Woolbur Read-A-Likes: Books About Individuality!

**PEARL BARLEY AND CHARLIE PARSLEY** by Aaron Blabey  
Pearl and Charlie are best friends although they seem to be different in every way.

**SUNDAY CHUTNEY** by Aaron Blabey  
Sunday Chutney's family moves often to different countries, so she has found imaginative ways to cope with being the new girl at school.

**LITTLE CLOUD** by Eric Carle  
A little cloud becomes all sorts of things—sheep, an airplane, trees, a hat—before joining other clouds and raining.

**I LIKE ME!** by Nancy Carlson  
By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when there's no one else around, a charming pig proves the best friend you can have is yourself.

**ELLA SARAH GETS DRESSED** by Margaret Chodos-Irvine  
Despite the advice of others in her family, Ella Sarah persists in wearing the striking and unusual outfit of her own choosing.

**THE ART LESSON** by Tomie dePaola  
Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there much more regimented.

**Milo Armadillo** by Jan Fearnley  
When no one can find a pink, fluffy rabbit to give to Tallulah for her birthday, her grandmother knits her a pink, fluffy thing that they name Milo Armadillo, which proves to be a great present.

**GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE** by Andreae Giles  
Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

**DOG IN BOOTS** by Greg Gormley  
After reading "Puss in Boots," an adventurous dog sets out to find the perfect pair of shoes to suit his every need.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM** by Kevin Henkes  
Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.
VIOLET’S MUSIC by Angela Johnson
From the days she banged her rattle in the crib, Violet has been looking for friends to share her love of music.

TACKY THE PENGUIN by Helen Lester
Tacky does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps.

PETE THE CAT AND HIS FOUR GROOVY BUTTONS by Eric Litwin
Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

ELMER by David McKee
All the elephants of the jungle were gray except Elmer, who was a patchwork of brilliant colors until the day he got tired of being different and making the other elephants laugh.

STEPHANIE’S PONYTAIL by Robert Munsch
When Stephanie comes to school with her hair in a ponytail, all the other students copy her, so she decides to change her hairstyle every day, with disastrous results

THE ART OF MISS CHEW by Patricia Polacco
Describes how a teacher named Miss Chew encouraged individuality, and accepted learning differences, and helped a young student with academic difficulties get extra time to take tests and permission to be in advanced art classes. Inspired by the author’s memories of her art teacher.

IT’S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT by Todd Parr
Illustrations and brief text describe all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as "It's Okay to be a different color," "It's Okay to need some help," "It's Okay to be adopted," and "It's Okay to have a Different nose."

RUBY THE COPYCAT by Peggy Rathman
Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

SPLAT THE CAT by Rob Scotton
A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.

A BAD CASE OF STRIPES by David Shannon
In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

LUKE’S WAY OF LOOKING by Nadia Wheatley
Luke is frustrated by his conservative and overbearing art teacher, until he visits a museum and finds validation for his own special way of looking at the world.

NAKED MOLE RAT GETS DRESSED by Mo Willems
Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement.

WILLIAM’S DOLL by Charlotte Zolotow
William’s father gives him a basketball and a train but these do not make him want a doll less.

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