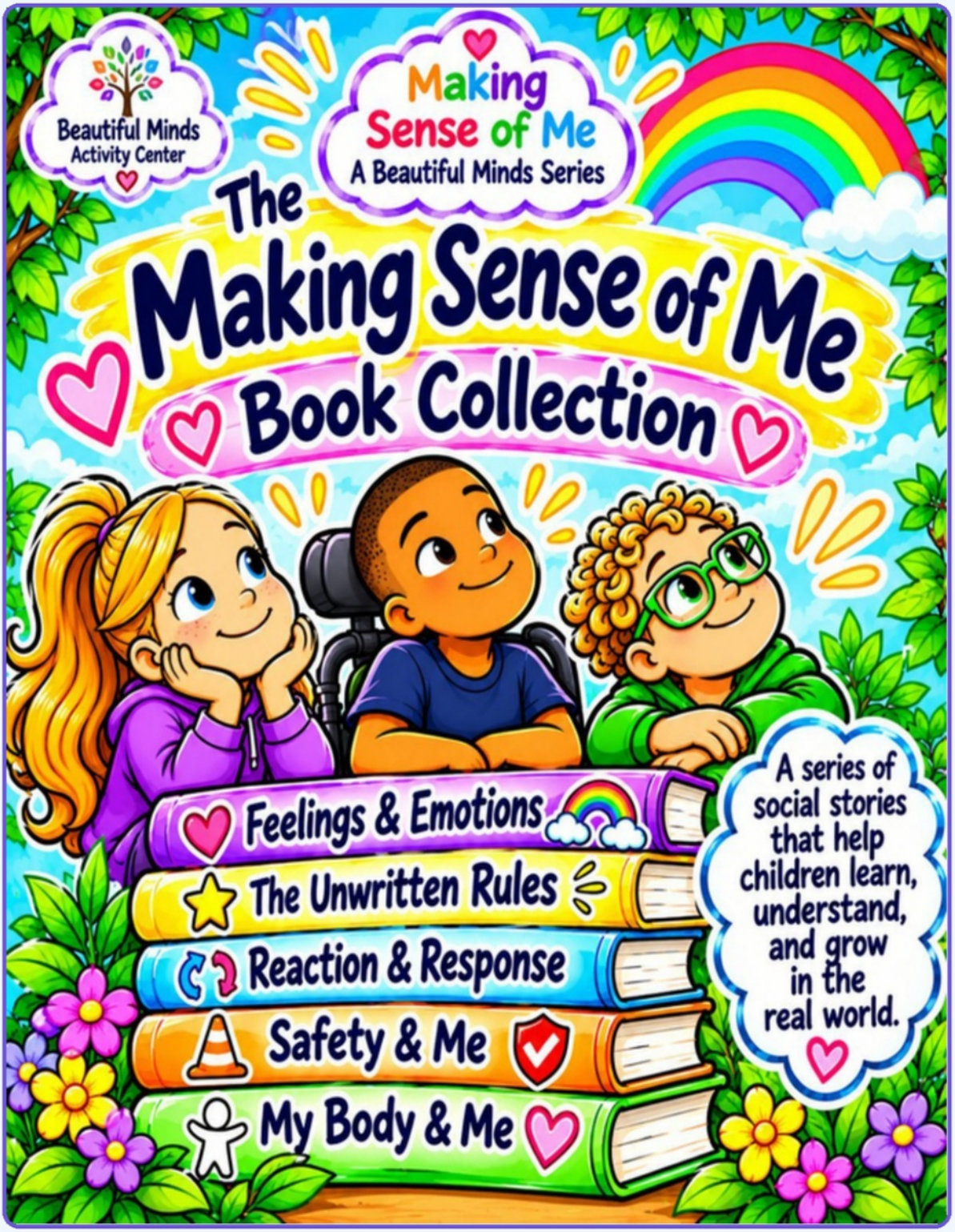
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Meet Elliot

Elliot is a deaf and autistic character who communicates using American Sign Language (ASL) and LAMP Words for Life (AAC).



Through his stories, children explore emotions, everyday experiences, social expectations, and life skills while discovering different ways people communicate and experience the world.





