Make Bullying A Myth Recommended Bullying Prevention Books for Elementary School



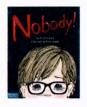
The Weird Series by Erin Frankle

This 3 book series tells true-to-life stories of bullying from all perspectives: the child who is a target of bullying (Weird!), a bystander of bullying (Dare!), and one who is doing the bullying (Tough!). In *Weird!*, Luisa is tormented by Sam for simply being herself and wearing her favorite polka dot boots. In *Dare!*, Sam,



favorite polka dot boots. In *Dare!*, Sam, who has been bullied by Jayla in the past, enlists her in bullying her friend Louisa. Because she is scared, Jayla reluctantly participates, until she finds the courage to stand up to him. In

Tough!, Sam thinks people should have a tough skin in order to fit in. But when confronted by a concerned teacher, rethinks her treatment of others and shows heart. Readers can relate to these characters who overcome challenges with the help of friends, peers, and caring adults.



Nobody by Erin Frankle

Thomas just can't get away from Kyle's bullying. And the more Kyle picks on him, the more Thomas feels like a real nobody. But he has people around him who want to help. With support from

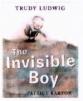
his friends and adults, can Thomas turn his story around and start feeling like somebody again?



<u>Dexter the Tough</u> by Margaret Peterson Haddix

When his parents travel to Seattle seeking a cure for his father's cancer, fourth-grader Dexter is shipped off to stay with his grandmother in Kentucky. When he begins his first day of school, Dexter is

already mad at the principal, the secretary, the janitor, and the kids laughing at him as the new kid. When his teacher asks the class to write a story, Dexter writes about how tough he is -- and how he's already gotten into a fight, but is any of Dexter's story true?



Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party ... until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new

boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.



Just Kidding by Trudy Ludwig

Waiting to be chosen for a pickup game of basketball, D. J. hears Vince challenge Cody to a game of Rock Paper Scissors: "Loser gets D. J." It's not the first time Vince has crossed the line, but D. J. can't

figure out how to respond. With a helpful suggestion from his dad and support from a teacher, D. J. begins to handle his problem. The book includes "Teasing Dos and Don'ts" for kids as well as detailed suggestions to parents and teachers trying to help children in this situation.



My Secret Bully by Trudy Ludwig

Monica and Katie have been friends since kindergarten, but lately Katie increasingly seeks to exclude and embarrass her pal in front of their classmates. Monica loves being around

Katie when she's nice, but there are times when she is plain mean. Monica eventually shares her anguish with her mother, who effectively counsels her without presenting any pat solutions or easy answers. Lists of resources for adults and children and discussion points are appended.



Super Emma by Sally Warner

Emma McGraw may be a bit shy, but when someone's being teased, she's the first one to defend them. So when Jared Mathews keeps picking on Ellray Jakes, Emma can't hold back. "Quit it, you big bully," she yells.

But the results aren't exactly what she hoped for. Ellray is embarrassed to be rescued by a girl, kids are calling her "Super Emma," and now Jared is picking on her.



A Special Committee of the Washington County Coalition for Children compiled this list as part of the Coalition's Bullying Prevention Efforts