PICTURE BOOKS

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.

When bullies pick on the new student, Lainey, gradually robbing her of her smile and ability to paint beautiful pictures, Eliza wants to help, and she does, by finding a way to show Lainey all that she can be. Then in the schoolyard, Eliza stands up to the bullies. One by one, the other children add their voices, and soon the bullies have skulked away.

This is the story of Billy Bob Glum—a wee, little tyke who loved to chew gum. When Billy Bob gets picked on by the meanest bully in town, he comes up with a plan to show that bully once and for all. But things don’t go quite as Billy Bob hopes, and soon the battle comes down to a slingshot, careful aim, and the biggest, hugest, most gigantic bubble you ever saw. Will Billy Bob blow it, or will the Bubble Gum Kid manage to save the day?


A big bully, afflicted with Random Hostility Syndrome, terrorizes all of the forest animals until a clever young troll gets his goat.

Arthur is excited by a party in a haunted house, and Stanley wants to show off his limbo moves. But when they see a bully picking on their friend at the party, the boys know they have to help. Soon Stanley comes up with a plan that is flat-out hilarious.

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

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl, but she is not sure how to help.

To get what they want, the larger jungle animals bully the smaller ones until Mama Monkey shows them all the benefits of sharing.

Following their teacher's lead, Llama Llama speaks to Gilroy Goat and tells him he should not act like a bully on the playground.

When a mean classmate in preschool wrecks Lucy's artwork, she discovers that they can be friends once he stops being jealous of her.

A book of colors and numbers reminding us that it just takes one to make everyone count.

Phoebe enjoys playing with her new digger while her mother is busy with the new baby, until a bigger girl grabs the toy at the park.

Pinky Dinky Doo, an imaginative young girl, tells her brother a story about how she had to deal with a bully.

Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.

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

A child who never says anything when other children are being teased or bullied finds herself in their position one day when jokes are made at her expense and no one speaks up.

**Stella’s Starliner** by Rosemary Wells. Candlewick Press, 2014.
Stella is unnerved by a bullying group of weasels who say mean things about her humble home, until her mother offers words of comfort, and her father drives the trailer to a new location where kind friends are found.

A young boy is being bullied at school. He doesn't want to tattle but he finds there is a difference in tattling and asking for help.

Trucker loves ruling the highways, frightening other vehicles out of his way, but Train not only impresses the other vehicles, it forces Trucker to wait.
Tobias's father is different from other dads, not only because he is a tyrannosaurus but also because he is busy all of the time, but when disaster looms during Field Day at Tobias's school, his dad comes through.

**Weird/Tough/Dare** by Erin Frankel. Illus by Paula Heaphy. Free Spirit Pub., 2012. These three books tell the story of an ongoing case of bullying from three third graders’ perspectives. Luisa describes being targeted by bullying in Weird! Jayla shares her experience as a bystander to bullying in Dare! And in Tough!, Sam speaks from the point of view of someone initiating bullying. Kids will easily relate to Luisa, Jayla, and Sam, as each girl has her own unique experience, eventually learning how to face her challenges with the help of friends, peers, and caring adults.

**CHAPTER BOOKS**

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

**Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories** by R.J. Palacio. Alfred A Knopf, 2015. These stories are an extra peek at Auggie before he started at Beecher Prep and during his first year there. Readers get to see him through the eyes of Julian, the bully; Christopher, Auggie’s oldest friend; and Charlotte, Auggie’s new friend at school.

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.

Jill Brenner joins most of her fifth-grade classmates in making cruel fun of Linda, nicknamed Blubber, until she herself becomes the victim of thoughtless teasing.

Soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read.

Chrissa Maxwell moves to a new school in the middle of the year, and the girls in her fourth-grade class are decidedly unfriendly. On the advice of her grandmother, Chrissa tries first to be nice, and then to ignore the mean girls. But they just won't quit, and when the teasing turns into serious bullying, Chrissa must find the courage to stand strong and speak out.

Norm is worried about fitting in at camp. Literally. He’s not just tall for a kid. He’s tall even for a bigfoot. Oliver, the only human at camp, has the opposite problem: he’s small enough that a strong wind might knock him over. With the help of their new friends, Hazel (a hyperactive jackalope) and Wisp (a boy fairy who has trouble flying), they’ll have to work together to earn their canoeing certification without disturbing the resident lake monster—or Barnaby Snoop, who will stop at nothing to capture Norm for his personal rare creature collection.