Communication and AAC

Elliot's stories include additional communication words at the bottom of each page, presented in individual, bordered squares. These words provide opportunities to:

- Connect story vocabulary with functional communication.
- Support AAC users in finding and practicing meaningful words.
- Reinforce vocabulary used within LAMP Words for Life.
- Encourage communication through AAC, ASL, and other forms of expression.
- Support interactive reading and meaningful participation.



Elliot's Communication Reflects...

- The importance of providing children with multiple meaningful ways to express themselves.
- That communication can happen through speech, ASL, AAC, and other forms of expression.
- That every communication attempt matters and deserves to be recognized.

Inclusive Learning

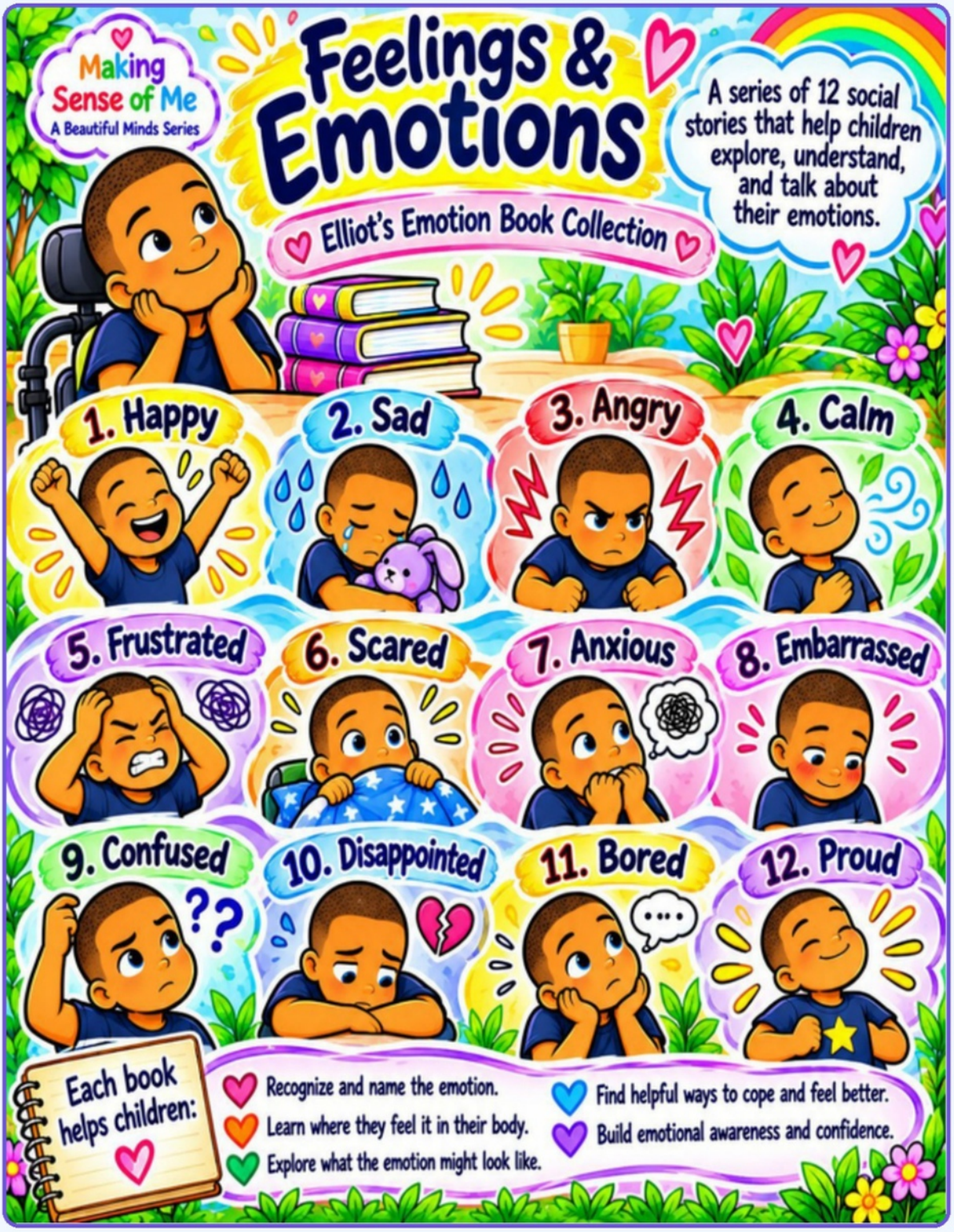
Elliot's stories support:

- Social-emotional learning
- Communication development
- Emotional awareness and self-regulation
- Life skills while celebrating the diverse ways children communicate



The communication squares can be modeled using LAMP Words for Life or incorporated into ASL practice, making the stories especially valuable for communication-focused learning.

