



## **Bullying: Fiction Books for Children and Young People**

This list provides details of some of the many fiction books available for children and young people that deal with bullying. The books **are not** available from the Anti-Bullying Alliance, but your local bookshop or public library may be able to order them for you. A few of the books are out of print, but should still be available from online suppliers. A list of publishers/suppliers and their websites is provided at the end of the book list.

### **Fiction for younger readers:**

ALEXANDER, L. (2004)

#### **Hope and the bullies: the girl who drew the line at bullying**

An illustrated book for children, which allows for discussion around bullying and how we treat one another.

Publisher: Young Voice

ISBN 1903456169

Suggested age range: 7-9

BLACKMAN, M. (2004)

#### **Cloud busting**

Despite his Mum's insistence, Sam doesn't want to be friends with Davey; he thinks Davey's a first class, grade A, top of the dung heap moron. But one day Davey saves Sam's life and a bond is formed between them. Sam is still embarrassed to be seen with Davey, but little by little he has to admit, when it's just the two of them, Davey is a lot of fun. But then something terrible happens to Davey... Told in verse, in the first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship that changes two boys' lives forever.

Publisher: Doubleday

ISBN 0385607962

Suggested age range: 8+

BLATHWAYT, B. (2006)

#### **Dinosaur Chase**

A simple but effective story about Fin, a young dinosaur, who while playing with his friends one day is chased by a group of bullies. Fin escapes but finds that the bullies can run just as fast as he can. He jumps over a tree, swims through a lagoon and climbs a cliff and in doing so, one by one loses his pursuers. Finally, at the top of the cliff, he loses the last one when he discovers that he can fly. Colourful illustrations in a slightly old-fashioned style depict the dinosaurs and their world in a way that will be appealing to 3-5 year olds. Ultimately the story delivers a satisfying, surprising and happy ending.

Publisher: Hutchinson

ISBN 009892937

Suggested age range: 2+

BROWNE, A. (2000)

#### **Willy the Champ**

Willy the chimpanzee doesn't conform to the macho stereotypes and so comes in for a lot of hard times and bullying. Willy likes to read and listen to music. However hard he tries he just cannot get interested in football or swimming, so when Willy meets Buster Nose he is in for a surprise. This book examines the behaviour of bullies and shows ways of dealing with them.

Publisher: Walker Books

ISBN 0744543568

Suggested age range: 6-8

DODD, L. (2003)

**Scarface Claw**

Scarface Claw, the toughest tomcat in town and Hairy Maclary's arch-enemy, is at the centre of this story. Like most bullies, however, he turns out to be not quite so tough as he and the other animals think when he is scared by his own reflection.

Publisher: Puffin

ISBN 0140568867

Suggested age range: 3-8

ELLIOTT, M. (2000)

**Beat the bullies: the Willow Street kids**

The kids who live on Willow Street manage to help each other outwit the bullies.

Publisher: Macmillan

ISBN: 0330351850

Suggested age range: 7-10

FINE, A. (2002)

**The angel of Nitshill Road**

Until the angel came, Penny, Mark and Marigold were bitterly unhappy. They were called names - 'Fat,' 'Freak,' 'Smelly'. Barry Hunter was bullying them and everyone at Nitshill Road School knew it. But the angel brings a clever solution. Life at school is going to be very different from now on.

Publisher: Egmont

ISBN 1405201843

Suggested age range: 7+

GODDEN, R. (2004)

**Diddakoi**

Everyone in Kizzy's town hates her because she's half-gypsy - a didakoi. But Kizzy doesn't care. All she needs is Gran and her horse, Joe. But when Gran dies and their wagon burns down, Kizzy is all alone. No one wants to look after her and her beloved Joe might get sent to the knacker's yard. Can Kizzy survive in a hostile world and save Joe?

Publisher: Macmillan Children's Books

ISBN 0330398687

Suggested age range: 7-9

GRINDLEY, S. (2003)

**Feather wars**

Sam is being bullied at school. A quiet, creeping insidious form of bullying that has Sam terrified of his persecutors. Sam is also very angry with his father, as it appears that he is the cause of the bullying. Sam's father keeps pigeons and the bullies find this amusing. When Sam's father has to go off and help in the D-Day landings and Sam is left at home with his mother and little sister, things begin to change for him. He begins to see things in a new light and finds a new resolve to deal with the problems around him.

