

PICTURE BOOKS

Big Bad Bruce by Bill Peet. 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.

Bird Child by Nan Forler. Illus by Francois Thisdale. Tundra Books, 2009.

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.

The Bubble Gum Kid by Stu Smith. Illus by Julia Woolf. Running Press Kids, 2006.

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?

Bully by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook Press, 2013.

The Bully Goat Grim: A Maynard Moose Tale by Willy Claflin. Illus by James Stimson. August House Little Folk, 2012.

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

Flat Stanley and the Haunted House by Lori Haskins Houran. Illus by Macky Pamintuan. Harper, 2010.

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.

Goggles by Ezra Jack Keats. Macmillan, 1969.

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

I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness by Kerascoët. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2018.

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

Jungle Bullies by Steven Kroll. Illus by Vincent Nguyen. Marshall Cavendish, 2006.

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

Llama Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewdney. Viking, 2013.

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

Lucy and the Bully by Claire Alexander. Albert Whitman & Co., 2008.

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

One by Kathryn Otoshi. KO Kids Books, 2008.

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

Phoebe and Digger by Tricia Springstubb. Illus by Jeff Newman. Candlewick Press, 2013.

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: Shrinky Pinky! by Jim Jenkins. Random House, 2005.

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

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad. Illus by Hatem Aly. Little, Brown and Co., 2019.

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

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill. Illus by Laura Huliska-Beith. 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.

Say Something by Peggy Moss. Illus by Lea Lyon. Tilbury House, 2004.

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 Tattle-tell Tale: A Story About Getting Help by Kathrun Cole. Illus by Qin Leng. Second Story Press, 2016.

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 and Train by Hannah Stark. Illus by Bob Kolar. Clarion Books, 2019.

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.

Tyrannosaurus Dad by Liz Rosenberg. Illus by Matthew Myers. Roaring Brook Press, 2011

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

Amelia Takes Command by Marissa Moss. Pleasant Co. Publications, 1998.

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.

Beany and the Meany by Susan Wojciechowski. Illus by Susanna Natti. Candlewick Press, 2005.

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.

Blubber by Judy Blume. Dell/Random House, 1986.

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.

Booked by Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016.

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 by Mary Casanova. Illus by Richard Jones. American Girl Publishing, 2009.

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.

Creature Campers: The Secret of Shadow Lake by Joe McGee. Illus by Bea Tormo. Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2019.

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.

Creeper Diaries: Mob School Survivor by Greyson Mann. Illus by Amanda Brack. Sky Pony Press, 2017.

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

Dead Sea Squirrels: Boy Meets Squirrels by Mike Nawrocki. Tyndale House Publishers, 2019.

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 Cole Ghost Patrol: The Sleepwalking Snowman by Andres Miedoso. Illus by Victor Rivas. Little Simon, 2019.

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 Cole Ghost Patrol: Surf's Up, Creepy Stuff! by Andres Miedoso. Illus by Victor Rivas. Little Simon, 2018.

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

Dog Days (Carver Chronicles) by Karen English. Illus by Laura Freeman. Clarion Books, 2013.

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.

Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken by Sally Warner. Illus by Jamie Harper. Penguin Group, 2011.

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.

Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash by Jacqueline Jules. Illus by Miguel Binitez. Albert Whitman, 2012.

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.

Good-bye Bully Machine by Debbie Fox. Free Spirit Pub, 2009.

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.

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly. Greenwillow Books, 2017.

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.

I Funny by James Patterson. Illus by Laura Park. Little Brown and Co., 2012.

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.

Indigo's Star by Hilary McKay. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004.

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 Levels Up by Gavin Brown. Scholastic, 2016.

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!

Journey to Juno (Galaxy Zack) by Ray O'Ryan. Illus by Colin Jack. Little Simon, 2013.

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.

The Losers Club by Andrew Clements. Random House, 2017.

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.

Lula Bell on Geekdom, Freakdom + the Challenges of Bad Hair by C.C. Payne. Amazon Childrens Pub., 2012.

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.

The Mean Girl Meltdown by Lindsay Eyre. Illus by Sydney Hanson. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.

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.

Never Swipe a Bully's Bear (Roscoe Riley Rules) by Katherine Applegate. Illus by Brian Briggs. HarperTrophy, 2008.

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.

Odd, Weird & Little by Patrick Jennings. Egmont USA, 2014.

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.

On Thin Ice by Michael Northrop. Scholastic Press, 2019.

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.

Operation Fireball (Fish Finelli) by E.S. Farber. Illus by Jason Beene. Chronicle Books, 2014.

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.

The Other Boy by M.G. Hennessey. Illus by Sfé R. Monster. Harper, 2016.

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.

The Other Felix by Keir Graff. Roaring Brook Press, 2011.

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.

Pack of Dorks by Beth Vrabel. Sky Pony Press, 2014.

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!

Popular Clone by M.E. Castle. Egmont USA, 2012.

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

Posted by John David Anderson. Walden Pond Press, 2017.

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.

Runt by Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster, 2013.

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.

Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts by Katie & Kevin Tsang. Illus by Nathan Reed. Sterling Children's Books, 2018.

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

Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Sharks by Katie & Kevin Tsang. Illus by Nathan Reed. Sterling Children's Books, 2018.

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

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan. Scholastic Press, 2016.

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.

Secret Identity (Shredderman) by Wendelin Van Draanen. Alfred A. Knopf, 2004.

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

The Song from Somewhere Else by A.F. Harrold. Illus by Levi Pinfeld. Bloomsbury, 2017.

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.

Spirit Week Showdown (Magnificent Maya Tibbs) by Crystal Allen. Illus by Eda Kaban. Balzer + Bray, 2016.

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: Super Amoeba by Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm. Random House, 2011.

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.

Start Now: You Can Make a Difference by Chelsea Clinton. Illus by Siobhán Gallagher. Philomel Books, 2018.

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

Super Fly: The World's Smallest Superhero! By Todd H. Doodler. Bloomsbury, 2015.

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...

Thornhill by Pam Smy. Roaring Brook Press, 2017.

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.

Trouble Next Door by Karen English. Illus by Laura Freeman. Clarion Books, 2016.

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

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor. Katherine Tegen Books, 2018.

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.

Twerp by Mark Goldblatt. Random House, 2013.

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.

Wag You're It! (Puppy Powers) by Kristin Earhart. Illus by Vivienne To. Scholastic, 2014.

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.

The Wish Fairy: Perfectly Popular by Lisa Ann Scott. Illus by Heather Burns. Scholastic, 2018.

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.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk. Dutton Children's Books, 2016.

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.

You Go First by Erin Entrada Kelly. Greenwillow Books, 2018.

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

Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher, and Kid Needs to Know About Ending the Cycle of Fear by Carrie Goldman. HarperOne, 2012.

Bully: An Action Plan for Teachers and Parents to Combat the Bullying Crisis by Lee Hirsch, Ed. Weinstein Books, 2012.

The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander: From Preschool to High School: How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence by Barbara Coloroso. Quill, 2004.

Helping Your Socially Vulnerable Child: What to Do When Your Child is Shy, Socially Anxious, Withdrawn or Bullied by Andrew R. Eisen. New Harbinger Publications, 2007.

Little Girls Can Be Mean: Four Steps to Bully-Proof Girls in the Early Grades by Michelle Anthony. St. Martin's Griffin, 2010.

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.