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Search the catalog using these keywords to find more books about bullies and bullying:

- bullies
- bullying
- teasing
- school violence-prevention

**Websites:**

Do an Internet search with the keyword **bullies** or **bullying**.

*Some recommended sites:*

Operation Respect (<http://operationrespect.org/index2.php>)

Bullying.org: Where You Are NOT Alone ([www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org))

Stop Bullying Now ([www.stopbullyingnow.com](http://www.stopbullyingnow.com))

Helping Kids Deal With Bullies from KidsHealth.org

(<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/bullies.html>)

StopBullying.gov ([www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov))

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# dealing with bullies

*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

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## Preschool - 2nd Grade

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in  
the picture book section under the author's last name.*

**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.

**The Last Laugh** / Jose Aruego

A wordless tale in which a clever duck outwits a bullying snake.

**Shrinking Violet** / Cari Best

Shy Violet, who is always teased by obnoxious Irwin, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast in a play and saves the production from disaster.

**Miss Brooks' Story Nook** / Barbara Bottner

A school librarian encourages her students to make up stories, and teaches a lesson about bullying in the process.

**Bootsie Barker Bites** /Barbara Bottner

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day

her friend comes up with a better game.

**Loudmouth George and the Sixth-Grade Bully** / Nancy Carlson

After having his lunch stolen by a bully twice his size, Loudmouth George and his friend Harriet teach him a lesson he'll never forget.

**Henry and the Bully** / Nancy Carlson

When a new second grader begins bullying Henry and the other first graders, Henry stumbles onto a secret that just might save them.

**Ada Potato** / Judith Caseley

Ada stops playing her violin after some older children make fun of her but Mama helps her find a way to handle their teasing.

**Bully** / Judith Caseley

Mickey has trouble with Mack, a bully at school, until he decides to try being nice to Mack and making him a friend.

**Jake's Best Thumb** / Ilene Cooper

When Jake goes to kindergarten, a bully teases him about sucking his thumb, but Jake discovers that everyone—even bullies—needs some help being brave.

**The Meanest Thing to Say** / Bill Cosby (j Er Cosby)

When a new boy in his second grade class tries to get the other students to play a game that involves saying the meanest things possible to one another, Little Bill shows him a better way to make friends.

**Mean, Mean Maureen Green** / Judy Cox

With help from a boy in her third grade class, Lilley gains enough confidence to stand up to the school bus bully.

**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.

**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.

**Trouble in the Barkers' Class** / Tomie dePaola

When a new girl in the Barkers' class 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.

**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.

## Other Resources

### DVDs:

#### *In the children's library:*

Arthur Stands up the Bullying (j DVD Arthur)

Bullies Are a Pain in the Brain (j DVD 303.69 Bul)

Stop Bullying Now!: Take a Stand, Lend a Hand (j DVD 303.69 Sto)

#### *In the adult library:*

Bully (DVD 302.343 Bul)

Dealing with Bullies: The Right Way (DVD 302.343 Dea)

Stop Bullying! (DVD 302.343 Sto)

Stop Bullying!: Standing Up for Yourself and Others (DVD 302.3 S85)

### Non-fiction in the children's library:

Please look for non-fiction titles under call numbers j 302.34 & j 303.69

#### *Selected titles:*

Dealing with Bullying / Susan Martineau (j 302.3 Mar)

Gabe & Izzy: Standing Up for America's Bullied / Gabrielle Ford (j 302.34 For)

Cyber Bullying / Rachel Stuckey (j 302.34 Stu)

Social Bullying / Margarbet Webb (j 302.34 Web)

Dealing with Bullies / Christie Reed (j 304.343 Ree)

A Smart Kid's Guide to Online Bullying / David J. Jakubiak (j 303.69 Jak)

How to Deal with Bullies / Jonathan Kravetz (j 303.69 Kra)

Dealing with Teasing / Lisa K. Adams (j 303.69 Ada)

Why Are You Picking On Me?: Dealing with Bullies (j 303.69 Bur)

Stop Picking on Me: A First Look at Bullying / Pat Thomas (j 303.69 Tho)

### Non-fiction in the adult library:

Please look for non-fiction titles in the adult library under the call numbers 302.3 & 371.58

(Books in the adult collection are written for adults to help children understand and deal with bullying.)