Publisher: Bloomsbury Pub Ltd

ISBN 0747563381

Suggested age range: 4-8

HEGARTY, J. (2006)

**Michelle in: Crabbit comes to stay**

Featuring a character called Michelle the scallop, who lives in a rockpool, this is first of four in a series of books about bullying. £1 from the sale of each book will be donated to Beatbullying. More details on the Beatbullying website at: [www.beatbullying.org](http://www.beatbullying.org)

Publisher: Starlet Publishing

Suggested age range: 3-7

HOBBS, L. (2004)

**Horrible Harriet**

Horrible Harriet lives in the turret roof of her school. Mr Boggle, her teacher, thinks that Harriet is helpful and nice, but the other pupils know better. When a new boy arrives at school, Harriet volunteers to take care of him and tries everything to make his life miserable. However, to Harriet's disappointment, this has the adverse effect upon her victim.

Publisher: Allen & Unwin Children's Books

ISBN 1865084409

Suggested age range: 7+

HUGHES, S. (2000)

**The lion and the unicorn**

Evacuated during the Second World War, Lenny takes with him a badge given to him by his father, depicting a lion and a unicorn fighting. Lenny is bullied by the children at his new school, but draws courage from his father's badge, and comes to terms with his fear and loneliness when he befriends Mick. Beautifully written and illustrated.

Publisher: Red Fox

ISBN 0099256088

Suggested age range: 7-11

IRONSIDE, V. (2004)

**The huge bag of worries**

Jenny has many worries that gradually build up into a huge bag of worries. This includes thinking that someone is whispering about her in the playground. Jenny tries a lot of self-help strategies but she just can't get rid of the huge bag until one day a lady helps her sort out the worries and cope with any that she may face in the future.

Publisher: Hodder Wayland

ISBN 0340903171

Suggested age range: 5-11

KEMP, G. (2005)

**The haunted piccolo**

Luke is a gifted musician, so when his treasured flute is destroyed by the school bullies, his grandmother takes him to a mysterious old music shop to buy another. Instead he comes away with a beautiful old piccolo. The piccolo plays wonderful, strange music at first, and Luke is captivated, but then he discovers a more sinister side to the instrument - an evil spirit within it that seems to enact Luke's dark thoughts of revenge upon his enemies.

This short novel from Gene Kemp is a simply told tale, with no great surprises or twists, but it is noteworthy for its investigation of the concepts of good and bad for a younger audience.

Publisher: Orchard Books

ISBN 1843622696

Suggested age range: 6-9

MCKEE, D. (2006)

**Three Monsters**

After an interval of many years, David McKee follows up his classic picture book Two Monsters.

In this new book, the two monsters, now firm if somewhat lazy friends, are joined on their island by a new, yellow monster, who needs a place to live. The monsters agree that he can stay on one condition - that he tidies up the island of all its messy rocks first. The end result is not what the two monsters had in mind and teaches them a lesson about expectations. A simple picture book, written and illustrated in McKee's distinctive style.

Publisher: Andersen Press

ISBN 1842705237

Suggested age range: 3+

MOSES, B. (2007)

**Trouble at the Dinosaur Café**

Down at the Dinosaur Café, it's business as usual. Steggy's slurping swamp juice and Patsy's anticipating vegetable pie. But trouble – BIG trouble – is brewing! In stomps Tyrannosaurus, he's mean, he's hungry and he wants a tasty morsel of dinosaur for dinner. To the rescue comes the valiant Terry

Triceratops (small, but deadly). His audaciously daring three-pronged attack brings Tyrannosaurus to his knees and it only takes some intensive tickling to vanquish the greedy beast – and his astoundingly smelly feet. Combines great fun and a more serious anti-bullying message.

