

# Bullying Books Available at the SCS library

## Picture Books

**Berenstain, Stan and Berenstain, Jan. *Berenstain Bears and the bully.***

Random House, [1993].

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

**Bottner, Barbara and Rathmann, Peggy. *Bootsie Barker bites.*** Putnum & Grosset Group, [1997].

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

**Brown, Marc Tolon. *Arthur's April fool.*** Joy Street Books, [1988].

Arthur worries about remembering his magic tricks for the April Fool's Day assembly and Binky's threat to pulverize him.

**Carlson, Nancy L. *Loudmouth George and the sixth-grade bully.***

Carolrhoda Books, [1983].

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.

**De Paola, Tomie. *Trouble in the Barkers' class.*** G.P. Putnam's, [2003].

When a new girl in the Barkers' class, Carole Anne, acts like a bully, the students try talking to her and ignoring her until Morgie finally discovers what is wrong and finds a way to fix it.

**Hazen, Barbara Shook and Ross, Tony. *The knight who was afraid of the dark.*** Dial Books for Young Readers, [1989].

When the castle bully discovers bold Sir Fred is secretly terrified of the dark, he tries to stir up trouble between that brave Knight and his Lady Wendylyn.

**Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum.*** Greenwillow Books, [1991].

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

**Isenberg, Barbara and De Groat, Diane. *Albert the running bear gets the jitters.***

Clarion Books, [1987].

Albert the Running Bear is challenged to a race by a new bully bear at the zoo and has to deal with all sorts of stress symptoms. Includes relaxation techniques.

**Keats, Ezra Jack. *Goggles.*** Macmillan, [1969].

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

**Leary, Mary. *Karate girl.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, [2003].

Hoping to protect her younger brother from school bullies, a girl begins taking karate classes.

**Lester, Helen and Munsinger, Lynn. *Hooway for Wodney Wat.*** HoughtonMifflin, [1999].

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

**Lindbergh, Reeve and Pearson, Tracey Campbell. *The awful aardvarks go to school.*** Viking, [1997].

An alphabetical listing of the acts of destruction committed by mischievous aardvarks on their animal classmates during a visit to school.

**Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy.*** [Random House, [1973, 1963].

A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

**Little, Jean. *Jess was the brave one.*** Viking, [1991].

Even though Claire is older, she just isn't as brave as her sister Jess. Then one day Jess's teddy bear is kidnapped, and Claire surprises everyone.

**Lovell, Patty and Catrow, David. *Stand tall, Molly Lou Melon.*** G.P.

Putnam's Sons, [2001].

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

**Martin, Francesca. *Clever Tortoise : a traditional African tale.*** Candlewick Press, [2000].

Clever Tortoise leads the other jungle animals in teaching bullying Elephant and Hippopotamus a lesson by tricking them into engaging in a tug of war with each other.

**McCain, Becky R and Leonardo, Todd. *Nobody knew what to do : a story about bullying.*** A. Whitman, [2001].

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

**Morimoto, Junko and Morimoto, Isao. *The two bullies.*** Crown Publishers, [1999, 1997].

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

**Munson, Derek. *Enemy Pie.*** Chronicle Books, [2000].

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

**O'Neill, Alexis and Huliska-Beith, Laura. *The Recess Queen.*** Scholastic Press, [2002].

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

**Peet, Bill. *Big bad Bruce.*** Houghton Mifflin, [1977].

Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more ways than one by a small but very independent witch.

**Polacco, Patricia. *Mr. Lincoln's way.*** Philomel, [2001].

When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

**Rosenberg, Liz and Gammell, Stephen. *Monster mama.*** Philomel Books, [1993].

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

**Whitcomb, Mary E and King, Tara Calahan. *Odd Velvet.*** Chronicle Books, [1998].

Although she dresses differently from the other girls and does things which are unusual, Velvet eventually teaches her classmates that even an outsider has something to offer.

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Emily Normal finds it hard enough adjusting to a new town, Transylvania, U.S.A., populated by vampires, witches, and the like, without the bullying of a third-grade classmate. Grades 1-4.

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Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully. Grades 2-5.

