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*Synopsis:*

*The book tells the story of a boy who wanted to make friends but could not because of his way of being and the incorrect ways of relating to his colleagues. One day, he magically met the A to Z Friends Club, which showed him how to develop and maintain lasting friendships. From then on, he knew the value and happiness of having friends.*

## Dedication

I dedicate this work to all those who reserve part of their lives to educate children in some way, as a mission and a belief that in them is the hope of a better world.

In special to parents, teachers and grandparents, the basic triangle of early childhood education.

I thank God for the child that He still allows to exist in me.

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This is the story of Noah, a strong and intelligent boy, raised with great care and love by his parents.

After all, he was the only child of the couple Emma and Oliver.

All the attention in the house turned to him.

Noah grew up, time passed, until the day came when he would go to school for his first day of school.

He was about to turn seven years old, and despite waiting for this moment with great joy, he was anxious.

This would be his first opportunity to meet and live with other children in a more intense and daily way.

Of course, in the building where he lived, Noah played with other neighboring

children, with mothers who always watched the games from afar and intervened, when necessary, to calm an argument or disagreement.

But now at school it would be different. He did not know the children and his mother would not be nearby.

This was the reason for so much anxiety. We humans are anxious every time we go through an unknown experience. In fact, even animals are like that!

So, Noah's reaction was normal.

Classes began, the days passed, and Noah began to understand what was happening around him:

"Everyone was there to learn from the teacher and play at recess!"

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But something began to happen to Noah that made him sad.

The children in his class began to form groups and develop friendship. They laughed at each other, talked, knew each other, and always played together at recess.

Noah did not belong to any of the groups yet. He felt isolated, tried to approach this or that group, but soon realized that the children were moving away from him. And he did not understand why! And he asked himself:

“What is wrong about me? Why do children not want to play what I want? I am stronger than many of them”.

Almost every day his mother Emma picked him up at the school gate and, as always, she saw the children in groups, laughing,



pushing each other as they waited for their parents.

But Noah was waiting for his mother alone, leaning against the post next to the popcorn maker, the only one who paid attention to him and spoke to him.

On one of these days, Emma noted that Noah was visibly upset with his friends' treatment:

“Mom, nobody liked me at school. I want to play, and they won't let me, they isolate me!”.

It was not the first time that Noah's mother noticed a difficulty in this regard.

“What could I say to help you?”. She thought.

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On other occasions, Noah's mother had already tried to explain that his behavior was causing this reaction from his colleagues.

But he did not seem to understand it and thought he was always right.

Noah did not try to be nice to his colleagues and used brute force to be stronger than most.

But his mind was that of a seven-year-old boy and he had no idea how much his behavior was hurting him.

And so, the days passed, and Noah continued his problem of not being able to make friends until, one day, he sat sad and depressed on a rock in the school garden, far from the playground.

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Annoyed, he began to eat his sandwich, slowly and thoughtfully, and fell asleep soundly, who did not even hear the signal to return to class.

And dreamed.

In his dream, he continued to have his snack and saw a child his age and size beside him, taking a fright:

“Wow! Who are you? Where did you come from? Do you study here?”.

“My name is Angel. I am always with you and I am your best friend!”.

“But I never saw you here!”.

“I am always in your conscience. Ah! It's where I live!”.

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“Do you live in my conscience? What fun! I've never seen you!”.

“But I talk to you at all hours. I am that voice that tells you when you are right or when you are wrong, remember? But I always let you choose!”.

“But what do you want with me? No one wants to be my friend!”.

“I'm already your best friend, remember this! I want to help you!”.

“Help?”.

“Yes. Help you make friends!”.

“But how?”.

Angel, in Noah's dream, made him recapitulate in thought the recent events

that caused his classmates to prevent him from playing and denying his friendship.

Noah could see himself, as if he were watching a video recording on television.

On the day of the soccer game, Noah found himself forcing his friends to accept his lineup, pressured one of those who disagreed, he wanted to take leadership of the group by brute force.

Then he saw his friends unite against him.

On another occasion, Noah found himself brutally reacting to a joke from one of his friends who spoke about the color of his very dark skin.

“Noah attacked him and was warned by the teacher”.

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Noah could see him isolating himself from the group, whenever he was upset in his will.

He kept silent, walked away, kept an angry face, even once he climbed up the wall of the school, not wanting to leave it at all.

That day the school had to call his parents.

Noah began to realize that he was against some relationship rules, but he had a hard time understanding them, as he continued in his deep sleep, caressed by the morning sun.

Interrupting his thoughts, Angel asked:

"Noah, would you like to visit the A to Z Friends Club and listen to the children, who found ways to develop and maintain friendships and good relationships for their advices?"

Noah nodded in agreement.

“So, let us turn this stone into a magic balloon and visit the A to Z Friends Club. Keep it safe!”

And the magic balloon, magic like Noah's dream, was reaching the sky towards the clouds.

Noah heard many voices that seemed to come from school:

“Professor, I don't know where Noah hid himself!”.