Publisher: Puffin

ISBN 9780140569940

Suggested age range: 3+

NIMMO, J. (2003)

**Invisible Vinnie**

Rose is miserable and one morning she confides in her Uncle Vinnie. Although she is worried about reading in class, her real problem is Zack, a school bully, who teases her and the other children. Uncle Vinnie tells Rose that bullies are usually scared of something, and after a lot of thinking Rose remembers that Zack doesn't like the class rat. Vinnie gives her a book with a magic story to read out in class, assuring her that when the time comes she'll know exactly what to say. An inventive and thought-provoking story about bullying at school, which nevertheless manages to retain a positive tone and concludes with a happy ending.

Publisher: Corgi Pups

ISBN 0552549916

Suggested age range: 6-8

ROSEN, M. (2003)

**Little Rabbit Foo Foo**

He's wild, he's wicked, he's Little Rabbit Foo Foo! The bully-boy bunny likes nothing better than to ride through the forest bopping everyone on the head. Wiggly worms, tigers, no one is safe. But here comes the Good Fairy - and she is not amused!

Publisher: Walker Books

ISBN 0744598001

Suggested age range: 3+

ROSS, T. (2004)

**Is it because?**

A young boy tries to understand why Peregrine Ffrog picks on him. He asks his dog, 'Is it because he's got silly names? Is it because he's no good at games? Is it because he misses his mum? Is it because he still sucks his thumb?' This sympathetic rhyming tale about bullying even-handedly presents both sides of the story, and is accompanied by Tony Ross's characteristically engaging illustrations.

Publisher: Andersen Press

ISBN 1842702963

Suggested age range: 0-5

SIMON, F. (2005)

**Hugo and the Bully Frogs**

Hugo is a little frog with a tiny croak, whose life is made miserable by some big, bad bullyfrogs. The other animals suggest ways in which Hugo can defend himself, but he is just too timid. Then, when bossy old Duck arrives, she soon hits on the answer.

Publisher: Pinwheel Ltd

ISBN 9781862335967

Suggested age range: 4-5

THOMAS, J. (2003)

**Can I play?**

Casper Cat wants to play 'tig' with his best friend Susie Sheep, but Milly Goat comes along and takes Susie away. Casper feels excluded and has to content himself with watching them play. When Casper's mum takes him to the park, he realises that it is possible to play 'tig' in a group. Mum encourages Casper to stand up for himself, so that the next time Milly ignores him he has the perfect reply at the ready. This is a colourful book that deals sensitively with a difficult issue.

Publisher: Egmont

ISBN 1405205970

Suggested age range: 2-6

WILSON, J. (2002)

**Monster eyeballs**

Mark is the class bully. He enjoys scaring everyone, but he has met his match in Kate and her monster eyeballs!

Publisher: Egmont Children's Books

ISBN 1405202505

Suggested age range: 5+

WORMELL, C. (2006)

**Henry and the Fox**

Henry the cockerel is a coward. He can't even crow properly. All the other animals in the farmyard either laugh at him or ignore him. His only friend is a bantam called Buffy, who is also bullied by the others. Then Buffy has an idea – they will fool everyone into thinking that there is a fox asleep in the grass. Then Henry can pretend to chase it away, and be hailed as a hero by the whole farmyard. Not surprisingly, the plan doesn't quite work out, and the results are very entertaining. Henry and Buffy triumph in the end, and all the other animals are put firmly in their place.

Publisher: Jonathan Cape

ISBN 0 224 07044 4

Suggested age range: 3+

**Fiction for older readers:**

ANDERSON, L. (2001)

**Speak**

Melinda Sordino busted a summer party by calling the cops. Her friends won't speak to her and strangers glare at her. No one knows why she called the cops and for some reason she can't explain. She retreats into her head, but even there, there is something she doesn't want to think about.