### **Other valuable bullying books—not currently at the SCS Library**

**Bateman, Teresa. *The Bully Blockers Club.*** Whitman, 2004

On the first day of school, when Lotty Raccoon encounters Grant Grizzly, the class bully, she realizes that she needs help when ignoring him doesn't work. She and her classmates work out a strategy for dealing with the bully.

**Caseley, Judith. *Bully.*** Greenwillow, 2001.

Mickey found that it was easier to talk about loving your enemies than actually to do it, and brave words were often just words. But then something happened to help him become friends with the bully. Grades K-2.

**Carlson, Nancy. *How to lose all your friends.*** Puffin, 1997.

A reverse etiquette book that advises children to never share, to tattletale, to push in line, etc.

**Cohen-Posey, Kate. *How to handle bullies, teasers and other meanies: a book that takes the nuisance out of name calling and other nonsense.*** Rainbow, 1995.

Covers annoying name calling, vicious prejudice, explosive anger, dangerous situations, and causes of difficult behavior.

**Hammerseng, Katheryn. *Telling isn't tattling.*** Parenting Press, 1995.

Describes several situations and asks kids to determine whether the characters are just snitching on each other or if they really need adult help. It also alerts parents and caregivers so that they learn to pay attention to kids' requests.

**McCain, Becky and Ted Leonardo. *Nobody knew what to do: a story about bullying.*** Albert Whitman, 2001.

Tells how one child found the courage to tell a teacher about Ray, who was being picked on and bullied by other kids in school. Faced with the fact that "nobody knows what to do" while Ray is bullied, the children sympathetic to him feel fear and confusion and can only hope that Ray will "fit in some day."

**Moss, Peggy. *Say something.*** Tilbury House Publishers, 2004

At this school, there are some children who push and tease and bully. Sometimes they hurt other kids by just ignoring them. The girl in this story sees it happening, but she would never do these mean things herself. Then one day something happens that shows her that being a silent bystander isn't enough.

**Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *King of the Playground.*** Aladdin, 1994.

Kevin's father makes suggestions to help him deal with Sammy, the king of the playground. Eventually a friendship develops between the boys.

**Thomas, Pat. *Stop picking on me.*** Barron's Educational Series, 2000.

Explores the dynamics in relationships among children of preschool through early school age, and encourage kids to understand personal and social problems as a first step toward solving them

## **Chapter Books for Grades 3-5**

**Bechard, Margaret. *Really no big deal.*** Puffin Books, [1994].

Seventh-grader Jonah Truman's main concerns are meeting girls and avoiding the class bully, until he and his friend Amanda start working as helpers at children's parties and his mother begins dating the principal of his school.

Grades 3-5.

**Brooks, Bruce. *Boot.*** HarperTrophy, [1998].

Boot, an orphan, dislikes some of the more physical aspects of hockey, but in protecting his younger sister from a bully, he learns that aggression can be appropriate at times. Grades 3-5

**Byars, Betsy. *The 18th emergency.*** Viking Press, [1973].

When the toughest boy in school swears to kill him, twelve-year-old Mouse finds little help from friends and must prepare for this emergency alone. Grades 3-5.

**Carrick, Carol and Carrick, Donald. *What a wimp!*** Clarion Books,[1983].

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 3-5.

**Chambers, Aidan. *The present takers.*** Harper & Row,[1983].

Lucy is tormented by class bullies who demand that she bring them gifts. This is an older story, set in the UK, but has a group of really cruel bullies. Grades 3-5.

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**Conford, Ellen. *The revenge of the incredible Dr. Rancid and his youthful assistant, Jeffrey.*** Little, Brown, [1980].

Short, skinny Jeffrey, who is always being picked on by the class bully, finds solace in writing a fantasy story in which he, with the help of the Incredible Dr. Rancid, emerges as hero. Older book, but still funny and relevant. Grades 3-5.

**Corbett, Scott and Galdone, Paul. *The lemonade trick.*** Little, Brown, [1960].

A mysterious potion mixed by Kerby with his chemistry set has a beneficial effect on the neighborhood bully but also wreaks havoc at the Sunday School pageant. Older story, but definitely one with a bully. Grades 3-5.