#### *Selected titles:*

101 Facts About Bullying: What Everyone Should Know / Meline Kevorkian (302.3 K48)

Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher, and Kid Needs to Know about Ending the Cycle of Fear / Carrie Goldman (302.343 Gol)

Bully: An Action Plan for Teachers and Parents to Combat the Bullying Crisis (371.58 Bul)

Mom, They're Teasing Me: Helping Your Child Solve Social Problems / Michael Thompson (371.58 T55)

**Nobody Was Here : 7th grade in the Life of Me, Penelope** / Alison Pollet (grades 5+)  
Life in New York in the 1980s is made more difficult for a middle school girl by problems at home and at school, where she is a member of a clique guilty of the cruel hazing of a fellow student.

**Max Quigley: Technically Not a Bully** / James Roy (grades 3-5)  
After playing a prank on one of his "geeky" classmates, sixth-grader Max Quigley's punishment is to be tutored by him.

**Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge** / Susan Richards Shreve (grades 3-5)  
Eleven-year-old Joshua, worried about fitting in at school, feels awkward when the new student he is supposed to be helping becomes the target of the fifth grade's biggest bully. Sequel to "The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates."

**Crash** / Jerry Spinelli (grades 6+)  
7th grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

**Bad Girls** / Jacqueline Wilson (grades 5+)  
Ten-year-old Mandy must endure torment from three nasty bullies in school, but she finds solace in a new friendship with an older girl.

**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. (gr. 5+)

**Warp Speed** / Lisa Yee (grades 5+)  
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.



**Knuckleball Ned** / R.A. Dickey  
Teased by the Foul Ball Gang, a young baseball learns that his differences make him unique and strong.

**Geez Louise!** / Susan Middleton Elya  
Louise the stinkbug must face the bullying cockroach Kiki in a skating contest.

**Ed Emberley's Bye-Bye, Big Bad Bullybug!** / Ed Emberley  
Just as the bullybug is about to attack some "itty-bitty baby bugs," it is chased away until it learns to behave.

**Weekend with Wendell** / Kevin Henkes  
Sophie does not enjoy energetic, assertive Wendell's weekend visit until the very end, when she learns to assert herself and finds out Wendell can be fun to play with after all.

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

**Jungle Bullies** / Steven Kroll  
To get what they want, the larger jungle animals bully the smaller ones until Mama Monkey shows them all the benefits of sharing.

**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.

**Just Kidding** / Trudy Ludwig (*juvenile fiction* - j 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.

**If I Had a Gorilla** / Mercer Mayer  
What's a boy to do when the big kids are picking on him? Scare them away with a gorilla, of course!

**Nobody Knew What to Do: A Story about Bullying** / Becky Ray McCain  
When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid, but decides that he must do something.

**Martha Walks the Dog** / Susan Meddaugh  
Martha the talking dog rescues the neighborhood from a bully dog with the help of a parrot.

**Sea Monster and the Bossy Fish** / Kate Messner  
When the new fish in class criticizes everything and tries to bully the other students, Sea Monster needs to think of a way that everyone can play together and get along.

**Say Something** / Peggy Moss

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.

**Freda Stops a Bully** / Stuart Murphy

Max makes fun of Freda's shoes, but Freda soon learns how to cope with his bullying.

**Myrtle** / Tracey Campbell Pearson

With the help of their Aunt Tizzy, Myrtle and her baby brother learn how to deal with a mean neighbor named Frances.

**Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully** / Audrey Penn

When Chester tells his mother about the school bully, she asks him to gather his friends to hear a story about getting along with people who are prickly.