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books

ISBN 0340817623

Suggested age range: 12+

ARNOLD, L. (2005)

**The Invisible Friend**

Grey Arthur has tried being every type of ghost there is, but is no good at being any of them. Tom Golden, an ordinary boy who has just moved house, is lonely and being seriously bullied at his new school. Hearing of Tom's misery finally allows Grey Arthur to find his role: he will become Tom's invisible friend and protector. But when a car accident leaves Tom able to see not just Arthur, but all ghosts, he starts to behave like the freak his school mates say he is, and he becomes caught up in the machinations of the dangerous Gavin Snark – from whom only his invisible friends can save him

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books

ISBN 0340892978

Suggested age range: 9-12

BYARS, B. (2000)

**The eighteenth emergency**

Mouse and his best friend Ezzie have come up with 17 action plans for various types of emergency such as Attack by an Unfriendly Lion. But nothing has prepared them for the 18th emergency being on the wrong side of Marv Hammerman every eighth-grader's worst nightmare.

Publisher: Red Fox

ISBN 0099408678

Suggested age range: 10+

CASSIDY, C. (2005)

**Driftwood**

Hannah has been best friends with Joey forever. When Joey acquires a foster brother, Paul, and then falls in love with Hannah's big brother, the dynamics of their relationship begin to change and Hannah finds it hard to adjust. At the same time, she discovers that not only is Paul being bullied mercilessly at school because he is 'different', but it is her own brother who is doing the bullying. When Paul goes missing, the police become involved and everyone's secrets come out into the open. Tackles a number of serious issues in a humorous and accessible fashion that will appeal to both boys and girls.

Publisher: Puffin  
 ISBN 0141320214  
 Suggested age range: 9-15

DHAMI, N. (2006)

**Sunita's Secret**

Sunita's perfect world collapses when her father is accused of stealing money from his clients, and he disappears. As the family are forced to sell almost everything they own and move away, Sunita hopes to make a fresh start at Coppergate School, but her secret is quickly revealed and she is victimized. As a coping strategy, Sunita begins to do 'secret good deeds', and eventually restores her own, her friends' and her mother's self-esteem. Dhami underpins this 'happy ever after' story with a real understanding of family shame and peer-bullying, triggered by physical imperfection and flawed family relationships.

Publisher: Corgi Yearling  
 ISBN 0 440 86629 4  
 Suggested age range: 9+

DICAMILLO, K. (2003)

**Tiger Rising**

'Tiger Rising' is about Rob, who won't allow himself to think about his recently deceased mum or the bullies at school, until one day he discovers a caged tiger in the woods and his whole life begins to change.

Publisher: Walker Books  
 ISBN 0744583500  
 Suggested age range: 10+

FORDE, C. (2003)

**Fat Boy Swim**

Jimmy is bullied mercilessly at school, especially on the sports field. But at home he shares a secret with his mum and Aunt Pol: Jimmy is a brilliant cook. Father Joseph (aka Coach or G.I. Joe) wants a favour from Jimmy, but not while he's in such a state of self-loathing. Eventually, Jimmy realises that he has to take control of his own life and asks Joe to teach him to swim. He proves to be a natural and commands respect in the pool, but still has to confront his demons when other secrets are revealed.

Publisher: Egmont  
 ISBN 1405202394  
 Suggested age range: 10+

FREDERICK, H.V. (2006)

**The Black Paw**

Oz is obsessed with James Bond (and spying in general). He is also chubby and wears glasses, which seems to make him the perfect target for bullies. Oz is fascinated and more than a little disbelieving when he accidentally discovers that Washington DC is home to a sophisticated colony of intelligent mice with their very own network of spies. When his 'spymouse' friend Glory gets into trouble and needs his help, he is keen to oblige and in return she devises a plan to beat the bullies. Suitable for boys and girls.

Publisher: Puffin  
 ISBN 0141319860  
 Suggested age range: 9+

GARDNER, G. (2004)

**Inventing Elliott**

Elliott has just started at a new school. He thinks a lot about why he was bullied at his last school and sets out to do the exact opposite in order not to attract attention. He makes sure he sits in the least conspicuous place in class, that his clothes fit in, that he never comes top in anything, that he excels at one sport (swimming) – all in order to be accepted. Unfortunately, the new Elliott he has created actually attracts the attention of the very bullies he has sought to avoid and they identify him as a new ringleader of their organised activities. Elliott faces conflicting emotional tugs from his mum, dad, geeky friend Ben and potential new girlfriend Louise, all of whom make demands on him that he is not sure he can satisfy.

