

Picture Books

The Ant Bully

by John Nickle

Lucas learns a lesson about bullying when he is pulled into the ant hole he has been tormenting.

Preschool—Grade 2

The Berenstain Bears and the Bully

by Stan & Jan Berenstain

When she takes a beating from the class bully, Sister Bear learns a valuable lesson in self-defense-and forgiveness.

Preschool—Grade 2

Bootsie Barker Bites

by Barbara Bottner

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.

Preschool—Grade 2

Bully

by Judith Caseley

Mickey has trouble with Jack, a bully at school, until he tries making him a friend.

Preschool—Grade 2

The Bully Blockers Club

by Teresa Bateman

When Lotty is bullied at school, she takes the advice of her siblings, but nothing works. So she decides to start a club where other bullied students can speak their mind, and that gets an adult's attention.

Preschool—Grade 2

Candy Shop

by Jan Wahl

Scrawled, hateful words on a sidewalk outside Miz Chu's candy store prompts Daniel "to do something." This young boy and his aunt help love triumph over bigotry.

Preschool—Grade 2

Chrysanthemum

by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum, a mouse, starts kindergarten and is teased by her classmates because of her name. Her parents provide love and support and, with the help of her music teacher, Delphinium, flower names become a new fad.

Preschool—Grade 3

Goggles!

by Ezra Jack Keats

Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lens-less motorcycle goggles. (also available in video)

Preschool—Grade 2

Hairy Maclary and Donaldson's Dairy

by Lynley Dodd

A small black dog and his canine friends are terrorized by a tomcat.

K—Grade 3

Hooway for Wodney Wat

by Helen Lester

All his classmates make fun of Wodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it's his speech impediment that drives away the class bully.

Preschool—Grade 2

Hugo & the Bullyfrogs

by Francesca Simon

Hugo, a shy frog with a small croak, learns to be more assertive with the help of a duck. Hugo lives in terror of the big frogs until bossy Duck teaches him a new way to cope with the bully frogs.

Preschool—Grade 2

It's Okay to be Different

by Todd Parr

Through bright, childlike illustrations and text, Parr says it's okay to be different from others, an important first step in getting children to accept each other.

Preschool—Grade 3

get in the way of his basketball dreams.

Grades 5—8

Stitches

by Glen Huser

Having learned to cope with being poor and not being one of the popular kids in school, Travis has found friends and a hobby that keeps him quite happy despite the teasing, but when the school thugs go on the attack while Travis and his friends are trying to assemble a puppet production for school, Travis isn't so willing to sit by so quietly for this round.

Grades 5—7

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Grades 4—8

How to Handle Bullies, Teasers, and Other Meanies

by Kate Cohen-Posey
Provides information on what makes bullies and teasers tick, how to handle bullies, deal with prejudice and defend oneself when being teased or insulted.
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Grades 4—7

Thanks & Giving All Year Long

by Marlo Thomas
A celebration in story and verse of some of the best things in life, family, sharing, friendship and a few of their opposites stinginess, bullying and more.
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Grades 2—5

Middle School

Gifted

by Beth Evangelista
Arrogant, mentally gifted George Clark has dreaded the eighth-grade class camping trip and its inevitable bullying, but a hurricane and a friend's loyalty make him realize what is important in life.
Grades 6—8

Escaping the Giant Wave

by Peg Kehret
When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.
Grades 5—8

In the Paint

by Jeff Rud
Matt has always wanted to play basketball. Now he has a chance to prove himself as one of the members of his middle school team. But trouble on and off the court with star Grant Johnson might just

Jerome Camps Out

by Eileen Christelow
Jerome, the alligator, is looking forward to the Swamp School camping trip until he and his friend learn that Buster, the school bully, will be there, too.

K—Grade 2

Just a Bully

by Gina and Mercer Mayer
Little Critter and Little Sister have problems with a bully at school.

Preschool—K

Just a Daydream

by Mercer Mayer
Little Critter daydreams about what he would do to the local bully if he were a Super Critter.

