

## **Bullying**

### **Bibliography developed by Aaron Coutu, YA Librarian, Greenville Public Library**

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. *Does My Head Look Big in This?*, 2007. (Y-Abdel-Fattah)  
*Amal decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scar, full-time as a badge of her faith just as she is starting Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in Australia.*

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Twisted*; 2007. (Y-Anderson)  
*After finally getting noticed by someone other than bullies and his ever-angry father, Tyler enjoys his new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl.*

Atkins, Catherine. *Alt Ed*, 2003. (Y-Atkins)  
*Susan, an overweight 10<sup>th</sup> grader, develops a better sense of herself while participating in an after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a gay classmate.*

Ayres, Katharine. *Macaroni Boy*; 2003. (Y-Ayres Historical)  
*In 1933 Pittsburgh, Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences. To find the truth of what is happening, he has to be nice to the class bully.*

Baratz-Logsted, Lauren. *Crazy Beautiful*; 2009. (Y-Baratz-Logsted)  
*In this retelling of Beauty and the Beast, a guy whose hands were amputated in an explosion and a gorgeous girl whose mother recently died form an instant connection.*

Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine*; 1997. (Y-Bloor/Y-P-BLO)  
*Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and remembers the incident that damaged his eyesight.*

Blume, Judy. *Blubber*; 1974. (Y-LPeD-Blume/Y-P-BLU)  
*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.*

Bone, Ian. *Sleep Rough Tonight*; 2005. (Y-Bone)  
*Teased and bullied by his high school classmates, Alex Pimentino tries to prove his worth by following the commands of a former student just released from prison.*

Brooks, Kevin. *Kissing the Rain*; 2004. (Y-Brooks)  
*Moo Nelson – shy, overweight, and bullied by his classmates – finds his life spinning out of control after he witnesses a car chase and a fight that results in murder.*

Brown, Jennifer. *Hate List*; 2009. (Y-Brown)  
*Valerie, whose boyfriend committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with going back to school, unsure of herself ... was she a hero or villain?*

Butcher, Kristin. *Chat Room*; 2006. (Y-P-BUT Hi/Lo)  
*Linda tries very hard to be invisible, but she discovers that the school's online chat room allows her to anonymously be herself.*

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *The Truth About Truman School*; 2008. (Y-Butler)  
*Zebby and Amr just want to have an uncensored, online school magazine, but someone uses their website to bully a popular girl ... should they censor their classmates?*

Carbone, Elise Lynn. *The Pack*; 2003. (Y-Carbone)  
*Akhil Vyas, a new boy in school, reluctantly decides that in order to prevent a violent crime, he must tell Omar and Becky his secret.*

Castellucci, Cecil & Jim Rugg. *The Plain Janes*; 2007. (Y-Graphic Novel Castellucci)  
*Jane goes looking for friends outside of the in-crowd and discovers a lunch table of loners who are really creative and adventurous art lovers.*

Choldenko, Gennifer. *If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period*; 2007. (Y-Choldenko)  
*Kirsten and Walk, private school students, share how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and others stand up to a mean but influential classmate.*

Cormier, Robert. *The Chocolate War*; 1974. (Y-LPeD-Cormier/Y-PRD-COR)  
*A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fundraising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.*

Crutcher, Chris. *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*; 1993. (Y-LPeD-Crutcher)  
*The daily class discussion about abortion, suicide and other contemporary issues serves as a backdrop for a seniors attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.*

Crutcher, Chris. *Whale Talk*; 2001. (Y-Crutcher/Y-LPeD-Crutcher/Y-PRD-CRU)  
*Athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team.*

Draper, Sharon M. *The Battle of Jericho*; 2003. (Y-Draper)  
*A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a reputable school club, but find that they have to do a lot to prove themselves worthy.*

Flake, Sharon G. *The Skin I'm In*; 1998. (Y-P-FLA Romance)  
*Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love herself.*

Flinn, Alex. *Breaking Point*; 2002. (Y-Flinn/Y-P-FLI)  
*Fifteen-year-old Paul enters an exclusive private school and falls under the spell of a charismatic boy who may be using him.*

Flinn, Alex. *Fade to Black*; 2005. (Y-Flinn)  
*An HIV-positive student is brutally attacked; the bigot accused of the crime; and the only witness, a classmate with Down Syndrome, reveal how the assault changed their lives.*

