



# "CREATIVITY" IN ACTION

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Creativity is the spark that fuels innovation, problem-solving, and self-expression. It allows us to see the world in new ways, turn ideas into reality, and find solutions where others see obstacles. This month's Character in Action media collection explores the power of creativity—how it shapes art, storytelling, and even everyday problem-solving. Through these books, films, and TED Talks, we'll discover how creativity helps individuals and communities grow, inspire change, and bring their unique visions to life.

*Please note: Hyperlinks are included, where applicable, for easy searching.*

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### FILMS

Ratatouille (2007)  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (2009)  
The Lego Movie (2014)

### BOOKS

"Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat" by Javaka Steptoe  
"The Word Collector" by Peter H. Reynolds  
"Milo Imagines the World" by Matt de la Peña

## MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### FILMS

October Sky (1999)  
Black Panther (2018)

### BOOKS

"Some Places More Than Others" by Renée Watson  
"Harbor Me" by Jacqueline Woodson

### TEDTalks

["Creativity Under Pressure" – Todd Henry](#)  
["Your Elusive Creative Genius" – Elizabeth Gilbert](#)

## HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS

### FILMS

Soul (2020)  
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (2018)

### BOOKS

"Let Me Hear a Rhyme" by Tiffany D. Jackson  
"Genesis Begins" Again by Alicia D. Williams

### TEDTalks

["Do Schools Kill Creativity?" – Sir Ken Robinson](#)  
["The Power of Creative Constraints" – Brandon Rodriguez](#)