Preschool—K

Just Like Josh Gibson

by Angela Johnson
Any girl that has had a dream to play major league baseball will be thrilled with this story of a young girl's grandmother and the day they let her play that game . . . even if she was a girl.
Kindergarten—Grade 2

Looking After Louis

by Lesley Ely
There is a new boy in school and he has autism. His classmates react with a mix of giggles and curiosity. Through a game of soccer and calm conversations, Louis is finally accepted.
Preschool—Grade 2

Loudmouth George and the Sixth Grade Bully

by Nancy Carlson
After having his lunch repeatedly stolen by a bully twice his size, Loudmouth George and his friend Harriet teach him a lesson he'll never forget.

Preschool—Grade 2

Martha Walks the Dog

by Susan Meddaugh

Martha the talking dog rescues the neighborhood from a bully dog with the help of a parrot.

Kindergarten—Grade 2

Mim, Gym and June

by Denis Roche

When the second grade starts to take gym class with the third graders, Mim finds herself intimidated by the larger June.

Preschool—Grade 2

Monster Mama

by Liz Rosenberg

Patrick Edward's fierce monster mother helps him deal with some obnoxious bullies.

Preschool—Grade 1

Myrtle

by Tracey Pearson

With the help of their Aunt Tizzy, Myrtle and her brother learn how to deal with a mean neighbor named Frances, who makes mean signs, sings mean songs, and says mean things.

Preschool—Grade 2

Nobody Knew What to Do

by Becky Ray McCain

When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid but decides that he must do something.

Kindergarten—Grade 3

Pinduli

by Janell Cannon

Pinduli, a young striped hyena, is hurt by the unkind words of Dog.

Grades—5

Say Something

by Peggy Moss

A child who never speaks up when other children are being teased, finds herself in the position of being ridiculed. She discovers that a school can be changed one person at a time.

Kindergarten—Grade 2

Wonder Kid Meets the Evil Lunch-Snatcher

by Lois Duncan

Terrorized by an evil lunch-snatcher at his new school, Brian devises, with the help of a fellow comic book fan, a plan involving a new super hero called Wonder Kid.

Grades 2—4

Wringer

by Jerry Spinelli

Nine-year-old Palmer struggles with peer pressure as he faces his tenth birthday, when he will become a “wringer” — one who wrings the necks of pigeons wounded in the annual Pigeon Day Shoot. Palmer fears what will happen if his best friend, who betrayed him to gain acceptance from a gang of bullies, finds out he has adopted a pet pigeon.

Grades 4—7

Non-Fiction

Bullies and Gangs

by Julie Johnson

Discusses why people bully others, who they pick, and how to cope with the problems of being bullied.

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Grades 2—4

Bullies are a Pain in the Brain

by Trevor Romain

A serious yet humorous guide to dealing with bullies.

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Grades 3—7

Bullying

by Pete Sanders

Discusses bullying, why it occurs, and how it can be handled.

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Grades 4—7

Dealing With Bullies

by Marianne Johnston

Describes what is meant by bullying, then goes on to explain why bullies act as they do, how to deal with them, and how to stop being

The Revealers

by Doug Wilhem

Three bullied 7th graders use their smarts to start an email forum at school where they publicize their experiences with bullies. The principal stops the operation when the trio, in their zealously for revenge, libel a fellow student in what turns out to have been a setup.

Grades 4—6

The (Short) Story of My Life

by Jennifer B. Jones

With both the help and hindrance of family, his best friend, and the school bully, sixth-grader Michael Jordan copes with romance and the fact that he is, as usual, the shortest one in his class.

Grades 4—6

So You Want to Be a Wizard?

by Diane Duane

Thirteen-year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the held she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

Grades 5—8

Stick Boy

by Joan T. Zeier

When a seven-inch growth spurt in the sixth grade makes skinny, self-conscious Eric a school misfit and the victim of the class bully, he is led to befriend Cynthia, a proud and spirited African-American girl who is disabled.

Grades 5 and up

Stinky Stern Forever

by Michelle Edwards

Pa Lia and her classmates share memories of Stinky Stern, the second-grade bully.

Grades 1—3

What a Wimp!

by Carol Carrick

Although his teacher, mother, and older brother are sympathetic, Barney knows he'll have to find his own way to deal with the bully, Lennie.

Grades 2—4

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon

by Patty Lovell

Even when the class bully makes fun of her, Molly Lou remembers what her grandmother told her and so feels good about herself.

