

Recommended for High School Students Cont.'

***Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult**

Peter has been the victim of bullying since his first day of kindergarten. Then one day he walks into Sterling High with a knapsack full of guns, killing and wounding students. He's caught, but with over a thousand witnesses and video tape of the day his attorney, hits on the only approach that might save the unlikable kid—a variation of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by bullying.

***Bad Apple* by Laura Ruby**

When green-haired artist Tola Riley is falsely accused of an illicit involvement with her art teacher, rumors start circulating among classmates, particularly at an anonymously administered Web site called thetruthaboutolariley.com.

***Freak Show* by James St. James**

Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school in Florida.

***Some Girls Are* by Courtney Summers**

Frozen out of her clique after vicious rumors circulate, Regina Afton takes solace in the company of Michael Hayden, a misfit whom she herself used to bully. Friendship doesn't come easily for these onetime enemies, and as Regina works hard to make amends for her past, she realizes Michael could be "more" than just a friend.

Non-Fiction Resources

***Girls Against Girls: Why We Are Mean to Each Other and How We Can Change* by Bonnie Burton**

This guide for teenage girls explains why girls can sometimes be mean to each other, what to do if you are a victim of bullying, and the importance of treating other girls with respect.

***Letters to a Bullied Girl: Messages of Healing and Hope* by Olivia Gardner with Emily & Sarah Buder**

After suffering a seizure in middle school, Gardner was taunted and teased by classmates for two years. Two concerned sisters began a letter-writing campaign to bolster the girl's spirits, and thousands responded in kind. This inspiring collection offers help and hope for combating the epidemic of bullying.

***Teen Cyberbullying Investigated: Where Do Your Rights End and Consequences Begin?* by Tom Jacobs**

Judge Jacobs presents a collection of court cases involving teens and charges of cyberbullying, including: sending insulting or threatening emails, text, or instant messages directly to someone; spreading hateful comments about someone through emails, blogs, or chat rooms; stealing passwords and sending out threatening messages using a false identity; and building a Web site to target specific people.



Stop Picking On Me! Books About Bullying

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***The Truth About Truman School* by 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 harass one popular girl.

***This is What I Did* by Ann Dee Ellis**

Bullied because of an incident in his past, eighth-grader Logan is unhappy at his new school and has difficulty relating to others until he meets a quirky girl and a counselor who believes in him.

***Carlos is Gonna Get It* by Kevin Emerson**

After uncovering a special needs classmate's fear of aliens, Trina and her friends plan an extraterrestrial encounter for him during their class's wilderness excursion. However, as Trina gets to know Carlos, she begins second-guessing herself, especially since her best friend Sara has grown distant.

***The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake**

Tired of being harassed in the halls for her dark skin and homemade clothes, Maleeka latches on to tough, mouthy classmate Charlese for protection, although the cost is high: doing Charlese's homework and enduring her open contempt.

***On the Fringe* edited by Donald Gallo**

Offering insights into popularity and peer pressure, nonconformity and persecution, acceptance and hate, these riveting, provocative tales will leave readers thinking and start them talking.

***The Clique* by Lisi Harrison**

Wealthy Massie is determined to exclude middle class Claire, the daughter of her father's old friend, from her seventh-grade clique at a very exclusive private school in Westchester, New York, but after Massie steals her only friend, Claire strikes back.

***Diary of a Witness* by Catherine Ryan Hyde**

Ernie, an overweight high school student and long-time target of bullies, relies on his best friend Will to watch his back until Will, overwhelmed by problems at home and guilt over his brother's death, seeks a final solution.

***The Girls* by Amy Goldman Koss**

Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, causing hurt and self-doubt among the girls.

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***Drowning Anna* by Sue Mayfield**

Anna Goldmith, a quiet new student at a small Yorkshire school, becomes friends with the popular Hayley Parkin, not knowing the humiliation and bullying she has in store for her.

***Bystander* by James Preller**

Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.

***Bullyville* by Francine Prose**

My father was killed on 9/11. When eighth grader Bart Rangely is granted a "mercy" scholarship to an elite private school after his father is killed in the North Tower, doors should have opened. Instead, he is terrorized and bullied by his own mentor. So begins the worst year of his life.

***Give a Boy a Gun* by Todd Strasser**

For as long as they can remember, Brendan and Gary have been mercilessly teased and harassed by the jocks who rule Middletown High. But not anymore. Stealing a small arsenal of guns from a neighbor, they take their classmates hostage at a school dance.

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***Hate List* by Jennifer Brown**

After Valerie Leftman's boyfriend, Nick, opens fire on their school cafeteria, Val is shot trying to stop him, but is implicated in the shootings because of the list she helped create. Now, Val is forced to confront her guilt as she returns to school to complete her senior year.

***Endgame* by Nancy Garden**

Fifteen-year-old Gray Wilton, bullied at school and ridiculed by an unfeeling father for preferring drums to hunting, goes on a shooting rampage at his high school.

***Raiders Night* by Robert Lipsyte**

Having witnessed a night of brutality at their high school's football camp, senior co-captain Matt Rydek finds himself in a difficult position in deciding whether to live up to his team's and family's expectations or do the right thing by reporting what he saw.

***By the Time You Read This, I'll Be Dead* by Julie Ann Peters**

High school student Daelyn Rice, who has been bullied throughout her school career and has more than once attempted suicide, again makes plans to kill herself, in spite of the persistent attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.