

TUNE IN: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Trouble Talk, Trudy Ludwig, Tricycle Press 2008, ISBN 978-1582462400

Maya gets help from a school counselor when the new student she has tried to befriend upsets her by spreading rumors, saying hurtful things, and sharing information that is not hers to share. (Themes: Self-esteem, self-respect, peer pressure, gossiping)

One of Us, Peggy Moss, Tilbury House, 2010, ISBN 978-0884483229

Roberta is welcomed by different groups on her first day at a new school, only to be told she does not fit in with them for some reason. By the next day, members of each group have begun to see that they do not have to be alike in every way. (Themes: Peer Pressure, self-concept, similarities and differences)

Say Something, Peggy Moss, Tilbury House Publishers, 2008, ISBN 978-0884483106

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. (themes: Bullying, teasing, empathy, active witnessing)

Alley Oops, by J Levy, Flashlight Press 2005, ISBN 978-0972922548

This story explores the painful and embarrassing aftermath of name calling and bullying, from the perspective of the bully. It's a story about hurt and anger, empathy and hope, resilience and ingenuity.

The Hundred Dresses, By Eleanor Estes, Harcourt Inc., 2004, ISBN 978-0152052607

A story about a poor Polish girl who always wear a faded blue dress. When she tells her schoolmates that she has a hundred dresses at home, all lined up in her closet she becomes the victim of teasing. Wanda moves away and the truth behind her hundred dresses is revealed.

Jake Drake Bully Buster By Andrew Clements, Atheneum, 2007, ISBN 978-1416939337

In grade two Jake comes up against Link Baxter, a super bully who makes his life miserable. When Jake discovers that Link is terrified of public speaking, he is tempted to take revenge but instead helps him out.

The Recess Queen By Alexis O'Neill, Scholastic Press 2002, ISBN 978-0439206372

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen. With her role overtaken, Mean Jean moves toward a meltdown, until the new girl invites her to play.

Simon's Hook: A Story about Teases and Put-downs by Karen Gedig, GR Publishing, 1999, ISBN 978-0966853018

When Simon's bad haircut makes him the target of teasing, Grandma Rose teaches him how to refuse to "take the hook" by using skillful interpersonal communication techniques.

Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon By Patty Lovell, GP Putnam and Sons, 2001, ISBN 978-0399234163

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. (Themes: Bullying, Self-Esteem and Self-Respect)

Mim, Gym and June By Denis Roche, Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2003, ISBN 978-0618152544

When the second grade starts to take gym class with the third graders, Mim finds herself intimidated by the larger June. (Themes: Bullying, friendship)

English Roses By Madonna, Puffin UK, 2005, ISBN 978-0141381800

Nicole, Amy, Charlotte and Grace are close friends who are horribly jealous of Binah, a smart beautiful and kind girl. One day the four friends learn about Binah's life and learn that appearances are not always as they seem. Great story that celebrates friendship and teaches compassion.

Mr. Peabody's Apples By Madonna Puffin UK, 2006, ISBN 978-0140569674

When timmy observes Mr Peabody a beloved teacher and coach take a pre-paid apple off the apple cart, the rumor mill begins that Mr peabody is a thief. The tale illustrates how small talk can often lead to big trouble to everyone.

Have You filled your bucket today? A guide to daily happiness For Kids By Carol McCloud, Ferne Press 2006, ISBN 978-0978507510

This picture book teaches the benefits of kindness through a metaphor (a bucket). Be a bucketfiller by saying something kind or doing something nice to others. (Themes: Kindness, caring, bullying)

Spaghetti in a hot dog bun Having the Courage to Be Who you Are By Maria Dismondy, Ferne Press 2008, ISBN 978-1933916309

Lucy is one of a kind who is teased and taunted by Ralph. When Ralph struggles, she resists the temptation to bully back. (Themes: self-esteem, self-acceptance, compassion respect, caring, valuing diversity)

Thank You Mr Falker by Patricia Polacco, Philomel Books,1998, ISBN 978-0399231667

Trisha is in Grade 5 and can't read. The class bully torments her until she really believes she is a dummy. Then a

new teacher arrives, and helps her build her self esteem so that she can learn.

Bootsie Barker Bites By Barbara Bottner, Puffin USA; reprint edition, 1997, ISBN 978-0698114272

Bootsie and the narrator are thrown together because of their mother's friendship. Bootsie is a bouncy blonde in frilly dress but as soon as the adults leave the room, she becomes a tyrant. The mothers are blind to Bootsie's nightmarish ways so the narrator finds a way to beat Bootsie at her own game. (Themes: Bullying)

Dancing in the Wings By Debbie Allen, Puffin USA; reprint edition, 2003, ISBN 978-0142501412

Sassy is a ballet dancer who is gangly and complains of her too big feet and too long legs. She is teased by her brother and peers and lacks confidence. With her uncle's encouragement, she auditions for a dance festival and proves she can dance! (Themes: empathy, put-downs, self-image, self-confidence)

Don't Laugh at Me By S. Seskin and A. Shamblin, Tricycle Press, 2002, ISBN 978-1582460581

This picture book is an adaptation of a tune by Peter, Paul and Mary and comes with a CD. It focuses on the ridicule suffered by the boy wearing glasses, the beggar on the street, the wheelchair bound child and the girl with the glasses. The chorus unites their voices with the words, "Don't Laugh at me. Don't call me names." (Themes: empathy, accepting differences, name calling and teasing, conflict resolution).

Hey Little Ant By P. & H. Hoose, Scholastic, Inc., 2005, ISBN 978-0439098168

An ant is confronted by a boy who is intent on stepping on him. The ant begs him to reconsider as he explains how he and the boy are alike. (Themes: empathy, peer pressure, respect)

How Do I Stand in Your Shoes by S. Debell, Youthlight Inc., 2006, ISBN 978-1598500097

Miranda has no patience for her classmates and can't understand why they aren't as talented and smart as she is. Her teacher suggests she try to "stand in others' shoes" to understand others better. (Themes: Empathy)

Miranda Peabody and the Magnificent Friendship by S. Debell, Youthlight Inc., 2008, ISBN 978-1598500530

Miranda and friends try to stand up against bully, Mean Maxie Maxter. They are unsuccessful in their attempts until they ask for help from some trusted adults. (Themes: Bullying, Active Witnessing)

Rosie's Story By M. Gogoll, Mondo Publishing, 1995, ISBN 978-1879531628

Upset that she is teased about her red hair and freckles, Rosie writes a story about how she feels and learns she is not the only one feeling this way. (Themes: self-respect, self-esteem, peer pressure)

Stop Picking on Me By P.Thomas and L.Harker, Barren's Educational Series, 2000, ISBN 978-0764114618

This book explores the issue of bullying among children. It helps children accept the normal fears that accompany bullying and suggests ways to resolve this frightening experience.