Publisher: Orion  
 ISBN 1842552082  
 Suggested age range: 10-14

GAVIN, J. (2001)

**Coram boy**

A tale of two boys - Toby, saved from an African slave ship; Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate. A tale of fathers and sons - Otis, dealing in the vilest trade of all, and his son Meshak, not quite of this world; Sir William Ashbrook, landowner, and Alexander, the son he disinherits. An epic journey fraught with every danger and excitement, until love triumphs over hatred and corruption. This well written book provides examples of racism and incipient bullying.

Publisher: Egmont

ISBN 1405212829

Suggested age range: 12+

GIBBONS, A. (2003)

**Chicken**

A powerful and humorous story about a family on the theme of bullying. Davy's too chicken to stand up to bullying at school. He's been singled out as an easy target. His family aren't much help - they're all chicken too. Mum's frightened of learning to drive, big brother Carl is terrifying himself trying to impress his new friends. And Dad has too many problems of his own to be sympathetic. But in the end it's his little sister's strange secret which spurs Davy on...and surprises the whole family as well.

Publisher: Dolphin Book Co

ISBN 1858810515

Suggested age range: 9-12

GIBBONS, A. (2005)

**Hold on**

After a chance meeting with John on holiday in Florida, Annie realizes that he sees her as a lifeline against the relentless bullying he suffers at school. When he commits suicide on his return, she vows to pursue those who persecuted him, only to discover that John was fighting those far closer to him than she had imagined, and that the past, although it should inform the future, must never dominate it.

Provides an insight into the loneliness and despair that result from bullying and for the realization that it is a complex issue which can spring from a combination of several problems

Publisher: Orion

ISBN 1842551760

Suggested age range: 11+

GOLDING, W. (2005)

**Lord of the Flies**

A plane crashes on a desert island and the only survivors, a group of schoolboys, assemble on the beach and wait to be rescued. By day they inhabit a land of bright fantastic birds and dark blue seas, but at night their dreams are haunted by the image of a terrifying beast. As the boys' delicate sense of order fades, so their childish dreams are transformed into something more primitive, and their behaviour starts to take on a murderous, savage significance.

Publisher: Faber

ISBN 0571227678

Suggested age range: 12+

GRAY, K. (2003)

**Malarkey**

Within a few hours of starting at a new school, John Malarkey, a strong-minded teenager, is accused of a theft he did not commit. As he tries to sort out the problem and deal with the pupils who used him as a scapegoat, he gets himself into much deeper trouble. John's struggle to prove his innocence and smash the gang (which is, in effect, controlling the school) is recounted in gritty language, and the last chapter provides a dramatic conclusion to a powerful story line that is not afraid to confront the horrors of bullying and blackmail.

Publisher: Red Fox

ISBN 0099439441

Suggested age range: 12+

GREEN, R. (2001)

**Cuckoos**

A story which has been praised for the way in which it tackles the difficult issues of bullying - putting across the point of view of the victim and the bully, who, we discover is a victim himself.

Publisher: Oxford University Press

ISBN 0192751441

Suggested age range: 11+

JOHNSON, P. (2004)

**Avenger**

Gareth is thrilled when he is befriended by Jake, the streetwise new boy from London, but when Jake thinks Gareth is making fun of him, they become bitter enemies. Gareth retreats into the memory of his recently dead grandfather, and draws strength to face his bullying ex-friend from his grandfather's night-time visits, which also encourage him to stand up for himself. This is a touching portrait of a boy who thinks of his grandfather as a hero and role model, and who overcomes his grief by imagining that his grandfather makes a ghostly return to support him in his unhappiness at school. This is a powerful tool for considering the causes of inadequacy and bullying, and how bullies and their victims can both face and conquer them.

Publisher: Corgi Yearling

ISBN 0 440 86458 5

Suggested age range: 9+

JOHNSON, P. (2002)

**Traitor**

What would you do if a gang of bullies decided to waylay you on your way home from school, demanding money? Would you pay up? That's what Tom, Mia and Oliver do - at first. Ashamed of being victims, united in their fear of the gang, they feel powerless to do anything else. But as the pressure builds, a terrible suspicion begins to surface: could one of the three friends be helping the bullies? And if so, just who is the traitor?