**Mr. Lincoln's Way** / Patricia Polacco

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

**Tyrannosaurus Dad** / Liz Rosenberg

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.

**Bully** / Laura Vaccaro Seeger

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

**Sneaky Weasel** / Hannah Shaw

When no one will come to Weasel's party, he discovers the repercussions of his mean actions.

**Hazel's Amazing Mother** / Rosemary Wells

When Hazel and her beloved doll Eleanor are set upon by bullies, Hazel's mother comes to the rescue in a surprising way.

**Stella's Starliner** / Rosemary Wells

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.

**Crow Boy** / Taro Yashima

A young shy Japanese school boy is ridiculed by his classmates until they learn the secret of his long journey to and from school.

ret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.

**Rhyme Schemer** / K.A. Holt

A novel in verse about Kevin's journey from bully to being bullied, as he learns about friendship, family, and his talent for poetry.

**The Misfits** / James Howe (grades 5 +)

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

**Bully.com** / Joe Lawlor

Wrongly accused of cyberbullying, seventh-grader Jun Li, a brilliant student, more comfortable around computers than people, has seven days to find the real culprit or face expulsion. (paperback - j pb L)

**Larger-than-Life Lara** / Dandi Daley Mackall (grades 4-6)

Using the writing techniques she has learned in school, fourth-grader Laney relates how an obese girl new to the class changes the lives of those around her, despite being bullied by her peers.

**Here Today** / Ann M. Martin (grades 5+)

In 1963, when her flamboyant mother abandons the family to pursue her dream of acting, eleven-year-old Ellie takes charge of her younger siblings, while also trying to deal with her outcast status in school and frightening acts of prejudice toward the "misfits" that live on her street.

**Amelia Takes Command** / Marissa Moss (grades 3-5)

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.

**Confessions from the Principal's Chair** / Anna Myers (grades 5+)

After participating in a cruel prank on a classmate, fourteen-year-old Robin and her mother move to Oklahoma, where Robin is mistaken for the substitute principal and receives a new perspective on bullying.

**Word Nerd** / Susin Nielsen (grades 5+)

When some bullies at his new school almost kill him by slipping a peanut into his sandwich, friendless nerd Ambrose, forced to be home-schooled by his overprotective mother, coerces his neighbor Cosmo into taking him to the West Side Scrabble Club, where people accept him for who he is.

**Thank You, Mr. Falker** / Patricia Polacco (grades 3—5)

At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.

*Dealing with Bullies*  
**5th Grade & Up**

*The following titles may be found in juvenile fiction unless otherwise noted.*

**The Mostly True Story of Jack** / Kelly Regan Barnhill (grades 5+)

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.

**Runt** / Nora Raleigh Baskin (grades 5+)

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.

**Blubber** / Judy Blume (grades 3-5)

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

**Jane, the Fox, and Me** / Fanny Britt (grades 5+)

Lonely young Helene begins to get out from under her body-image issue with help from a new friend—and Jane Eyre. (graphic novel - j GRAPHIC BRITT)

**Vive la Paris** / Esmé Raji Codell (grades 4-6)

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.

**Gifted** / Beth Evangelista (grades 5+)

Arrogant, mentally gifted George Clark has dreaded the eighth-grade class camping trip and its inevitable bullying, but a hurricane and a friend's loyalty make him realize what is important in life.

**The Bully Book** / Eric Kahn Gale (grades 4+)

In this story told alternately through journal entries and instructions from a bullying manual, sixth-grader Eric embarks on a quest to find the reason why he is being teased and tormented in middle school.

**The Other Felix** / Keir Graff (grades 5+)

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.

**Where I Belong** / Mary Downing Hahn (grades 5+)

Alienated, bullied, a classic underachiever, 12-year-old Brendan retreats into his fantasy world and then faces the long and demanding journey to a real world where he belongs.

