

Built to Last

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Synopsis: Every creation two friends build together falls apart, except their friendship.

Suggested Reading Date: September (Beginning of School); Feb 17 (Acts of Kindness Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- Makerspace: Upcycling & Lo-Tech Makerspace. Gather household materials & challenge students to create something. <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/upcycling-low-tech-makerspace-mark-schreiber>
- Create a Find-A-Friend Bingo/Scavenger Hunt Activity (e.g. Find a friend who has a dog, likes basketball, etc.)
- Do a Kindness Note activity. Students write anonymous kind words and leave it on other students desks.

Related Websites:

- Author's Website: <https://minhlebooks.com>
- Illustrator's Website: <https://dansantat.tumblr.com>
- Teaching Expertise Friendship Activity ideas: <https://www.teachingexpertise.com/sel/find-a-friend-activity-for-kids/>
- Random House Activity Sheets: <https://randomhouse.app.box.com/s/92t76qfeom9nppkrd4q13l1i7jz5joyt>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Friends are Friends, Forever* by Dane Liu
- *Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)* by Carrie Finison
- *Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler

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