

SASSMM'S RECOMMENDATIONS

for elementary age kids

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Books on Gender

WHO ARE YOU?
THE KID'S GUIDE TO GENDER IDENTITY
by, Brook Pessin-Whedbee

IT FEELS GOOD TO BE YOURSELF
by, Theresa Thorn

*FROM THE STARS IN THE SKY TO
THE FISH IN THE SEA*
by, Kai Cheng Thom

*ARE YOU A BOY OR
ARE YOU A GIRL?*
by, Sarah Savage and Fox Fisher

I LOVE MY PURSE
by, Belle Demont

*MORRIS MICKLEWHITE AND THE
TANGERINE DRESS*
by, Christine Baldacchino

JACOB'S ROOM TO CHOOSE
by, Sarah and Ian Hoffman

WILLIAM'S DOLL
by, Charlotte Zolotow

Books on Boundaries

MY VERY OWN SPACE
by, Pippa Goodhart

C IS FOR CONSENT
by, Eleanor Morrison

BECAUSE IT'S MY BODY
by, Joanne Sherman

*MY BODY BELONGS TO ME FROM
MY HEAD TO MY TOES*
by, Dagmar Geisler

MY BODY WHAT I SAY GOES
by, Jayneen Sanders

*LET'S TALK ABOUT BODY BOUNDARIES,
CONSENT AND RESPECT*
by, Jayneen Sanders

MY BODY BELONGS TO ME
by, Jill Starishevsky

UNCLE WILLY'S TICKLES
by, Marcie Aboff

THAT UH-OH FEELING
by, Kathryn Cole

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All of these books are accessible via inter-library loan if your local library doesn't have them.

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MY VERY OWN SPACE: reminds kids its okay to want some space

C IS FOR CONSENT: introduces the idea that we should be able to control who/when/how we share space with others

BECAUSE IT'S MY BODY: empowers children to communicate body boundaries, not ideal for the shy or less verbal child

MY BODY BELONGS TO ME FROM MY HEAD TO MY TOES: empowers children to communicate body boundaries, not ideal for the shy or less verbal child

MY BODY WHAT I SAY GOES: very comprehensive, though it claims that boys have a penis, testicles, and bottom and girls have vulva, vagina, bottom and nipples. A more inclusive way to present this would be that some people have... and some people have...

LET'S TALK ABOUT BODY BOUNDARIES, CONSENT, AND RESPECT: a very thorough book about recognizing, communicating, and respecting boundaries

MY BODY BELONGS TO ME: an example of what it might look if a child is touched inappropriately

UNCLE WILLY'S TICKLES: non-threatening book talks about how important but uncomfortable it can be to set boundaries

THAT UH-OH FEELING: story about a child whose coach is being mildly inappropriate and the child responds to by telling a trusted adult

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While people of all backgrounds are impacted by sexual violence, it is typically a gender-based violence. Rigid gender roles are damaging to a child's feelings of worth and sense of self. One of the best ways to reduce sexual violence is by promoting gender equity, and embracing all forms of gender expression. To help start empowering and protective conversations about gender with kids, SASSMM recommends the following books:

WHO ARE YOU? THE KID'S GUIDE TO GENDER IDENTITY: educational and supportive

IT FEELS GOOD TO BE YOURSELF: an overview of gender identity and it's varying expressions

FROM THE STARS IN THE SKY TO THE FISH IN THE SEA: encourages children to be themselves despite norms

ARE YOU A BOY OR A GIRL?: poses the question does it really matter what your gender is?

I LOVE MY PURSE: portrays one child's unique clothing choice as inspiring to others

MORRIS MICKELWHITE AND THE TANGERINE DRESS: about gender-based bullying

JACOB'S ROOM TO CHOOSE: two gender non-conforming children and bathroom choices, good for implementing neutral bathrooms

WILLIAM'S DOLL: a reassuring story of adults supporting a child's wants and expression even when it doesn't fit the norm.

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