**Stepping on the Cracks** / Mary Downing Hahn (grades 5+)

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Marga-

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**Jake Drake, Bully Buster** / Andrew Clements (grades 2-4)

Fourth-grader Jake Drake relates how he comes to terms with SuperBully Link Baxter, especially after they are assigned to be partners on a class project.

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**Mean, Mean Maureen Green** / Judy Cox (grades 2-4)

With help from Adam, a boy in her third grade class, Lilley gains enough confidence to stand up to the school bus bully, Mean Maureen Green.

**The Hundred Dresses** / Eleanor Estes (grades 2-4)

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a quiet little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

**The Odd Squad: Bully Bait** / Michael Fry (grades 4+)

When his school counselor insists that he needs better socialization skills after being stuffed into a locker by a bully, middle-schooler Nick finds himself, along with two other misfits, joining the school's lamest club: Safety Patrol.

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**Owen Foote, Frontiersman** / Stephanie Greene (grades 2-4)

Second grader Owen Foote is looking forward to spending time with his friend Joseph in their tree fort, until some bullies visiting his neighbor, Mrs. Gold, threaten to wreck the fort.

**Pinky and Rex and the Bully** / James Howe (grades 2-4)

Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color, pink, and his friendship with a girl, Rex, from the neighborhood bully.

**Odd, Weird & Little** / Patrick Jennings (grades 2-4)

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

**My Heart is Laughing** / Rose Lagercrantz (grades 2-4)

Dani's been trying her best to stay happy ever since her best friend Ella moved away. But when some girls in Dani's class start being cruel to her, it starts a chain of rather unhappy events.

**The Bully Bug** / David Lubar (grades 3-5)

After Lud Mellon is bitten by a bevy of bizarre bugs, he has fun crawling up walls, drooling on his food, and rolling around in garbage but when his father calls in the exterminators, Lud must figure out how to stop his transformation before it is too late.

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**Tarantula Power!** / Ann Whitehead Nagda (grades 2-4)

Forced to work with the class bully on a project to design a new breakfast cereal, Richard also tries to stop him from picking on second-graders by using tarantula power.

**Roxie and the Hooligans** / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (grades 2-4)

Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.

**Lula Bell on Geekdom, Freakdom + the Challenges of Bad Hair** / C.C. Payne (grades 3-5)

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.

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**Cowboy Boy** / James Proimos (grades 2-4)

Ricky Smootz is very afraid of everything, especially Keanu Dungston, the bully who

terrorizes their middle school, but with advice from his grandmother Ricky transforms himself into Cowboy Boy and stands up to Keanu and his henchmen.

**Max Quigley: Technically Not a Bully** / James Roy (grades 3-5)

After playing a prank on one of his "geeky" classmates, sixth-grader Max Quigley's punishment is to be tutored by him.

**Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet** / Graham Salisbury (grades 2-4)

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.

**Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge** / Susan Richards Shreve (grades 3-5)

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**The Fourth Stall** / Chris Rylander (grades 3-5)

Sixth-graders Mac and Vince operate a business charging schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help to negotiate conflicts peacefully, with amazing challenges and results.

**Shredderman: Secret Identity** / Wendelin Van Draanen (grades 2-4)

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

**Dragonbreath** / Ursula Vernon (grades 2-4)

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.

**Pack of Dorks** / Beth Vrabel (grades 3-5)

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

**Super Emma** / Sally Warner (grades 2-4)

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

**Zero to Hero** / Henry Winkler (grades 3-5)

When Billy Broccoli moves into his new house, he discovers Hoover Porterhouse, a teenage ghost, is haunting his room, and he helps Billy get in style, stand up to bullies, and conquer his new school.

**Beany and the Meany** / Susan Wojciechowski (grades 2-4)

When Beany's best friend Carol Ann pairs with the new girl at school to create a science project, Beany must work with Kevin the bully.

**Cockroach Cooties** / Laurence Yep (grades 2-4)

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