“Didn't he go home alone?”.

“Should we notify his mother?”.

“Did anyone do anything for him?”.

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“Ah, when he appears, he will have to explain himself very well!”.

But the voices were falling behind when the magic balloon hit the clouds.

And the magic balloon finally arrived at a beautiful garden, with many flowers and multicolored water sources, where Noah and Angel disembarked.

Soon, they were surrounded by 26 children, who already knew Angel very well.

The children laughed at everything, rolled on the ground, played all kinds of games, hugged each other all the time and seemed incredibly happy. They were great friends!

Angel tried not to take long.

School staff were almost finding Noah sleeping next to a bush in the garden.



Angel asked each child in the Friends Club from A to Z to show Noah how he should behave to make friends, recounting the experiences that each had had and summarizing in wise advice.

And so, one by one, they performed, as in a children's choir:

I am A, by Antony. Look at people with a smile and a calm and affectionate expression.

I am B, from Benedict. Invite the children and ask them what we are going to play. Be democratic and participatory.

I am C, from Carmen. Pay compliments, be nice to people.

I am D, from David. Be interested in what your friends like to do when they are at home and on weekends.

I am E, by Emerson. Invite your friends to visit your home or go out together. Change phones

I am F, by Foyle. Ask him what your friend would like to be when he grows up. Exchange ideas about the future.

I am G, by Gerald. Never get mad when people do not have the same opinion as you.

I am H, for Helio. Make people feel good by your side, be happy.

I am I, from Ivo. Never speak bad words about one friend to another.

I am J, from John. Do not try to be more than others, relate on the same level.

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I am K, from Ken. Cultivate friendships with your heart and you will realize who your true friends are.

I am L, from Louis. Do not get involved in fights, never use violence to impose your will.

I am M, from Mary. If someone says they spoke bad words about you, pretend you do not know that information.

I am N, from Nair. If something irritates you, leave the group naturally, without showing irritation. Always show confidence in yourself.

I am O, by Octavio. Learn to accept and apologize.

I am P, from Rouen. Never comment with anyone if you hear bad words about that person. Do not be a gossip.

I am Q from Queen. Promote parties and picnics and invite your friends.

I am R, by Robert. Challenge yourself to conquer people who apparently do not love you.

I am S, by Sabrina. Do not be overly competitive in opinion, in games, in play. Do not want to win them all.

I am T, by Thelma. Do not be afraid of losing. Winning and losing helps shape your personality and character.

I am U, from Ursula. Try to establish a more real and lasting relationship with those who identify with you the most.

I am V, from Vera. Try to do school work together with your friends, trying to improve the knowledge of each other.

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I am X, from Xenia. Join Scout groups and other groups of boys in your community.

I am Y, from Ygor. Be a good person, companion, and friend during all hours.

I am W, from William. When someone is better than you, do not show disappointment and sadness, on the contrary, congratulate and praise him. Analyze the behavior of successful people in relationships and try to adopt it.

I am Z, from Zulia. Know that you will not get everyone's friendship, but it is important that you have a series of real friends who like to be with you. Do not create gangs of friends to compete, fight, or rival other groups of children. When the situation is one of potential conflict, try to ignore them.

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The children's choir from the A to Z Friends Club withdrew and found another magic balloon that had just landed, or rather, "clouded".

"Noah! Time to go back! Hold on! Here we go!". Angel screamed with happiness and mission accomplished.

The magic balloon returned to school at full speed, while Noah reflected on the advice, he had heard from the A to Z Friends Club.

When he opened his eyes, he saw dozens of legs of all kinds around him and one of them was stepping on the grass continuously.

The feet were of his teacher:

"How beautiful, ins, t it, Mr. Noah? Asleep during class time! What do you have to say?".

Noah was sweating a lot, the sun was extremely hot, and he had spent more than an hour sleeping on the grass, near a bush.

“Teacher, I'm sorry! I was in the magic balloon with Angel. We went to visit the A to Z Friends Club in the clouds! It was incredibly beautiful! I learned a lot from them. Colleagues, I love you all! You are all my friends!”.

“Noah, I will call your mother to come and get you. You have a fever. You must rest for today. You are forgiven. We also like you a lot and we all want to be your friends here!”.

In an invisible corner, Angel was excited with joy and excitement.

In the morning of the following day, Noah woke up for another day of school, after resting and the fever had passed.

Next to his bed, on the nightstand next to the alarm clock, he had a piece of paper with the 26 tips on "How to make friends".

Underneath was written: "From your friends of the A to Z Friends Club".

But Noah smiled and decided to keep the precious list and not show it to anyone.

After all, who would believe in the magic balloon trip with Angel, the visit to the beautiful garden where the A to Z Friends Club lived and the 26 tips they gave?

Would you believe?

Noah sought to follow the advice he had received from his friends at the A to Z Friends Club and made many good friends by changing his behavior and attitudes.



From then on, he knew the value and happiness of having friends.

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