

# Bullying



## Juv. Fiction

---

**J F BAR**      *The Mostly True Story of Jack*, Kelly Regan Barnhill

- Jack is practically invisible at home, but when his parents send him to Hazelwood, Iowa, to spend a summer with his odd aunt and uncle, he suddenly makes friends, is beaten up by the town bully, and is plotted against by the richest man in town.

**J F BAS**      *Runt*, Nora Raleigh Baskin

- 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.

**J F BLU**      *Blubber*, Judy Blume

- Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in tormenting a classmate and then finds out what it is like when she, too, becomes a target.

**J F BUT**      *The Truth About Truman School*, Dori Hillestad Butler

- Tired of being told what to write by the school newspaper's advisor, Zibby and her friend Amr start an underground newspaper online where everyone is free to post anything, but things spiral out of control when a cyberbully starts using the site to harrass one popular girl.

**J F COD**      *Vive la Paris*, Esme Raji Codell

- Fifth-grader Paris learns some lessons about dealing with bullies of all kinds as she wonders how to stop a classmate from beating up her brother at school and as she learns about the Holocaust from her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen.

**J F CRI**      *My dog, Cat*, 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.

J F DON      *Thank you, Lucky Stars*, Beverly Donofrio

- Ally has looked forward to a new school year, especially since she and her best friend, Betsy, have planned since kindergarten to sing in the fifth grade talent show, but Betsy has a new best friend and Ally, shy and prone to cry, is targeted by bullies and a strange new student who is looking for a friend.

J F DOW      *The Second Life of Abigail Walker*, Frances O’Roark Dowell

- Bullied by two mean girls in her sixth-grade class, a lonely, plump girl gains self-confidence and makes new friends after a mysterious fox gently bites her.

J F GER      *I am Jack*, Susanne Gervay

- Eleven-year-old Jack suffers terrible headaches as he worries that his grandmother will soon die, his mother's boyfriend will move in--or leave--and especially that the school bully will get revenge for Jack's ill-timed joke at his expense.

J F GLA      *Call me Oklahoma!* Miriam Glassman

- Paige Turner starts fourth grade with a new name in hopes of being more bold and brave, especially when dealing with class bully Viveca and overcoming her stagefright.

J F GOL      *Twerp*, Mark Goldblatt

- 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're effected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying.

J F LAF      *Eight Keys*, Suzanne M. LaFleur

- When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.

J F MCK      *Indigo’s Star*, Hilary McKay

- 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.

J F OKI      *Maya and the Cotton Candy Boy*, Jean Davis Okimoto

- Newly arrived from Kazakhstan, twelve-year-old Maya Alazova resents the way her mother babies her brother, but when she leaves her English Language Learner program for mainstream classes and has to deal with a boy, a bully, and conflict at home, she finds her brother can help with their new culture in ways their parents can't.

J F PAT      *The Field of the Dogs*, Katherine Paterson

- 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.

J F PAY      *Lula Bell on Geekdom, Freakdom, Fifth Grade, and the Challenges of Bad Hair*, C.C. Payne

- Ten-year-old Lula Bell Bonner of White House, Tennessee, tries to fade into the background to avoid a bully, but after her beloved grandmother's death Lula Bell understands about letting her light shine in the darkness.

J F YEP      *Cockroach Cooties*, Laurence Yep

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

## Juv. Series

---

J SER ADA      *Adam Canfield, Watch Your Back!*, Michael Winerip

- A much-welcomed snow day turns into an embarrassing nightmare for middle-grader Adam Canfield when, after being mugged by high school bullies for his snow-shoveling money, he becomes the focus of major media attention just as his co-editors at The Slash are launching a contest to out bullies at their school.

J SER ALL      *The New Girl*, Meg Cabot

- Guided by her rules, nine-year-old Allie works to get past being just the new girl at school, eagerly awaits the arrival of her kitten, and faces turmoil when her grandmother visits while the family is still settling into their new home.

J SER AME      *Amelia's Bully Survival Guide*, 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.

**J SER AME**     *Amelia Takes Command*, 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.

**J SER AME**     *Secrets at Camp Nokomis: a Rebecca Mystery*, Jacqueline Dembar Greene

- When Rebecca attends summer camp in the country because of the spreading polio epidemic in New York City, she is troubled by a bully in her tent and another fellow camper who is strangely secretive.

**J SER CAL**     *Calvin Coconut in Trouble Magnet*, Graham Salisbury

- Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly, fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.

