

Books About Bullies and Conflict Resolution

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Bottner, Barbara. **Bootsie Barker Bites**. Illus. Peggy Rathman. (Ages 4-8) Putnam Pub Group Juv;1992. ISBN: 0399221255. A little girl finds her life made miserable by the torments devised by the nasty, biting, Bootsie Barker, until Bootsie receives her just punishment.

Caseley, Judith. **Bully**. Greenwillow, 2001. ISBN: 0688178677. Mickey finds that it is easier to talk about loving your enemies than actually doing it. But he brings about a truce with his good-friend-turned mean, Jack, with cookies and a few kind words.

De Paola, Tomi. **Oliver Button is a Sissy**. Harcourt, 1979. ISBN: 0152578528. Oliver is teased because he attends dance class.

Henkes, Kevin. **Chrysanthemum**. Greenwillow, 1991. ISBN: 0688096999. When Chrysanthemum starts school, some kids make fun of her name.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **Goggles**. Viking Children's Books;1998. ISBN: 0670880620. When Peter and his friend Archie find motorcycle goggles, some bigger boys try to take them away.

Lester, Helen. **Hooway for Wodney Wat**. Illus. Lynn Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. ISBN: 0395923921. Shy Rodney Rat, who can't pronounce his "r's", uses his speech impediment to foil the class bully.

Lovell, Patty. **Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon**. Illus. David Catrow. Putnam Pub Group 2001 ISBN: 0399234160. Molly Lou learns from her grandmother how to stand up to a name-calling bully when she moves to a new school.



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Meddaugh, Susan. **Martha Walks the Dog**. Houghton Mifflin, 1998. ISBN: 0395904943. When Martha the talking dog can't stop new Bad Dog Bob and his bullying owner with insults, she tames him with kind words: "Good dog."

Nickle, John. **The Ant Bully**. Scholastic, 1999. ISBN: 0590395912. Lucas learns a hard lesson when he is forced into an ant colony, diminished in size, tried for his crimes against ants, and sentenced to hard labor.

O'Neill, Alexis. **The Recess Queen**. Illus. Laura Huliska-Beith. Scholastic, 2002. ISBN 0-439-20637-5. In this sassy playground romp, a tiny new kid, Katie Sue, dethrones the reigning recess bully, Mean Jean, by doing the unthinkable -- she invites her to be her friend!

Perez, L. King. **First Day in Grapes**. Lee & Low, 2002. ISBN: 1584300450. Bullies tease Chico, son of migrant parents, relentlessly when he begins third grade, but he stands up to them and challenges them math questions until they retreat.

Pilkey, Dav. **The Hallo-Wiener**. Blue Sky Press, 1995. ISBN: 0-0590-41703-7. Dogs make fun of Oscar the dachshund until one Halloween, dressed as a hot dog, he rescues other dogs from cats. (Lots of puns. Deals with feelings hurt by teasing.)

Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Lincoln's Way**. Philomel Books;2001. ISBN: 0399237542. The principal, Mr. Lincoln, strives to help "Mean Gene" overcome his prejudice toward people of other races using the boy's love of birds as jumping off point.

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Simon, Francesca. **Hugo & the Bully Frogs**. Illus. Caroline Church. (Ages 4-8) David & Charles Children's Books; 1999. ISBN: 186233093X. Fed up with being intimidated by a gang of bullies, quiet Hugo enlists the aid of Duck to teach him a way to scare them off.

Williams, Linda. **The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything**. Illus. Megan Lloyd. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1986 ISBN 0-690-04585-0. When an old lady faces scary figures in the forest and speaks to them directly, she transforms them into something not scary at all.

Seidler, Tor. **Mean Margaret**. HarperCollins, 1997. ISBN: 0062050907. When a newly wed woodchuck couple find an impatient selfish, wailing human toddler and take her into their home, they demonstrate how the values of love and kindness lead to changes in everyone--human and animal.

Books for Adults:

Beane, Allan. (PhD) **The Bully-Free Classroom: Over 100 Tips and Strategies for Teachers K-8**. Free Spirit Publishing, 1999. ISBN: 1575420546. This book covers the basics of bullying in the classroom and on the playground and what the class and the teacher can do to prevent it and deal with it. It also gives ideas on how to cope with bullies in life outside of the school. Discussion starters included.

Hoover, John H. and Ronald Oliver. **Bullying Prevention Handbook: A Guide for Principals, Teachers and Counselors**. National Education Service, 1997. ISBN: 1879639440. This handbook provides a comprehensive tool for understanding, preventing, and reducing the day-to-day teasing and harassment. Addresses intervention models, strategies for dealing with bullies, and assessment and evaluation tools for anti-bullying efforts.

Simmons, Rachel. **Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls**. Harvest Books/Harcourt, 2002. ISBN: 0156027348. The author describes bullying methods deployed by girls: backbiting, exclusion, rumors, name-calling, and targeting manipulative psychological pain on victims. Drawing on her training in political science and women's studies, she explores the epidemic, distinctive, and destructive aggression of girls.

Conflict Resolution

Kreidler, William J. **Creative Conflict Resolution: More than 200 Activities for Keeping Peace in the Classroom K-6**. Good Year Education Series, Scott Foresman and Co., 1984. ASIN: 0673156427 Offers the vocabulary and strategies for creating a peaceable classroom and helps students think about and apply alternate actions.

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For more books and information on bullying and conflict resolution, go to:

Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children: A Lively, Opinionated Guide by Valerie V. Lewis and Walter M. Mayes, Avon Books 1998 ISBN 0-380-79438-1.

"Storytime Ideas: Bullying"

www.bayviews.org/storytime/stbullying.htm

"Bully-Proofing Your Middle School"

www.naesp.org/comm/mmspg00.htm

"Help Your Kids Stamp Out Bullying!"

<http://no-bully.com/parents.html>

"Bullying Prevention"

<http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools/bullying/overview.html>

