

## Need to Know!

**Hoot by Carl Hiaasen.** Roy is the new kid at Trace Middle School. That means lunches alone in the cafeteria and no real friends to speak of. But all of that changes when a series of mysterious events leads him to discover a colony of burrowing owls—and his first true friend.

### **Tolerance**

[www.tolerance.org/teens](http://www.tolerance.org/teens)

Often people around us have a lot more in common with us than we realize. This site has ideas for teens looking to bring seemingly different people together at school and in the community.

### **YMCA and YWCA**

[www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)

[www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org)

There's a Y in pretty much every part of the country. You can visit these Web sites for friend-finding activities that include sports, art classes, and teen leadership programs.

**With two-way trust and respect, you and your friends can count on each other and have more fun all around.**

Sure, there will be ups and downs. That's part of every friendship. But as long as you know how to be the kind of friend you'd like to have, then you'll be fine. In fact, you'll be better than fine.

**You'll be a great friend to yourself and everyone else.**

