

Shooter

By Walter Dean Myers

Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, this is the story of three troubled teenagers which ends in a tragic school shooting.

The Bully (Bluford Series)

By Paul Langan

When Darrel Mercer and his mother move to California from Philadelphia, Darrel must figure out a way to deal with a cruel bully at school.

Hit Squad (Orca Soundings)

By James Heneghan

When four teen form a secret society to get revenge on a group of bullies, their plan goes dangerously awry.

Burger Wuss

By Matthew T. Anderson

Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants, Burger Queen and O'Dermott's.

Breaking Point

By Alex Flinn

Fifteen-year-old Paul enters an exclusive private school and falls under the spell of a charismatic boy who may be using him.

Dough Boy

By Peter Marino

Overweight, fifteen-year-old Tristan, who lives happily with his divorced mother and her boyfriend Frank, suddenly finds he must deal with intensified criticism about his weight and other aspects of his life when Frank's popular but troubled, nutrition-obsessed daughter moves in.

Responsible (Orca Soundings)

By Darlene Ryan

Kevin Frasier is in a new high school, his fourth in the last year. He is trying to get along and not cause any waves. When he falls in with Nick and his friends, he ends up going along as the group bullies and threatens their way through the school. The harassment escalates until Kevin is forced to make a difficult decision and risk everything.

NON-FICTION

Odd Girl Out: the Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls

By Rachel Simmons

Call no. 302.5408 / Sim

Journalist Rachel Simmons shares the indirect aggression that runs through the lives and friendships of girls. With advice for girls, parents, and teachers.

Odd Girl Speaks Out: Girls Write About Bullies, Cliques, Popularity and Jealousy

By Rachel Simmons

Call no. 305.23 / Sim

Follow-up book to national bestseller "Odd Girl Out" which exposed a hidden culture of cruelty that had always been quietly endured by American girls. Here, Simmons creates a safe place for girls to talk, rant, sound off, and find each other.

Sexual Harassment

By JoAnn Bren Guernsey

Call no. 305.42 / Gue

What is it? This book examines what constitutes sexual harassment in schools, the workplace, and everyday life by going beyond the common mentality of "us against them" and looking further into the complexity of the problem.

The Courage to Be Yourself: True Stories By Teens About Cliques, Conflicts, and Overcoming Peer Pressure. Edited by Al Desetta with Educators for Social Responsibility.

Call no. 305.235 / Cou

Teens write about their lives with searing honesty in these 29 first-person accounts about cliques, conflicts, and overcoming peer pressure. They will inspire young readers to reflect on their own lives, work through their problems, and learn who they really are.

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bullying, harassment and in-
timidation in our schools.

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these, please speak to an adult.

*Bullying,
Cliques, and
Peer Pressure*

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Sylvester Middle
School Library*

FICTION

The Battle of Jericho

By Sharon M. Draper

A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club.

Jake, Reinvented

By Gordon Korman

Rick becomes friends with the popular new boy, Jake Garrett, football player and host of superlative parties, and in the process discovers the true nature of his schoolmates and uncovers the mystery of Jake's past.

Jumping the Nail

By Eve Bunting

When teenagers in a California coastal community challenge each other to "jump the Nail" -- leap from dangerous cliffs into the ocean -- group pressure and manipulative relationships quickly drive the game out of control.

The Body of Christopher Creed

By Carol 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.

The Gotcha Plot

By Margo Sorenson

Two boys, harassed by two rowdy kids at school, get revenge when they stumble into the school custodian's cleaning closet and find something very unusual.

The Boy Who Lost His Face

By Louis Sachar

David receives a curse from an elderly woman he has helped his schoolmates attack, and he learns to regret his weakness in pandering to others for the sake of popularity before new friends and a very nice girl help him to be a stronger, more assertive person.

Sticks and Stones (Orca Soundings)

By Beth Goobie

When Jujube's reputation is tarnished without cause, she is embarrassed and angry. She decides to fight back and uses a school project to demonstrate how she feels.

A Fly Named Alfred

By Don Trembath

Harper writes a column for the school newspaper under the pseudonym "Alfred." Everyone thinks his column is great, everyone, that is, except for the local bully, whom "Alfred" pokes fun of in his column. Now the bully wants to know who "Alfred" is and wants Harper to help find him. If Harper reveals the truth he is really going to be in trouble!

The Wrecker

By David Skinner

Theo, the boy genius, enlists Michael, the new kid, as his ally in a secret plan to "wreck" the bully of the eight grade once and for all.

Indigo's Star

By Hilary McKay

Spurred on by his youngest sister, Rose, twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies.

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, and the hurt and self-doubt that it causes them.

The Clique (Series)

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.

Dog Sense

By Sneed B. Collard III

After he and his mother move from California to Montana to live with his grandfather, thirteen-year-old Guy gradually adjusts to the unfamiliar surroundings, makes a friend, and learns to deal with a bully, with the help of his Frisbee-catching dog, Streak.

The Gun (Bluford Series)

By Paul Langan

After being publicly humiliated, Tyray Hobbs plots a plan for revenge.

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.

Payback

By James Heneghan

Thirteen-year-old Charley Callaghan moves to Vancouver from Ireland and copes with bullies. When the bullies turn on Benny Mason and the situation turns tragic, Charley must deal with questions about his part in the events.

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. Justin ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Bullyville

By Francine Prose

After the death of his estranged father in the World Trade Center on 9/11, thirteen-year-old Bart, still struggling with his feelings of guilt, sorrow, and loss, is awarded a scholarship to the local preparatory school. There he encounters a vicious bully whose cruelty compounds the aftermath of the tragedy.

The Lottery (Orca Soundings)

By Beth Goobie

When troubled, fifteen-year-old Sally wins the annual Shadow Council's lottery at her high school, her fate seems set -- she will be shunned by all. Her refusal to become a victim might ultimately set her free.

Drowning Anna

By Sue Mayfield

When brainy and shy Anna moves from her posh London school to a small Yorkshire town, everyone starts to gossip. Her accent makes her stick out a mile, while her near-perfect grades set her apart as a teacher's pet. So when Hayley, the most popular girl in school, befriends Anna, she couldn't be more thrilled. Just when the friendship is growing, Hayley begins her cruel games. What starts as innocent teasing leads to mean remarks and even violence.