Gerald Creeper Jr. is a self-proclaimed pacifist, but he finds himself in the war zone when he starts his first year at Mob Middle School. At his new school, every monster in the Overworld is jockeying for power, and the skeletons seem to have it out for him. Armed with a 30-day plan, Gerald makes it his mission to use his brains--instead of his blasts--to survive the school year.


Will Michael heed the advice of his 2,000-year-old squirrel souvenirs from the Dead Sea, or, in his attempt to get revenge, will he become a bully himself?


Desmond and Andres face a snowman that was built by a schoolmate but seems to have a mind of its own, as well as a snowball-throwing bully.


Desmond and Andres battle beach bullies who also happen to be creepy monsters.


Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.


Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

**Fort** by Cynthia DeFelice. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015.

A middle-grade summer adventure about two boys who build an awesome fort and tangle with two older bullies.


When a bully shows up at Starwood Park, Freddie’s super-powered zapatos go missing. Is the bully to blame? And how can Freddie investigate without his super-speed?
**George** by Alex Gino. Scholastic Press, 2015.
When people look at George, they think they see a boy, but she knows she's a girl. Her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte—but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

Kids learn what bullying is, why it hurts, and what they can do to end it with this fresh, compelling book including contemporary collage art, lively layout, and straightforward text.

Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

**Hit & Miss** by Derek Jeter. Simon & Schuster, 2015.
Young Derek Jeter's friendship with a new student puts him at odds with his friends and seems to be hurting his baseball swing, plus he gets in trouble for confronting a student who is bullying his sister, in violation of the contract with his parents.

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian, even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from giving Jamie a good pounding every once in awhile.

Spurred on by his youngest sister, Rose, twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies.

Josh Baxter is sick and tired of hitting the reset button. It's not easy being the new kid for the third time in two years. One mistake and now the middle school football star is out to get him. And Josh's sister keeps offering him lame advice about how to make friends, as if he needs her help finding allies!

On the planet Nebulon in 2120, Zack joins his school's Explorer's Club and visits Juno, a planet made of crystals, but he is less than thrilled when he is partnered with the class bully.

Alec, a sixth-grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club, solely to have a place to read, and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.
While Lula Bell Bonner tries desperately to fit in by not standing out, her wise and irrepressible Grandma Bernice says: Let your light shine! It's Grandma Bernice who provides the joy that balances Lula Bell's difficult school life, but when this balance is upended, when Kali Keele turns up the heat on her cruel teasing, and when the talent show --that she should NEVER have signed up for-- is about to happen, how in the world can Lula Bell cope? This funny, heartfelt novel exploring friendship, family, and forgiveness, introduces an unforgettable hero, lost in the wilderness of 5th grade, searching for her own shining light.

Fourth-grader Sylvie Scruggs is old enough to join her town's new junior ice-hockey team, and she is a really good skater, even if she does have a tendency to close her eyes when she shoots, but fifth-grader Jamie Redmond does not like younger kids on the team, and when someone starts pulling pranks on Sylvie she is convinced that Jamie is responsible--and she enlists the help of her friends to prove it and get even.

When first-grader Roscoe discovers that his stuffed pig is missing from his backpack, he accuses the class bully of "pig-napping" and gets even by taking the bully's teddy bear.

Befriending a very strange new student, Toulouse, helps outsider Woodrow stand up to the class bullies who have been picking on them both.

The Only Game by Mike Lupica. Simon & Schuster, 2015.
Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.

The way twelve-year-old Ked Eakins of Norton, Maine, sees it his life has been stolen from him, piece by piece; first by kyphosis, a spinal abnormality which has made him a social outcast at school and a target for the school bully, by his friends who have recently abandoned him, by his mother who left for the West Coast taking the insurance which might have saved him with her, and by his father who is a gambling addict who has lost the rent money--but Ked is a builder, and using the school's Maker Space he intends to build his life back, and maybe make a few real friends, and save his father while he is at it.

