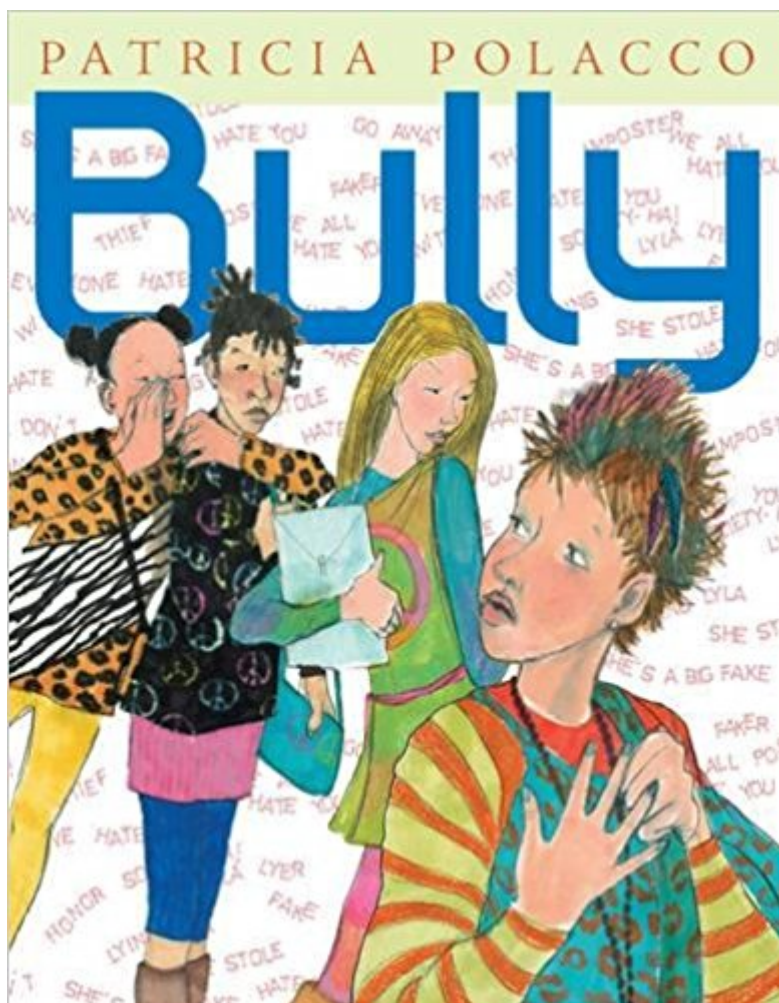


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# Bully



## Synopsis

Patricia Polacco takes on cliques and online bullying. Lyla finds a great friend in Jamie on her first day of school, but when Lyla makes the cheerleading squad and a clique of popular girls invites her to join them, Jamie is left behind. Lyla knows bullying when she sees it, though, and when she sees the girls viciously teasing classmates on Facebook, including Jamie, she is smart enough to get out. But no one dumps these girls, and now they're out for revenge. Patricia Polacco has taken up the cause against bullies ever since *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, and her passion shines through in this powerful story of a girl who stands up for a friend.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Like Toney Allman's nonfiction title *Mean behind the Screen* (2008), Polacco's powerful picture book dramatizes how online abuse has intensified the cruelty of bullying. New to her school, Lyla links up with Jamie, another new kid in her sixth-grade class, and they become close friends. Dramatic line-and-watercolor artwork shows the two outsiders in the lunchroom, excluded by the geeks, the nerds, the toughs, the sports kids, and especially by the "celebrity" table of the most popular girls. After Jamie gives Lyla good advice about

getting a cell phone and a laptop and helps her create a Facebook page, she feels more connected. Then, though, Lyla becomes so cool that the popular crowd invites her to sit with them—but only if she breaks from Jamie. And she does, until they show her what fun they are having humiliating her friend on Facebook with cruel images and insults. After Lyla stands up to the “celebrities,” they take ugly revenge. Kids will recognize the charged scenarios of anger and hurt and the seething contemporary middle-school social scene. Great for group discussion. Grades 3-7. --Hazel Rochman

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Another great Patricia Polacco book. I just wish I had them when I was young. I love the lessons she teaches. I love her illustrations and I just love her. This is a really good book to use if you are having children with bullying problems. I used this book at school and felt like it went over really well with the students. I kept their interest when we read this book and that is always a positive thing.

The book discusses the way children learn to handle bullies. Then it asks the reader the very important question of how they handle bullies?

Helps to show how to handle a bully and what it does to you as well as lessons learned.

Another great book by Patricia Polacco. This is a great picture book to teach students about bullying. I used this the first week of school with my 4th and 5th grade classes.

As an elementary school teacher (gr. 3) who has had to cover the topic of bullying as part of the curriculum, I was looking for an appropriate book for students age 8-9. My students enjoyed this book immensely. They continue to refer to it throughout the year. It is relevant to our current times, when cyber-bullying is on the rise. I highly recommend it for teachers, parents, and caregivers of

children ages 8+.

Love it

This is an excellent book to help young children learn what to do when someone is being bullied. It clearly showed how a child can easily become part of a "click" of students who lure someone in by being "kind" and then bully others. I love Patricia Polacco's books and this one is no exception.

I really enjoyed the book. When it first arrived I was worried that it was a little too wordy for a read aloud for my third grade students. However, it read really smoothly and I did finish it in one reading. It's just that it has a little more to do with cyberbullying. Most of my kids are not "connected" yet.

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