**J SER COM**     *Beware!* Diana G. Gallagher

- Claudia is dismayed when she is paired with Jenny Pinski, the school bully, for a science project.

**J SER DRA**     *Dragonbreath*, Ursula Vernon

- Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

**J SER ELL**     *EllRay Jakes is not a Chicken*, Sally Warner

- 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.

**J SER ELL**     *EllRay Jakes the Dragon Slayer*, Sally Warner

- A mischievous eight-year-old boy helps his sister with a bully problem, while facing a bully of his own at school.

**J SER EMM**     *Super Emma*, Sally Warner

- Third-grader Emma becomes a reluctant heroine when she defends a friend from the class bully.

J SER FAI      *Girl Power*, Melody Carlson

- Morgan, Carlie, Amy, and Emily become friends when they join together to avoid a bully, and then undertake a project to clean up the shabby trailer park where they all live.

J SER FAI      *Sophie's Friendship Fiasco*, Nancy N. Rue

- When Sophie's efforts to protect her friends from a group of mean-spirited popular girls lead to misunderstandings at home and at school, she turns to Jesus for help.

J SER FAI      *Sophie Loves Jimmy*, Nancy N. Rue

- Paired with her classmate Jimmy for school and church projects, twelve-year-old Sophie must find a way to dispel the boyfriend rumors and to stop the cyberbullying campaign directed against her and a former school bad boy.

J SER INV      *Invisible Inkling*, Emily Jenkins

- When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

J SER JAK      *Ballet Bullies*, Jake Maddox

- Marissa has always loved dancing, but lately, she feels clumsy and awkward when she dances, and she feels bigger and taller than the other girls. She doesn't even bother trying out for the Rose Fairy ballet, but someone else thinks Marissa has what it takes to play the part.

J SER KAT      *Anyone but Me*, Nancy E. Krulik

- Katie Carew, nicknamed Katie Kazoo by the class bully, wishes that she could be anyone but herself, but when her wish comes true and she turns into a hamster, she has to figure out what to do.

J SER LOS      *The Loser List*, Holly Kowitt

- Danny must set things right again after his attempt to remove his name from the dreaded Loser List lands him in detention, attracts the attention of the school bully, and causes his best friend Jasper to end their friendship.

J SER MAT      *Lacrosse Face-off*, Stephanie True Peters

- 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.

**J SER MAT**     *Snowboard Maverick*, Matt Christopher

- Having just begun to learn how to snowboard, thirteen-year-old Dennis faces a frightening challenge when he allows a bully to shame him into racing on a difficult slope.

**J SER MID**     *How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill*, James Patterson

- When Rafe Khatchadorian is sent to Camp Wannamorra, he teams up with his bunk mates to fend off the more "popular" kids' plans to ruin their summer

**J SER MIL**     *Warp Speed*, Lisa Yee

- Marley Sandelski has always felt invisible at school when he is not facing bullies, but a series of unexpected events gives him a taste of popularity and insights into some classmates, well-liked or greatly-feared.

**J SER MYS**     *The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict*, Trenton Lee Stewart

- Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict, an orphan afflicted with an unfortunate nose and with narcolepsy, is sent to a new orphanage where he encounters vicious bullies, selfish adults, strange circumstances, and a mystery that could change his life forever.

**J SER NAT**     *My Rotten Life*, David Lubar

- Tired of continually having his feelings hurt by popular students and bullies, fifth-grader Nathan agrees to try an experimental formula, Hurt-Be-Gone, and becomes a half-dead zombie, a condition which, he soon discovers, has some real advantages.

**J SER NER**     *Attack of the Bullies*, Michael Buckley

- When Ms. Information kidnaps the President's daughter, it is up to twelve-year-old Ruby, also known as Pufferfish, to use her super-nanobyte-enhanced allergies in leading the NERDS' investigation.

**J SER REA**     *Don't Sit on My Lunch!* Abby Klein

- When first-grader Freddy decides to try out for peewee hockey, his archenemy and school bully Max decides to also try out for the one slot left on the team.

**J SER ROS**     *Never Swipe a Bully's Bear*, Katherine Applegate

- 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.

**J SER TAL**     *The Good, the Bad, and the Fuzzy*, Kirk Scroggs

- Targeted by the biggest bully in school after transforming into a Muppet, Danvers Blickensderfer, the star of Kermit's upcoming band camp movie musical, explores a theory that he has also become a superhero with powers he has yet to discover.