**Deans, Sis Boulos. *Racing the past.*** Henry Holt, 2001.

After the death of his abusive father, eleven-year-old Ricky tries to help his younger brother deal with his residual fears and discovers that running helps him deal with his own anger and the taunts of a bullying classmate. Rural Vermont setting. A DCF nominee in 2003. Grades 4-8.

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A fifth grade class, repelled by the overweight new student who has serious home problems, finally learns to accept her. Grades 3-5.

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Leon, a fourth grader at The Ethical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss Cronheim, with the unexpected help from his final project - a doll with magical powers. Grades 3-6.

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As she starts sixth grade, Agnes faces challenges with her old best friend, a wonderful new friend, a longtime bully, and herself. Grades 3-5.

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Josh, who has just moved to Vermont with his mother, stepfather, and new baby brother, must deal with the bullying of a neighbor boy and discovers that his dog, whom he hears talking with other dogs, is also facing a bully of his own.

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**Roberts, Willo Davis. *The kidnapers : a mystery.*** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [1998].

No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school. Grades 4-7.

**Robinson, Barbara. *The best Christmas pageant ever.*** Harper & Row, [1972].

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant. Grades 3-5.

**Robinson, Barbara. *The best school year ever.*** HarperCollins,[1994].

The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year. Grades 3-5.

**Robinson, Nancy K. *Wendy and the bullies.*** Apple Paperbacks, [1980].

Wendy's troubles with bullies in and out of school reach the point where she is afraid to go to school. Grades 3-5.

**Sachs, Marilyn. *Veronica Ganz.*** Doubleday, [1968].

A 13-year-old girl, a bully who has everyone in her class and neighborhood under her control, is unable to take care of the little new kid who keeps taunting and outsmarting her. Older book, but Veronica is still a believable character. Grades 3-5.

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Alan has no friends and is bothered by bullies at school until a tiny alien from Jupiter moves into his nose. Funny, silly. But it works. Grades 4-7.

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**Sonenklar, Carol. *Mighty boy.*** Orchard, [1999].

When he gets a chance to meet his hero, the television character Mighty Boy, Howard Weinstein discovers his own strengths that help him handle the bully in his new fourth grade class. Grades 3-5.

**Spinelli, Jerry. *Crash.*** Knopf, [1996].

John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with a Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider friendship and family. Grades 4-8.

**Spinelli, Jerry. *Loser.*** Harper, [2002]

Donald Zinkoff is labeled a loser from the time he starts first grade. His exuberance and family support help him maintain his self-esteem. Grades 4-7.

**Stolz, Mary Slattery. *A dog on Barkham Street.*** Harper, [1960].

Edward doesn't want to be bullied anymore by his neighbor. And he desperately wants a dog. Both seem possible when his Uncle Josh arrives for a visit with a dog. Grades 3-5.

**Stolz, Mary. *The bully of Barkham Street.*** Harper, [1963].

Martin Hastings is the bully of Barkham Street. Bigger than the other kids, he bullies them and has a bad reputation. Martin is a lonely, frustrated boy who begins to change his ways and discovers that reputations are slow to improve. Grades 3-5.

**Thiele, Colin and Ritz, Karen. *Rotten Egg Paterson to the rescue.*** HarperCollins, [1991].

Having rescued an emu egg from the clutches of a goanna in the Australian scrublands, twelve-year-old Danny is determined to hatch it despite a series of near-disasters and the interference of the school bully. Grades 4-8.

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**Kaufman, Gershen. *Stick up for yourself : Every Kid's Guide to Personal Power & Positive Self-Esteem.*** Free Spirit Publishing, 1999.

Discusses problems facing young people such as making choices, learning about and liking yourself, and solving problems.

**Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake, know-it-all #2.*** Simon & Shuster, 2001.

Jake is determined to win the third grade science fair not only for the grand prize, but to beat the annoying class know-it-alls, as well.

**VanDraanen, Wendelin. *Secret Identity.*** Knopf, 2004.

Alvin Bixby: Hulking, knuckles of steel, hideous breath, foul temper. Kids call him: Bubba. Nolan Byrd: Puny, power walker, math genius, can't keep shoes tied. Kids call him: Nerd. Bubba has been the bane of Nolan's existence for five long years. So when Mr. Green asks the class to become reporters, Nolan decides he'll write an expose--on Bubba. He doesn't want to sign his name to it (that'd be suicidal), so Nolan creates a secret identity for himself--on the Internet. He launches Shredderman.com as a place where truth and justice prevail--and bullies get what's coming to them.