Fish Finelli and his friends are fixing up their boat, the Fireball, for the Captain Kidd Classic race, and more than anything Fish wants to beat Bryce, the local bully, but a local girl named Clementine is complicating his plans for the race.
Twelve-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy. He loves pitching for his baseball team, working on his graphic novel, and hanging out with his best friend, Josh. But Shane is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, even Josh. And when a classmate threatens to reveal his secret, Shane's whole world comes crashing down. It will take a lot of courage for Shane to ignore the hate and show the world that he's still the same boy he was before.

Worrying about his father losing his job and the bully at school, fourth-grader Felix has terrifying dreams of the same monster-filled place every night until he meets someone there who looks and sounds strangely familiar.

Propelled from coolest to lamest after trying to kiss Tom Lemmings, Lucy tries to navigate the social hierarchy of fourth grade.

The Phantom Bully by Jeffrey Brown. Scholastic, 2015
Someone is setting Roan up to get in trouble with everyone at school, including Yoda and if he doesn't find out who it is, he may get kicked out of school!

Twelve-year-old Fisher Bas, a science-loving bully magnet, clones himself, only to discover that his double is infinitely cooler than himself.

When cell phones are banned at their school, students start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school, triggering a wave of bullying activities.

From different perspectives, explores middle school bullying as Maggie, tired of Elizabeth Moon’s superior attitude, creates a fake profile on a popular social networking site to teach Elizabeth a lesson.

After an embarrassing incident on his school field trip, Sam is determined to prove that he is not afraid of ghosts.

After encountering a scary shark at the aquarium, Sam is afraid to attend a birthday party at the beach.

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the
first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity—Shredderman!

Saved from bullies by the class misfit, Nick, Frank is drawn to Nick's house by strange music, discovers he has incredible secrets that bring danger, and decides to help him as he helped her.

Nine-year-old Mya is excited about participating in School Spirit Week, even making a pinky promise with her best friend Naomi to be her partner, but when she accidentally gets paired with the biggest bully in school, Mean Connie, Naomi is mad at Maya for breaking her promise, so she must learn to work with Mean Connie and try and get her friend back.

Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.

A book about issues in the world and what kids can do to help solve them. Topics include: health, bullying, and the environment.

When fourth-grader Eugene, a small and nerdy, mild-mannered housefly, becomes the world's smallest superhero, he takes on Crazy Cockroach and his army of insect baddies.

**This Is All Your Fault, Cassie Parker** by Terra Elan McVoy. Katherine Tegen Books, 2016.
Fiona is about to have the worst summer ever...and it's all her best friend's fault. Fiona and Cassie were supposed to be best friends forever. No one else listens or makes Fiona laugh like Cassie, and that meant everything when Fiona's parents were divorcing. They love each other in spite of their (many) differences, and even though Cassie cares a little too much about being popular, Fiona can't imagine life without her. Until Fiona's diary is stolen by the most popular girls at school. It’s a worst nightmare come to life...

Parallel plotlines set in different times, one told in text and one in art, inform each other as a young girl unravels the mystery of a ghost next door.

Third grader Calvin is dealing with his next door neighbors moving away—and the school bully moving in. Meanwhile, competition at the school science fair is heating up, and Calvin must decide what to do when his data doesn’t prove his theory.

As he grieves his best friend Benny’s death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.

In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying.

Max is finally adopting a dog from Power's Pets, and his puppy might have a special trick that can help him stop the neighborhood bully's teasing.

Brooke saved a fairy's life and got seven wishes in return. With three wishes used, she decides to wish her way into a starring role in the school concert, only to find that the spotlight is less fun than it looks.

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what’s right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.

**FOR PARENTS**


My Mixed Emotions: Help Your Kids Handle Their Feelings by Elinor Greenwood. DK Publishing, 2018. Feelings can be complicated, and learning to express them is a skill that must be developed. My Mixed Emotions is here to coach children through a variety of emotions and situations including dealing with bullying, understanding grief, and coping with large family changes, such as divorce. Divided into happiness, fear, anger, and sadness, My Mixed Emotions explores the four main emotions, the reasons why we feel them, and the science behind each one. Children will discover great things about themselves, such as what happens in their brain when they are happy, why they cry when they are sad, and why they sometimes feel nervous.