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Hi gorgeous girl!

Welcome to **GIRLWISE** – a series of books that have been created especially for **YOU!**

Why? Because you are an **INCREDIBLE** and **AMAZING** girl and sometimes you just might need a little bit of encouragement along the way to be reminded just how beautiful and capable you are!

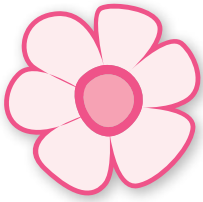
This book has been created especially for girls just like you!

Friendships are an important part of our lives and it would simply be much more difficult if we had to go through life without them. But sometimes, things may go wrong. Misunderstandings can happen and friendship groups may change. It can be difficult to know the best way to handle it.

So I hope and pray that this friendship guidebook helps give you some valuable advice along the way. I hope you enjoy reading it and just know that you are **NEVER** alone! 😊

Love **Sharon**





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FRIENDS MATTER!



The importance of friends

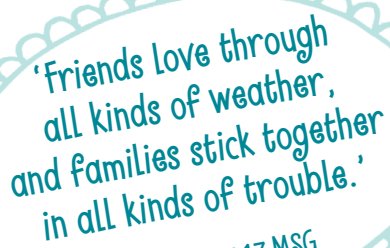
Where would we be without our **FRIENDS**?

I know that the world would be a pretty lonely place if we all just simply existed and didn't have special relationships with friends.

Friendships are **GOD-GIVEN GIFTS** – there is no doubt about it.

Friends are there to help us celebrate when things go well. For example, they'll be there with you to cheer you on when you get first prize in an art competition. They'll share your joy when a new baby brother or sister arrives. True friends are happy for us when good things happen.

Friends are also important when things don't go so well, such as when you lose a pet or you get a nasty case of Chickenpox. Great friends do all they can to cheer each other up, lend a listening ear and just **BE** with you.



'Friends love through
all kinds of weather,
and families stick together
in all kinds of trouble.'

Proverbs 17:17 MSG

Throughout my life, I have had many different friendships. Some of them have lasted a year; some of them were for a season – such as just through primary school – and some have lasted for years and years!

'Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What! You too? Thought I was the only one."'

CS Lewis

The important thing to remember is that all friendships, no matter how long they last, are there for a **SEASON** and a **REASON**.

Some friendships might have been especially important when settling into a new school, while others might have started because you shared a hospital room together for a short time. Other friendships might have started when you were a little girl, walking into your preschool with a pink backpack over your shoulder and a tear in your eye as mum drove away. Others may have naturally developed because you lived in the same street or close by.

However you meet a new friend, appreciate it as a gift.

We never know how long a friendship may last, but if you are really blessed, some may just last you a **LIFETIME**.

A true friend



A true friend is one that is loyal,
They stand beside you no matter what.
A friend offers support when you need it
Whether you ask for it or not

A true friend will spend time with you
Even if they have a lot to do
Because they see the value in what you have
Between each other, that is true

Friends don't make judgments
Or tell you what you've done wrong
They will stand beside you and offer advice
And stand with you when you're not strong

Each and every one of us should know what
It means to have a friend
That someone who knows you so very well
And on them you can depend

A true friend is loyal
No matter when and where
If you have this kind of friendship
You are blessed beyond compare.



MAKING
NEW FRIENDS



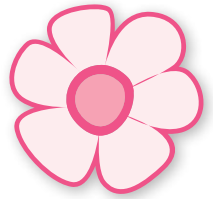
Friendships don't just happen ...or do they?

Think of your three closest friends for just a minute.

Do you remember where you first met them and how you became friends?

One of my closest friendships came from someone I met at the school I teach. From an early point of meeting, we've just made each other laugh, and laugh! It's always felt like the chats and laughs have come so easy. Above all, we totally **RESPECT** each other. That means, even if we disagree about something the other says, we stay friends.

Other friends I have formed over the years have come from living in the same street! Where we live, we're all very close to our neighbours in a lovely court. Almost every day, you'll see a neighbour and say 'Hi'. Many times, we've gone beyond the odd 'Hello' to find out what's happening in people's lives. The more we talk, the more we form friendships.



I've made many other friends along the way just simply by being **INTERESTED** in others, **SMILING** when I meet someone new and **ASKING QUESTIONS** to get to know them better.

It doesn't take much to say hello to someone you haven't met before, but I am sure glad I have done this on many occasions. If I hadn't tried talking with people, I would have missed out on some pretty awesome friendships!

**'In order to make a friend,
you have to be one first.'**

Elbert Hubbard