Preschool—Grade 3

The Two Bullies

by Junko Morimoto

Two bullies, one from China and one from Japan, inadvertently intimidate one another before meeting face to face and never fight.

Preschool—Grade 2

What a Hat!

by Holly Keller

When Cousin Newton comes to visit, he refuses to take off his hat. When they visit the park and have a run-in with a bully, Henry and Wizzie discover that Newton and his hat aren't weird at all, but really very brave.

Preschool—Grade 2

Willy the Champ

by Anthony Browne

Not very good at sports or fighting, mild-mannered Willy nevertheless proves that he's the champ when the local bully shows up.

Kindergarten—Grade 3

Easy Readers

Bootsie Barker Ballerina

by Barbara Bottner

Bernie and Lisa get even with Bootsie Barker, who is terrorizing their ballet class.

Grades 1—2

Bully Trouble

by Joanna Cole

Arlo and Robbie, finding themselves the victims of a neighborhood bully, work out a red-hot scheme for discouraging him.

Grades 1—2

Camp Big Paw

by Doug Cushman

Cyril and his cabin mates, Ben and Obi, run into trouble with the camp bully during field day contests at Camp Big Paw.

Grades 1—2

Pinky and Rex and the Bully

by James Howe

Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color, pink, and his friendship with a girl, Rex, from the neighborhood bully.

Grades 1—2

Stop Teasing Taylor

by We Both Read

A best friend and a teacher help Taylor when he is teased in school

Grades 1—2

Illustrated Fiction

Mr. Lincoln's Way

by Patricia Polacco

When Mr. Lincoln, the school's principal learns that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

Grades 1—4

Thank You, Mr. Falker

by Patricia Polacco

This touching book is based on the author's childhood, during which she endured being teased and called "dumb" because of a learning disability that left her unable to read until the fifth grade.

Here a caring teacher provides support need to read.

Grades K—3

Lacrosse Face-Off

by Matt Christopher

Eleven-year-old Garry, embarrassed when his unathletic brother joins his lacrosse team, faces a bigger problem when the team bully turns on both of them.

Grades 3—5

Louise Takes Charge

by Stephen Krensky

Louise enlists the aid of everyone in her class and together they outwit Jasper the bully.

Grades 2—4

Mitch and Amy

by Beverly Cleary

Twins, Mitch and Amy, were always squabbling, but when the school bully started picking on them, they had something in common, and they couldn't waste time fighting with each other.

Grades 4—8

My Dog, Cat

by Marty Crisp

Ten-year-old Abbie, bullied at school for being small, wants to get a big, black dog, but two months of living with a little Yorkshire Terrier changes his mind about a number of things.

Grades 3—5

Nothing Wrong with a Three-legged Dog

by Graham McNamee

With the help of his good friend and her three-legged dog, Leftovers, ten-year-old Keath learns how to handle the class bully and deal with being the only white boy in his class.

Grades 3—5

Owen Foote, Frontiersman

by Stephanie Green

Second-grader Owen Foote is looking forward to spending time with his friend Joseph in their tree fort, until some bullies, visiting his neighbor, Mrs. Gold, threaten to wreck the fort.

Grades 2—4

Fiction

Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop

by Mary Quattlebaum

His plot in a community garden brings 10-year-old Jackson Jones more zucchini than he cares to see and the unwanted attention of a bully, but when a company plans to destroy the garden, Jackson turns his attention to trying to save it.

Grades 3—5

J.B. Wigglebottom and the Parade of Pets

by Vivan Sathre

Because of his little sister's allergies, J.B. doesn't have a pet to enter in his fourth grade class parade, but he has to come up with some idea to beat the bully who is always picking on him.

Grades 3—4

Jake Drake Bully Buster

by Andrew Clements

It is up to Jake Drake to take matters into his own hands when Link Baxter, SuperBully, moves into the neighborhood.

Grades 3—4

Journey Back to Lumberjack Camp

by Janie Lynn Panagopoulos

Twelve-year-old Gus McCarty struggles at school with an obnoxious classmate named Al until an accident sends him back in time to a lumber camp with an equally troublesome lumberjack named Alex.

