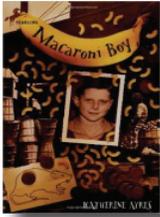


# October is National Bullying Prevention Month



## **Macaroni Boy** by Katherine Ayres

In Pittsburgh in 1933, 6th-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out what's happening is to be nice to the class bully.



## **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.



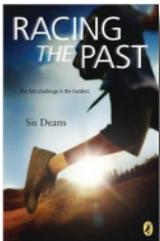
## **Because of Mr. Terupt** by Rob Buyea

Seven 5th-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.



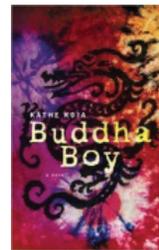
## **Better Than Weird** by Anna Kerz

Aaron has trouble fitting in. He's nervous about seeing his father for the first time in eight years. And while he worries whether his dad will think he is "too weird," Aaron is also scared that the school bully is going to beat him up.



## **Racing the Past** by Sis Deans

After the death of his abusive father, 11-year-old Ricky tries to help his younger brother deal with his residual fears and discovers that running helps him deal with his own anger and the taunts of a bullying classmate.



## **Buddha Boy** by Kathe Koja

Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy. He ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.



## **Where I Belong** by Mary Downing Hahn

11-year-old Brendan Doyle doesn't get along with his foster mother, he's failing 5th grade, and he's bullied mercilessly by boys in his class. Then Brendan meets two potential friends: an eccentric old man and a girl from summer school.



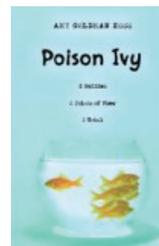
## **Schooled** by Gordon Korman

Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.



## **Totally Joe** by James Howe

As a school assignment, a 13-year-old boy writes an alphabiography, and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.



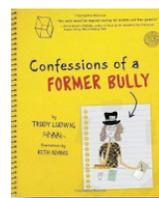
## **Poison Ivy** by Amy Goldman Koss

In a government class, three popular girls undergo a mock trial for their ruthless bullying of a classmate.



## **The Misfits** by James Howe

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.



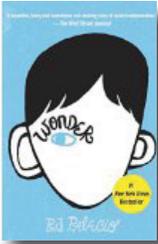
## **Confessions of a Former Bully** by Trudy Ludwig

9-year-old Katie's punishment for bullying classmates includes making up for the hurt she has caused. She decides to write a book about bullying, why it is not okay, and how to start being a better friend.



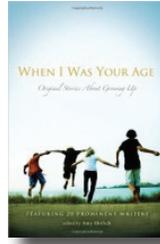
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# Let's read a great book...or three...to celebrate



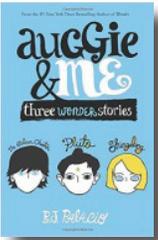
## **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio

10-year-old Auggie Pullman, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to 5th grade at a private middle school. He faces the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be just another student.



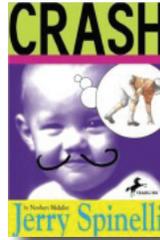
## **When I Was Your Age: original stories about growing up** edited by Amy Ehrlich

A collection of stories written by authors of books for children and young adults, set in their own childhoods, with both true and fictionalized accounts.



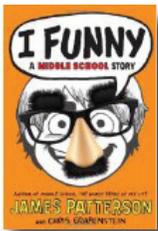
## **Auggie & me: three wonder stories** by R.J. Palacio

Three earlier stories about Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, set before he entered Beecher Prep and during his first year there. Told from other characters' points of view.



## **Crash** by Jerry Spinelli

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 family.



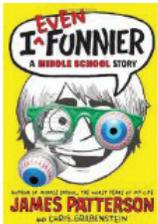
## **I Funny: A Middle School Story** by James Patterson

Jamie Grimm tries to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic Contest, while also dealing with his stepfamily, friends, and a school bully.



## **Loser** by Jerry Spinelli

Zinkoff never wins. But Zinkoff doesn't notice. Raising his hand with all the wrong answers, tripping over his own feet, the kids have their own word to describe him. *Loser* is a touching book about the human spirit and the importance of failure.



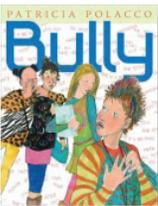
## **I Even Funnier: A Middle School Story** by James Patterson

While on a mission to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic regional competition, middle schooler Jamie Grimm copes with rival comics and bullies, a buddy in trouble, and a sudden family emergency.



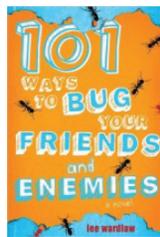
## **Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.



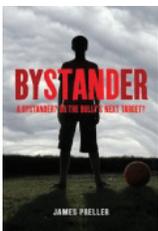
## **Bully** by Patricia Polacco

6th-grade friends Lyla and Jamie, both new to their school, stand up for each other when a clique of popular girls bullies them online.



## **101 Ways to Bug Your Friends & Enemies** by Lee Wardlaw

"Sneeze" Wyatt takes half of his classes at the high school, where he attracts the attention of a bully on the golf team, while at the middle school, he and his friends seem to be falling in love.



## **Bystander** by James Preller

Eric is the new kid in 7th grade. Griffin wants to be his friend. But Griffin always seems to be in the middle of bad things. And if he doesn't like you, you'd better watch your back. In one shocking moment, Eric goes from being a bystander, to the bully's next victim.



## **The Revealers** by Doug Wilhelm

Tired of being bullied and picked on, three 7th-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of the Internet, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School.