Every child deserves a way to communicate, participate, and be understood.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Feelings & Emotions
Elliot's Emotion Book Collection
A series of 12 social stories that help children explore, understand, and talk about their emotions.
1. Happy
2. Sad
3. Angry
4. Calm
5. Frustrated
6. Scared
7. Anxious
8. Embarrassed
9. Confused
10. Disappointed
11. Bored
12. Proud
Each book helps children:
Recognize and name the emotion.
Learn where they feel it in their body.
Explore what the emotion might look like.
Find helpful ways to cope and feel better.
Build emotional awareness and confidence.

Making Sense of Me
A Beautiful Minds Series

Meet Rosie

Rosie is a curious, thoughtful character who is learning to make sense of the social world around her.

Through her stories, children explore emotions, friendships, social expectations, everyday challenges, and the sometimes-unwritten rules of interacting with others.





Through Rosie, children discover that:

- Everyone experiences emotions differently.
- Social situations can sometimes be confusing.
- Mistakes are opportunities to learn.
- It is okay to ask questions, need help, or take a break.
- There is more than one way to think, feel, and the world.

The Unwritten Rules

Rosie's Unwritten Rules collection explores social situations that are not always explicitly taught but are often expected of children. These stories help explain the WHY behind social expectations, supporting understanding rather than just memorizing rules.



Designed for Inclusive Learning

- Social-emotional learning
- Emotional awareness and self-regulation
- Understanding social situations
- Communication and self-advocacy
- Perspective-taking
- Developing confidence and independence



The goal is not to change who children are, but to help them make sense of their world while feeling understood, supported, and accepted.


The Unwritten Rules
A collection of social stories that help children understand everyday expectations, social situations, and what to do and say in tricky moments.
1 It's Okay to Say Sorry
2 Teasing or Bullying?
3 It's Okay to Know the Rules
4 When Rosie Hears "No"
5 When Rosie Feels Embarrassed
6 When Rosie Feels Anxious
7 When Rosie Feels Frustrated
8 Rosie Checks In With Herself
9 When It's Okay to Interrupt
10 How Do I Know If Someone Wants to Keep Talking?
11 How to End a Conversation
12 Small Talk
13 When Someone Says "I'm Fine"
14 Sarcasm
15 "Just Kidding"
16 Indirect Communication
17 When I Don't Understand a Joke
18 Personal Space
19 When Is It Okay to Touch Someone?
20 Asking Before Touching
21 Recognizing When Someone Is Uncomfortable
22 Recognizing When I Am Uncomfortable
23 Privacy
24 How Do I Join a Group?
25 Asking Someone to Play
26 When Someone Doesn't Want to Play
27 Maybe Later
28 Waiting My Turn
29 Game Starts
30 Winning and Losing
31 When Plans Change
32 Ending a Playdate
33 Saying No
34 When Someone Says No
35 Borrowing and Returning
36 Asking Before Using Someone's Things
37 How to Apologize Without Shame
38 Repairing a Friendship
39 When Someone Is Annoyed With Me
40 When I Make a Mistake
41 When Something Is Hard for Me


Reaction & Response
A collection of social stories that focus on what happens next and what choices I can make after a situation.
1 When Someone Says No
NO
2 When Someone Says Something I Don't Like
3 When Someone Corrects Me
4 When Something Doesn't Go My Way
5 When Someone Interrupts Me
6 When Someone Takes Something I'm Using
7 When Someone Tells Me to Stop
STOP
8 When I Have to Wait
9 When Plans Change
10 When I Make a Mistake
!
11 When Someone Makes a Mistake
12 When Someone Is Upset With Me
13 When Someone Doesn't Want to Play
14 When Someone Says Something Mean
@#%!
15 When I Lose a Game
16 When I Don't Understand What Someone Means
???
17 When I Don't Get What I Want
18 When Something Unexpected Happens
!?