Gallo, Donald R. (ed.) *On the Fringe*; 2001. (Y-On/Y-PRD-ON)  
*From the star football player standing up for a tormented student to a ruthless bully who tests the faith of a religious girl, these stories embody the teen “outsider” experience.*

Garden, Nancy. *Endgame*; 2006. (Y-Garden)  
*Fifteen-year-old Gary Wilton, bullied at school and ridiculed by an unfeeling father for preferring drums to hunting, goes on a shooting rampage at his high school.*

Giles, Gail. *Shattering Glass*; 2002. (Y-Giles)  
*When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.*

Goobie, Beth. *The Lottery*; 2002. (Y-P-GOO)  
*When troubled, 15-year-old Sally wins the annual Shadow Council’s lottery at her high school, she finds her ostracism by the rest of the student body difficult to bear.*

Grant, Victoria. *Pigboy*; 2006. (Y-P-GRA Hi/Lo)  
*Taking a field trip to a heritage farm, Dan Hogg and his classmates find themselves in danger when an escaped convict appears at the farm.*

Griffin, Adele. *The Julian Game*; 2010. (Y-Griffin)  
*In an effort to improve her social status, a new student at an exclusive girls’ school uses a fake online profile to help a popular girl get revenge against her ex, but the consequences are difficult to handle.*

Hautman, Pete. *Blank Confession*; 2010. (Y-Hautman)  
*A new student named Shayne appears at school, befriends the smallest boy, and takes on a notorious drug dealer before turning himself in to the police for killing someone.*

Heneghan, James. *Hit Squad*; 2003. (Y-P-HEN Hi/Lo)  
*Students in an upscale high school decide to take on the bullies and take back their school, with decidedly mixed consequences.*

Hiaasen, Carl. *Hoot*; 2002. (Y-Hiaasen/Y-LPeD-Hiaasen/Y-PRD-HIA)  
*Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy’s attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.*

Hopkins, Cathy. *Teen Queens & Has-Beens*; 2003. (Y-P-HOP Romance)  
*Having won the attention of Jonno during a game of truth or dare, Lia becomes a target of retaliation from popular Kaylie, prompting Lia to question who her real friends are.*

Howe, James. *The Misfits*. 2001. (Y-Howe, Y-PRD-HOW,/Y-LPeD-Howe)  
*Four students who do not fit in at their middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.*

Howe, James. *Totally Joe*, 2005. (Y-Howe)

*As a school assignment, a 13-year-old boy writes an alphabiography – life from A to Z – and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being gay. This is the sequel to The Misfits.*

Huser, Glen. *Stitches*; 2003. (Y-PRD-HUS)

*Travis copes with the teasing that comes from having an unusual family situation, but things change when he and his friends are building a puppet production at school.*

Kaye, Marilyn. *Out of Sight, Out of Mind*; 2009. (Y-Kaye)

*Amanda is in charge at her middle school. If you're not friends with her, you're nobody. One morning, she looks in the mirror and sees a very different face staring back at her. She is about to get a taste of life in someone else's shoes.*

Klass, David. *Stuck on Earth*; 2010. (Y-Klass)

*On a secret mission to evaluate whether the human race should be annihilated, a space alien inhabits the body of a bullied fourteen-year-old boy.*

Koja, Kathe. *Buddha Boy*; 2003. (Y-LPeD-Koja)

*Justin spends time with Jinsen, an unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment, and makes choices that impact on Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.*

Koss, Amy Goldman. *The Girls*; 2000. (Y-LPeD-Koss/Y-P-KOS)

*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 them.*

Mac, Carrie. *The Beckoners*; 2004. (Y-P MAC)

*When Zoe moves to a new town, she finds the line between victim and tormentor is easily crossed.*

Mayfield, Sue. *Drowning Anna*; 2002. (Y-Mayfield)

*Beautiful, intelligent Anna Goldsmith has just attempted suicide. As she lies in a coma, her friend Melanie and Anna's parents try to figure out why she tried to take her own life.*

Murdoch, Patricia. *Exposure*; 2006. (Y-P-MUR Hi/Lo)

*When Julie finds a way to get back at the girl at school who is always bullying her, she feels great until things take a serious turn.*

