

KINDNESS

is a Golden Heart



Jessica
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Charlene
Chua

Kindness is an open door— there's always room for more.

FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET, a young child has opportunities to demonstrate kindness—to their parent, their pet and themselves—and to receive kindness as well. Written in metaphor with gentle rhymes and hinging on familiar words, *Kindness Is a Golden Heart* shows young readers how to use their “golden heart” by guiding them through many ways to be kind.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Using metaphor and rhyme, this charming book follows a young child, their parent and pet cat with everyday examples of what it means to treat people with kindness.
- The book offers clear, tangible, everyday ways to be kind, which will speak to kids and adults alike.
- The metaphors used hinge on words or images familiar to a young child (e.g., open door, helping hand).
- Jessica Kluthe was named one of Edmonton's Top 40 Under 40.
- Charlene Chua has worked with a number of different clients, including McDonald's, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chickadee*, Dove and Scholastic.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Kindness is an open door—
there's always room
for many more.



Kindness is a
thoughtful gift,
something small
to give a lift.



Kindness is a happy song,
music when the
day feels long.



Kindness is an
encouraging word—
you are special, loved
and heard.



Kindness is a gentle power,
a strength to use at any hour.



Kindness is a helping hand.
In return, your heart
will expand and expand
and expand.



Kindness is a
resting place,
a safe and warm
and cozy space.



Kindness is an attentive ear,
listening to truly hear.



Kindness is a beam of light,
shining through the
darkest night.





Kindness is a golden heart.
A treasure, dear child—
yours from the start.

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