star soccer. Her cousin Hiroshi lives in Japan. Their lives are thrown together when Hiroshi's family have to move to the U.S. suddenly. Skye resents that she is now "not Japanese enough." Hiroshi has a hard time adjusting to life in a new culture, and resents Skye's intrusions on his time with Grandfather. But Hiroshi & Skye share an interest in competitive kite flying that brings them together for a contest at the annual Washington Cherry Blossom Festival.

A Long Pitch Home by Natalie Dias Lorenzi.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11571704>

Back in Pakistan, ten-year-old Bilal was a popular star on the cricket field. But when his father suddenly sends the family to live with their aunt and uncle in America, nothing is familiar. While Bilal tries to keep up with his cousin Jalaal by joining a baseball league and practicing his English, he wonders when his father will join the family in Virginia. Maybe if Bilal can prove himself on the pitcher's mound, his father will make it to see him play. But playing baseball means navigating relationships with the guys, and with Jordan, the only girl on the team--the player no one but Bilal wants to be friends with.

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Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky by Kwambe Mbalia.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12572336>

Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm in Alabama. But on his first night there, a sticky creature shows up in his bedroom and steals Eddie's notebook. Tristan chases after it--is that a doll?--and a tug-of-war ensues between them underneath a Bottle Tree. In a last attempt to wrestle the journal out of the creature's hands, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place with a burning sea, haunted bone ships, and iron monsters that are hunting the inhabitants of this world

No Crystal Stair by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11272979>

Nelson combines meticulous research with a storyteller's flair to document the life and times of her great-uncle Lewis Michaux, an extraordinary literacy pioneer of the Civil Rights era.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12324770>

In 12th century Korea, orphan Tree-ear lives under a bridge. He wants nothing more than to watch master potter Min at work, and he dreams of making a pot of his own someday. There are many obstacles in his path, but Tree-ear is determined to prove himself - even if it means taking a long, dangerous journey to present present Min's work at the royal court in the hope of a commission.

Maximillian Fly by Angie Sage.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13218711>

Maximillian Fly wants no trouble. Yet because he stands at six feet two, with beautiful indigo wings, long antennae, and more arms than you or me, many are frightened of him. He is a gentle creature who looks like a giant cockroach. This extraordinary human wants to prove his goodness, so he opens his door to two SilverSeed children in search of a place to hide. Instantly, Maximillian's quiet, solitary life changes. There are dangerous powers after them and they have eyes everywhere. But in this gray city of Hope trapped under the Orb, is escape even possible?

Lizzie Bright and The Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12023646>

It only takes a few hours for Turner Buckminster to start hating Phippsburg, Maine. No one in town will let him forget that he's a minister's son, even if he doesn't act like one. But then he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a smart and sassy girl from a poor nearby island community.

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Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13326640>

This edition of Margot Lee Shetterly's acclaimed book is perfect for young readers. It is the powerful story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program.

The King of Jam Sandwiches by Eric Walters.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13407736>

It's just Robbie and his dad, but no one knows that his dad isn't like most parents. Sometimes he wakes Robbie up in the middle of the night to talk about dying. Sometimes he just leaves without telling Robbie where he's going. No one can know, or Robbie might get put into foster care. But one day, Robbie has to show the tough new girl, Harmony, around school. Their first meeting ends horribly and she punches Robbie in the face. But eventually they realize that they have a lot more in common than they thought. Can Robbie's new friend be trusted to keep his secret?

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13218225>

When her hometown in Syria becomes dangerous, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives while her father and brother must stay behind. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude loves haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US-and her new label of "Middle Eastern." But there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13096024>

In this Newbery Honor novel, New York Times bestselling author Rita Williams-Garcia tells the story of three sisters who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them. Eleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother to her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern. She's had to be, ever since their mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago for a radical new life in California. But when the sisters arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with their mother, Cecile is nothing like they imagined.

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United to Strike: A Story of the Delano Grape Workers by Molly Zenk & Eric Freeberg.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12186550>

Budding reporter, Tala Mendoza, thinks life in 1965 Delano, California, is boring. But that's before her father and other members of the local Filipino grape workers' union vote to strike. While the strike brings Filipino and Mexican farmworkers together, it threatens to tear Tala and her best friend, Jasmine, apart.