Myers, Anna. *Confessions from the Principal's Chair*; 2006. (Y-Myers)

*After participating in a cruel prank, Robin and her mother move to Oklahoma, where Robin is mistaken for the substitute principal and gets a new perspective on bullying.*

Oates, Joyce Carol. *Big Mouth & Ugly Girl*; 2002. (Y-Oates)

*When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.*

Olsen, Sylvia. *Yellow Line*; 2005. (Y-P-OLS Hi/Lo)

*In a small town, unspoken rules and an invisible line divide the whites from the Indians, even on the bus, but one white girl crosses that line when she starts dating an Indian.S*

Peters, Julie Anne. *By the Time You Read This, I'll Be Dead*; 2010. (Y-Peters)

*Daelyn, who has been bullied for years career and has more than once attempted suicide, again plans to kill herself, in spite of the attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.*

Pixley, Marcella. *Freak*; 2007. (Y-Pixley)

*Miriam, who is considered a freak by the popular girls at school, eventually explodes in response to their bullying, revealing an inner strength she did not know she had.*

Philbrick, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty*; 1993. (Y-Philbrick/Y-P-PHI)

*At the start of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected only his body, find that they make a powerful team when together.*

Plum-Ucci, Carol. *The Body of Christopher Creed*; 2000. (Y-Plum-Ucci/Y-LPeD-Plum-Ucci)

*Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.*

Plum-Ucci, Carol. *What Happened to Lani Garver*; 2002. (Y-Plum-Ucci)

*Clair is unable to face her fears about a recurrence of her leukemia, her eating disorder, her need to fit in, and her mom alcoholism until the mysterious Lani Garver arrives.*

Prose, Francine. *Bullyville*; 2007. (Y-Prose)

*After the death of his father on 9/11, Bart, still struggling with feelings of guilt and loss, wins a scholarship to a local prep school and encounters a vicious bully.*

Ruby, Laura. *Bad Apple*; 2009. (Y-Ruby)

*Tola Riley, a high school junior, struggles to tell the truth when she and her art teacher are accused of having an affair.*

Ryan, Darlene. *Responsible*; 2007. (Y-P-RYA Hi/Lo)

*Kevin Frasier is in his fourth new high school. When he falls in with Nick and his friends, Kevin ends up going along as they bully and threaten their way through the school*

Sanchez, Alex. *Getting It*, 2006. (Y-Sanchez)

*Hoping to impress a female classmate, Carlos secretly hires gay student Sal to give him a makeover in exchange for help in forming a Gay-Straight Alliance at their high school.*

Spinelli, Jerry. *Loser*; 2002. (Y-Spinelli/Y-PRD-SPI)

*Even though his classmates have always considered him strange and a loser, Daniel's optimism and the support of his family don't allow him to feel that way about himself.*

Spinelli, Jerry. *Stargirl*; 2000. (Y-Spinelli/Y-LPeD-Spinelli/Y-PRD-SPI)  
*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.*

Strasser, Todd. *Give a Boy a Gun*; 2000. (Y-Strasser/Y-P-STR)  
*Events leading up to a night of terror at a high school dance are told from the point of view of various people involved.*

Summers, Courtney. *Some Girls Are*; 2010. (Y-Summers)  
*Regina, a senior in the popular crowd, falls out of favor and becomes the object of the same bullying she used to inflict, until she finds solace with one of her former victims.*

Wilhelm, Doug. *The Revealers*; 2003. (Y-P-WIL)  
*Tired of being bullied, three 7<sup>th</sup>-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the Internet, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle school.*

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Jumped*; 2009. (Y-Williams-Garcia)  
*Dominique, Leticia, and Trina are irrevocably intertwined through the course of a day in an urban high school after Leticia hears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.*

Wishinsky, Frieda. *Queen of the Toilet Bowl*; 2005. (Y-P-WIS Hi/Lo)  
*Brazilian immigrant Renata is teased at school because her mother is a cleaning woman, and her worst tormentor mocks her more after she is chosen to star in the school play.*

Wittlinger, Ellen. *Razzle*, 2001. (Y-Wittliner/Y-PRD-WIT)  
*When his parents buy a group of tourist cabins, Kenyon's days are filled with repair work until he befriends an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.*