Grades 4—6

King of the Kooties

by Debbie Dadey

Nate's new friend Donald is being teased by the meanest girl in the fourth grade, but after several failed attempts, he comes up with a plan to make her stop.

Grades 2—5

Koi's Python

by Miriam Moore

Eleven-year-old Koi is eager to kill a python as part of the rite of passage to manhood among his Betelan people, but in the meantime he must face a bully who is picking on an old hunter in the village marketplace.

Grades 3—4

Agnes Parker: Girl in Progress

by Kathleen O'Dell

As she begins the sixth grade, Agnes faces challenges with her old best friend, Prejean, longtime bully Peggy, a wonderful new classmate and neighbor, as well as herself.

Grades 4—6

Alien for Rent

by Betsy Duffey

When a small fuzzy alien appears at their school, third graders J.P. and Lexie accidentally direct his powers against the bully Bruce and things get out of control.

Grades 2—4

Amelia Takes Command

by Marissa Moss

After successfully commanding the Discovery shuttle mission at Space Camp, Amelia returns to fifth grade where she deals with the bully who has been making her life miserable.

Grades 3—5

Bad Girls

by Jacqueline Wilson

Ten-year old Mandie must endure torment from three nasty bullies in school, but she finds solace in a new friendship with an older girl.

Grades 4—7

Beany and the Meany

by Susan Wojciechowski

When Meany's best friend Carol Ann pairs with the new girl at school to create a science project, Meany must work with Kevin the bully.

Grades 2—4

The Berenstain Bears and the Red-Handed Thief

by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Mr. Dweebish, the school principal, tries to explain to the class bully how democracy works.

Grades 2—3

Bully Be Gone

by Brian Tacang
Budding-inventor Millicent Madding launches her latest invention to disastrous results, and she has only days to create an antidote before the local bullies wreak havoc and her dearest friendships are destroyed forever. Grades 3—5

Cockroach Cooties

by Laurence Yep
Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully. Grades 4—6

Cougar

by Helen V. Griffith
Starting a new life on a farm in the country, Nickel has to adjust to the attentions of a local bully and the appearances of a ghost horse that was supposed to have died in a fire. Grades 4—7

Cowboy Boy

by James Proimos
Ricky is about to begin middle school, where a bully names Keanu Dungston is legendary for his superwedgies – aimed of course at new kids. But once Rickey dons a big hat, vest and boots, there isn't a bully alive who would mess with Cowboy Boy! Grades 4—7

Crash

by Jerry Spinelli
Crash Coogan is a football player, completely confident, and the tormentor of Penn Webb, a friendly, small pacifist Quaker. Crash's beloved grandfather comes to live with the Coogans and suffers a debilitating stroke, resulting in a change in Crash's lifestyle and his thinking. Strong characters, a fast-paced plot, and lots of humor draw readers to this novel. Grades 5—7

Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglist Day

by Marisa Montes
Johnny keeps teasing Gabi about her name, and she has to give up

her room when Abuelita comes to visit! Abuelita talks to her in Spanish and the radio blares at her in English, so all the words get mixed up in Gabi's head. She can only speak Spanglish – a mixture of the two languages! Grades 3—6

Don't Sit on My Lunch

by Abby Klein
When first-grader Freddy decides to try out for peewee hockey, his archenemy and school bully Max decide to try out for the one slot left on the team. Grades 1—3

The Field of the Dogs

by Katherine Paterson
Josh who just moved to Vermont with his mother, stepfather, and new baby brother, must deal with the bullying of a neighbor boy, and discovers his dog, whom he hears talking with other dogs, faces a bully of his own. Grades 3—5

Ghosts Be Gone

by Marcia Thornton Jones
It's Career Day and Andrew, the class bully, wants to be a rich and famous ghost hunter. Will the Ghostville ghosts be toast? Or will Andrew get himself slimed? Grades 3—5

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade

by Betsy Duffey
When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool. Grades 2—4

The Hundred Dresses

by Eleanor Estes
Wanda Petronski is teased and taunted every day because she wears the same faded dress. She says she has 100 beautiful dresses at home, made of silk and velvet, and in many different colors. She does-she's drawn every one of them. This Newbery Honor Book is an effective indictment of prejudice. Grades 3—5