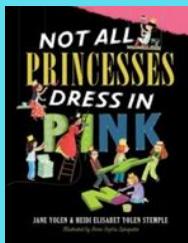


Sexuality Education Themes in Elementary Cycle Two ESL

Identity, Gender Stereotypes and Roles, and Social Norms

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink

Jane Yolen



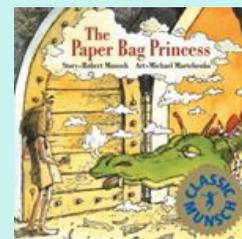
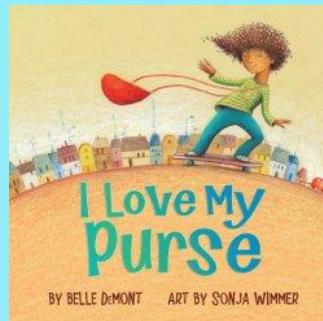
Not all princesses dress in pink. Girls play sports, drive trucks, use power tools and more—all while wearing their sparkly princess crowns and jewels (as well as body armour, hand-me-down shirts, overalls and bright red socks that stink).

I Love My Purse

Belle DeMont



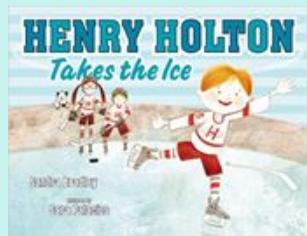
Charlie loves the bright red purse. At first there are questions and then people start to imitate his style, and find joy.



The Paper Bag Princess

Robert Munsch

Elizabeth sets out on a quest to outsmart a dragon and rescue her husband-to-be. In a humorous and ironic twist, she decides to reject the prince and forge a life of her own, on her own terms.



Henry Holton Takes the Ice

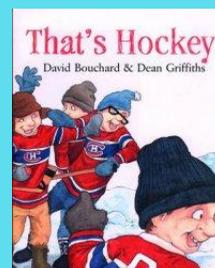
Sandra Bradley



Henry Holton's whole family is hockey mad. Everyone, that is, except Henry. Henry is ready to hang up his gear and try on some figure skates, but first he has to convince his hockey-obsessed family to let him follow his own path.

Learning Goal:

Discuss the role that you can play in respecting sexual diversity and differences.



That's Hockey



David Bouchard

Etienne's visiting cousin is a hockey fan but needs to learn how to play street hockey. Being a boy or, as it turns out, a girl, doesn't matter when you play as a team.

Sample Questions to Guide Discussion:

What types of activities, interests and appearances are generally associated with boys or girls? In what ways do the characters in the stories challenge these expectations?

How do the characters in the stories find happiness while challenging gender stereotypes?

Where do stereotypes about boys and girls come from? Make connections between the problems the characters face and messages in the media (for example, toy packaging or catalogues) about gender stereotypes.

Sample Activities to Complement Discussion:

Discuss how your friends, your environment or your community influence the way you think and the choices you make.

Make up some skits that show different ways of expressing masculinity or femininity.

Suggested Keywords: gender roles, stereotypes, individuality, deconstructing stereotypes