## **Grades 6-8**

**Ayres, Katherine. *Macaroni boy.*** Delacorte, [2003].

In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts. Grades 5-8.

**Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine.*** Scholastic, [1997].

Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

**Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone does my shirts.*** Putnam, [2004].

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. Grades 5-8.

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**Gallo, Donald R. *On the fringe.*** Dial, [2001].

A collection of eleven stories by various authors that explore the experiences of social outsiders in high school. There are a few stories in here that have bullies. All stories deal with adolescent alienation. Great stories for class discussions. Grades 6-8.

**Harrison, Lisi. *The Clique.*** Little, Brown. [2004].

Wealthy Massie is determined to exclude middle class Claire, the daughter of her father's old friend, from her seventh-grade clique at a very exclusive private school, but after Massie steals her only friend, Claire strikes back. Grades 5-8.

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**Mayfield, Sue and Mayfield, Sue. *Drowning Anna.*** Hyperion,[2002].

Brainy, shy Anna Goldsmith, having moved from London to Yorkshire, is thrilled to be befriended by Hayley Parkin, the most popular girl in her new school, but over the course of several years it becomes evident that Hayley's motives are not at all kind. Grades 6-8.

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All his life Max had been called stupid, until Freak came along. Together, they were Freak the Mighty. Short and highly readable. Grades 6-8.

**Scrimger, Richard. *The nose from Jupiter.*** Tundra Books,[1998].

Alan has no friends and is bothered by bullies at school until a tiny alien from Jupiter moves into his nose. Funny, silly. But it works. Grades 4-7.

**Simmons, Rachel. *Odd girl out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls.*** Harcourt, 2003.

#### **FROM THE PUBLISHER**

If your daughter has ever come home from school upset because her friends didn't walk with her to lunch, if she has wanted to stay home or has run up to her room in tears and won't tell you why, you may need this book. These may seem like minor problems - who cares about notes passed behind your back, or a nasty look, or a party you're not invited to - but they aren't, and they can have a lasting effect on a girl's-esteem.

**Spinelli, Jerry. *Crash.*** Alfred A. Knopf, [1996].

John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with a Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider friendship and family. Grades 4-8.

**Spinelli, Jerry. *Loser*.** Harper, [2002]

Donald Zinkoff is labeled a loser from the time he starts first grade. His exuberance and family support help him maintain his self-esteem. Grades 4-7.

**Thiele, Colin and Ritz, Karen. *Rotten Egg Paterson to the rescue*.** HarperCollins, [1991].

Having rescued an emu egg from the clutches of a goanna in the Australian scrublands, twelve-year-old Danny is determined to hatch it despite a series of near-disasters and the interference of the school bully. Grades 4-8.

**Tullson, Diane. *Edge*.** Stoddart Kids, [2002]

When her high school friends plan to play a deadly prank, Marlie Peters must decide whether to report them. Recommended if you liked *The Revealers*. Grades 6-8.

**Wilhelm, Doug. *The Revealers*.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, [2003].

Tired of being bullied and picked on, three seventh-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of a local area network (LAN), begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School. Grades 5-8.

### **Other books about bullying—not currently available in the SCS Library**

**Gardner, Graham. *Inventing Elliot*.** Penguin, 2005

Elliot, a victim of bullying, invents a calmer, cooler self when he changes schools in the middle of freshman year, but soon attracts the wrong kind of attention from the Guardians who "maintain order" at the new school.

**Simmons, Rachel. *Odd Girl Speaks Out: Girls Write about Bullies, Cliques, Popularity, and Jealousy*.** Harcourt, 2004

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After the astonishing success of the bestselling *Odd Girl Out*, Rachel Simmons invited girls to describe their own experiences of being bullied or bullying other girls. The letters, essays, and poems in this book are culled from hundreds of submissions by girls across North America. Rachel Simmons offers advice throughout the book, giving girls both voice to their feelings and help for the future.