**J SER YOU**     *The Way of the Warrior*, Chris Bradford

- Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, twelve-year-old English lad Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself, despite the bullying of fellow students, when the legendary sword master who rescued him begins training him as a samurai warrior.

## Easy

---

**E ALE**     *Lucy and the Bully*, Claire Alexander

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

**E AST**     *Not so Tall for Six*, Dianna Hutts Aston

- Six-year-old Kylie Bell comes from a long line of not-so-tall people, but she remembers the family motto--"Brave and smart and big at heart"--which helps her to treat the class bully with kindness.

**E BAT**     *The Bully Blockers Club*, Teresa Bateman

- When Lottie is bothered by a bully at school, she helps start a club where everyone is welcome.

**E CLA**     *The Bully Goat Grim: a Maynard Moose Tale*, Willy Claflin

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

**E CRO**     *Betty Lou Blue*, Nancy Crocker

- Teased by other children because of her big feet, only Betty Lou can save her tormenters one snowy day.

E DAV *Ben Rides on*, Matt Davies

- Ben rides his new bicycle the very, very long way to school but Adrian Underbite, perhaps the world's largest third-grader, takes the bike anyway and later, when Ben finds Adrian in trouble, he must decide whether or not to help the larcenous bully.

E DEW *Llama Llama and the Bully Goat*, Anna Dewdney

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

E FOR *Bird Child*, Nan Forler

- Bullying and the ability to rise above it are at the heart of this story.

E KLI *Big Little Brother*, Kevin Kling

- A four-year-old boy explains that his little brother is bigger than he is, follows him everywhere, and is annoying, but his presence becomes indispensable when bullies are around.

E LAT *Lion vs. Rabbit*, Alex Latimer

- Lion is mean to everyone. When the other animals can't take his bullying anymore, they hire Rabbit to outsmart him.

E LES *Hooway for Wodney Wat*, Helen Lester

- 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.

E LOV *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*, Patty Lovell

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

E LUD *Just Kidding*, Trudy Ludwig

- With help from his father, older brother, and teacher, D.J. learns how to handle a classmate who claims that his mean-spirited "teasing" is just a joke.

E MOO *Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully*, Julianne Moore

- Windy Pants Patrick who likes to throw the dodgeball really hard changes his ways after meeting Freckleface Strawberry's imaginary monster.

E ONE *The Recess Queen*, Alexis O'Neill

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

E RIM *Jag*, LeAnn Rimes

- Fearful that her new classmates might discover that she is afraid of water, Jag the Jaguar worries about going to school, until a unique classmate arrives prompting Jag to do the unexpected.

E SEE *Bully*, Laura Vaccaro Seeger

- A little bull discovers that he has been a big bully.

E WEL *Stella's Starliner*, Rosemary Wells

- Stella's 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.

## Juv. Nonfiction

---

J 302.3 BUR *Why are you Picking on me? Dealing with Bullies*, John Burstein

- An introduction to bullying and what you can do about it.

J 302.3 CUY *Bullies Never Win*, Margery Cuyler

- First-grader Jessica worries about everything Brenda the bully might tease her about, until the day she has had enough and discovers a new way to deal with Brenda.

J 302.3 GOL *Take a Stand! What you can do About Bullying*, Carrie Golus

- Describes what bullying is and what steps can be taken to stop it.

J 302.3 JAK *A Smart Kid's Guide to Online Bullying*, David J. Jakubiak

- In this book readers will learn how to identify bullies online, how to deal with them, and how to avoid becoming bullies themselves.

J 302.34 KRA *How to Deal with Bullies*, Jonathan Kravetz

- This volume examines what happens when you are being bullied, and how to deal with it.

J 302.343 STU *Cyber Bullying*, Rachel Stuckey

- Provides a look at cyber bullying and explains how it is different from other forms of bullying. Other topics include the potential legal issues related to electronic harassment, responsible digital citizenship, online security, and how to take a stand against cyber bullying.

J 371.58 FOX *Good-bye Bully Machine*, Debbie Fox

- 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.

J 371.58 HAL *A Bully-free School*, Pamela Hall

- Bullying behaviors are learned at an early age, so it is more than important than ever to reach the youngest audience and educate them on what bullying behavior is and how it is stopped

J 371.58 SHA *Bullying and Me: Schoolyard Stories*, Ouisie Shapiro

- Relates the real life experiences of people who have been victims of emotional and physical bullying.



Updated May 2014