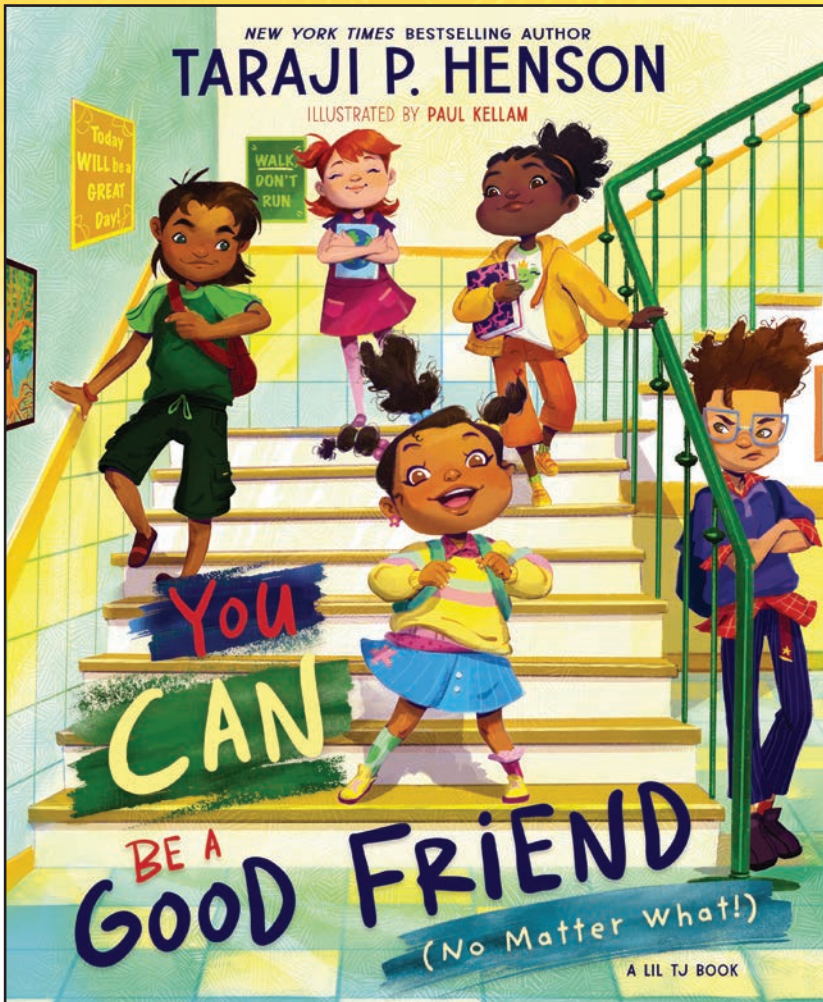


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YOU CAN BE A GOOD FRIEND

(No Matter What!)

A Lil TJ Book



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THIS DEBUT PICTURE BOOK from award-winning actress and mental-health advocate Taraji P. Henson speaks to children's anxiety about the first day of school, fitting in, and dealing with bullies.

Unique and boisterous Lil TJ is excited about her first day of school, but when she gets there, she finds that everything she does is a little different from everyone else. Her classmate Beau teases her constantly, and Lil TJ becomes filled with anxiety and doubt. Wise words from her Grandma Patsy help her find her courage and reach out to Beau, and soon she has a new band of friends!



Pet Portrait

Lil TJ loves her dog, Willie. During art class, she draws a beautiful picture of him. Draw a portrait of your pet—real or wished for.



A large, empty rectangular box with a purple border, intended for drawing a pet portrait.

Brainstorming about Bullying

TJ is excited about school and making new friends—until her classmate Beau starts teasing her every day. With a trusted adult, talk about what it might feel like to be bullied. What can you do if someone bullies you? How can you be a good friend when you see someone getting teased? Brainstorm a list of ways to cope with bullying.



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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



What Makes You YOU?

Lil TJ likes to style her hair with colorful ponytail holders, eat peanut butter and tomato sandwiches, and wear pink cowboy boots. She loves art, raising her hand in class, and making music. She is her own special person. You are your own special person too! What makes you YOU? In the shapes below, draw or write about the things you love that make you unique.

Four large, irregular, purple-outlined shapes arranged in a 2x2 grid. These shapes are intended for children to draw or write about things that make them unique.

Friendship Bracelets

Share these bracelets with friends!

FRIENDS ARE SWEET
LIKE HONEY!



GOOD FRIENDS
(No Matter What!)

HELLO, FRIEND!



YOU ARE A
SPECIAL FRIEND!

I like you just
the way you are!



Cut out each bracelet. Wrap around a wrist and tape to secure.

Puzzle

Cut out the picture of TJ and her good friends along the purple lines.
Mix up the squares and put the puzzle together again!

