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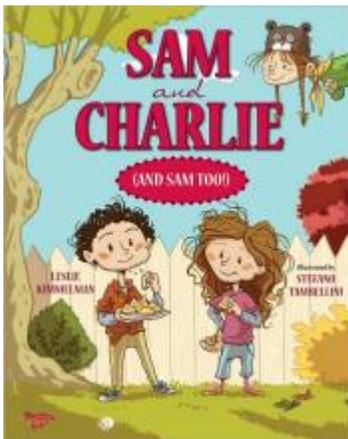
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Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!) by Leslie Kimmelman

Grades 1-3

Sam is excited about his new neighbors, especially when he overhears someone yelling "Charlie, don't forget your baseball mitt!"

Sam runs over to meet his new neighbors, Charlie (short for Charlene, but *never* call her that) and Sam Too, Charlie's little sister. The three new friends have a lot in common other than their names and their love of baseball and hamentaschen.

In this fun beginning chapter book, play baseball, celebrate Purim, sneeze on a sick day, and much more with new friends Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!).

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More books by Leslie Kimmelman and Stefano Tambellini.

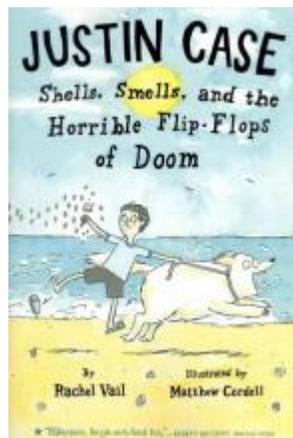
For other early chapter books about good friends, try:

Pinky and Rex by James Howe (series)

Iris and Walter by Elissa Hadden Guest (series)

Mimi and Mati to the Rescue: Roger the Rat is on the Loose! by Brooke Smith

Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee



Justin Case: Shells, Smells, and the Horrible Flip-Flops of Doom by Rachel Vail

Grades 2-5

If you thought Justin had a worrisome and difficult third-grade year, just *wait* until you read about his summer at Camp GoldenBrook.

After third-grade, Justin is determined to stop worrying so much - until he finds out he's going to a camp that is probably going to kill him - if his flip-flops don't do the job first.

Fans of *Alvin Ho* or the *Wimpy Kid* series will love Justin's humorous attempts at bravery, and find Justin to be a welcome friend.

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More books by Rachel Vail.

Read the first book in the Justin Case series.

Other series about kids like Justin:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Greg Kinney

Alvin Ho by Lenore Look

Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce

Mason Dixon by Claudia Mills

Stand-alone books you may enjoy:

Herbert's Wormhole by Peter Nelson

The Thing about Georgie by Lisa Graff

Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Reading Level: Grades 7+

"Boxing is a dying sport. People aren't much interested anymore. They want easy things, like television, bowling, car rides."

Alfred Brooks wants to be somebody special - a champion. Donatelli assures him that's impossible - first Alfred has to train - train so hard he'll start to feel like it's not worth it, that he should just quit - that he'll never be a fighter at all, let alone a contender. But Alfred is determined, and begins to train, hard. When he's boxing, Alfred doesn't have to think about all the bad stuff going on in his life, it's just him and the ring, nothing going on outside it matters at all. Inside the ring, Alfred can contend with his life.

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More books by Robert Lipsyte

The Fenway Foul-Up by David A. Kelly

Reading Level: Grades 2-4

The first book in the Ballpark Mysteries series features the Boston Red Sox. The Red Sox season is jeopardized when their star slugger's lucky bat is stolen right after batting practice. When no one else can find the bat cousins Mike and Kate decide to save the day.

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If you enjoyed this baseball mystery try:

[Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball by David Adler and](#)

[The Missing Mitt by Franklin Dixon](#)

[Girl Overboard by Justina Chen Headley](#)

Reading Level: Grades 8+

To the outside observer, Syrah Cheng, daughter of billionaire Ethan Cheng, lives a charmed life. If only it were so. Between her critical, distant parents, her hateful adult half brother and sister and her sycophantic classmates, Syrah feels besieged and alone. Life has been even worse since the snowboarding accident that almost took her life and brought her under the unfavorable scrutiny of the press.

When her life long friend Age turns his back on her, Syrah realizes that her happiness lies within herself.

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