Making Sense of Me
A Beautiful Minds Series

Meet Ethan

Ethan is an autistic character whose communication journey is at the heart of his stories.



Ethan is learning to use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to help him express himself, connect with others, and participate more fully in the world around him.

Through Ethan's Stories, Children Discover...



- Communication is much more than spoken words.
- Everyone deserves a way to express themselves.
- AAC is a meaningful and valuable way to communicate.
- Communication can happen through speech, gestures, AAC, and other forms of expression.
- Learning to communicate takes time, practice, and supportive opportunities.
- Every communication attempt matters and deserves to be recognized.

Communication and AAC

Ethan's stories include communication opportunities that support children who use AAC, are developing spoken language, or communicate in multiple ways.

- Connect story vocabulary with functional communication.
- Encourage children to express their thoughts, feelings, and needs.
- Model meaningful AAC vocabulary.
- Reinforce communication across everyday situations.
- Encourage participation and language development.

Designed for Inclusive Learning

- Communication and language development
- AAC learning and participation
- Social-emotional learning
- Emotional awareness and self-regulation
- Understanding everyday experiences
- Developing independence and confidence



Ethan reminds us that every child has something to say, every communication attempt matters, and every child deserves to be heard.


Making Sense of Me
Safety & Me
A collection of social stories that teach safety skills at home, at school, in the community, and in everyday life.
At Home
At School
In the Community
Emergency Safety
Everyday Safety

Making Sense of Me

Safety & Me

Social Stories for Staying Safe and Making Safe Choices



At Home

1. I Stay Safe at Home: I Do Not Leave the House Alone
2. Staying Safe in the Kitchen
3. Being Safe with Hot Things
4. Being Safe with Sharp Things
5. Being Safe with Medicines
6. Being Safe with Cleaning Products
7. Being Safe with Electricity
8. Being Safe Around Water
9. Being Safe on the Stairs
10. Being Safe with Doors
11. Being Safe with Windows
12. Being Safe with Strangers at Home
13. What to Do if I Get Lost at Home
14. What to Do in an Emergency at Home
15. Keeping My Home Safe and Clean
16. Quiet and Safe Play at Home
17. My Home Safety Checklist



At School

18. I Stay Safe at School: I Do Not Leave School Alone
19. Walking Safely at School
20. Being Safe in the Classroom
21. Being Safe on the Playground
22. Using School Materials Safely
23. Being Safe in the Gym
24. Being Safe in the Hallway
25. Being Safe in the Lunchroom
26. Being Safe in the Bathroom at School
27. Being Safe with Other People at School
28. What to Do if I Feel Unsafe
29. What to Do if There Is an Emergency at School
30. How to Ask for Help at School
31. Following School Safety Rules
32. My School Safety Checklist



In the Community

33. Walking Safely in the Community
34. Crossing the Street Safely
35. Being Safe at the Bus Stop
36. Riding the Bus Safely
37. Being Safe in a Car
38. What to Do if I Get Lost
39. Being Safe in Stores
40. Being Safe at the Library
41. Being Safe at the Park
42. Being Safe Around Animals
43. Being Safe Around Water (Pools, Lakes and Beaches)
44. Being Safe in Crowded Places
45. Being Safe with People I Don't Know
46. What to Do if Someone Asks for Help
47. Being Safe Online
48. Being Safe with Money
49. Being a Safe and Kind Member of My Community
50. Knowing Who Can Help Me
51. What to Do in an Emergency in the Community
52. Community Safety Rules
53. My Community Safety Checklist
54. Being Prepared for Different Places


Emergency Safety
Making Sense of Me
Social Stories for Emergencies and Unexpected Situations
What to Do in an Emergency
Knowing Who Can Help Me
What to Do if I Get Lost
What to Do if There Is a Fire
What to Do if Someone Asks for Help
Community Safety Rules
911


Making Sense of Me
My Body & Me
A book collection that helps children learn about their body, care for themselves, and keep themselves safe.
1
My Body Belongs to Me
2
Private Parts Are Private
3
It's Okay to Say "No"
4
I Keep My Body Clean
5
I Take Care of My Teeth
6
I Use the Bathroom
7
I Stay Safe with People
8
I Have Feelings in My Body
9
I Take Care of My Body
Edit

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