Publisher: Corgi Yearling

ISBN 0440864380

Suggested age range: 10+

MACPHAIL, C. (2001)

**Run Zan run**

No-one believes that Katie is being bullied. One day she is cornered by Ivy and her fellow bullies on the town dump. Katie is terrified, but suddenly a girl called Zan rises from the rubbish to Katie's defence. But Zan is not willing to talk to Katie. Eventually Katie discovers the truth about Zan.

Publisher: Bloomsbury

ISBN 0747555044

Suggested age range: 12+

MCKAY, H. (2003)

**Indigo's star**

The Casson family stars again in this moving novel. In a term away from school because of glandular fever, Indigo has grown 6 inches, but he isn't keen to go back. Bullying from red-haired Tony and his gang has made life a misery. Returning to school and the continuation of the constant mistreatment, Indy meets Tom, a new boy from America, whose insouciance and self-esteem bring on the attentions of the bullies. The two boys team up, and Tom finds himself part of the chaotic, artistic, eccentric Casson family. Indy's technique with the bullies is one of attrition, and he and Tom finally win the gang around while isolating Tony. Other issues involved are Tom's difficult relationship with his father's new wife and baby in America and the splitting up of the Casson family parents.

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books

ISBN 034087578X

Suggested age range: 10+

PETERS, A.F. and PETERS, P. (2003)

**Poems with attitude**

An interesting selection of poems on a range of issues relevant to children and young people. It includes seven poems about bullying.

Publisher: Hodder Wayland

ISBN 0750241896

Suggested age range: 12+

RAJ, B. (2003)

**What's Your Problem**

Jaspal, born and brought up in Leicester, is 14 when his father moves the family to rural Nottinghamshire for a 'better life'. However, they (and their shop) soon become targets for racial abuse, hate mail and threats. Jaspal is victimised by Steggsy and his gang for being the only non-white at his school, but in spite of ignorance and prejudice, Jaspal makes friends and enjoys school. However, when he beats Steggsy in a fight, matters take an ugly turn. This is a compelling and disturbing story, which articulates the conflicts and tensions in Jaspal's life.

Publisher: Barrington Stoke

ISBN 1842991264

Suggested age range:12+

ROWLING, J.K.

**Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**

Harry Potter has thrilled us through seven books with his exploits and dilemmas. Interestingly Harry doesn't present as a super hero; he's a boy who has been bereaved, abused by his foster family and is constantly beleaguered by self-doubt. He goes to Hogwart's school for witchcraft, which he loves, but it is a school in which bullying is endemic. Some of the teachers bully the pupils, or each other, and Malfoy and his chums bully Harry and his friends. The books give many rich opportunities, which could be used within PSHE, to prevent bullying.

Publisher: Bloomsbury

ISBN 0747532745

Suggested age range: 9+

SACHAR, L. (2002)

**The boy who lost his face**

CURSED! David was only trying to be cool when he helped some other boys steal an old lady's cane. But when the plan backfires, he is the one who she 'curses'. Now David can't seem to do anything right. The cool kids taunt him and his only friends are weirdos. He even walks into Spanish class with his fly unzipped! And when he finally gets his nerve up to ask out a cute girl, his trousers fall down mid-way! But is this the curse at work or is David turning into a total loser?

Publisher: Bloomsbury

ISBN 0747555281

Suggested age range: 9-12

SACHAR, L. (2001)

**There's a boy in the girls bathroom**

Bradley Chalker is a bad lot! He lies, gets into fights, no one wants to be his friend and he is all alone. Until, that is, he meets the delightful new school councillor, Carla, and she persuades him that he can change - or more importantly - that he wants to change.

Publisher: Bloomsbury

ISBN 20010903

Suggested age range: 11-14

SINGER, N. (2001)

**Feather boy**

Robert is a victim of bullying at school but through the Elders' Project at school, he comes to meet Edith Sorrel, and her tragic story changes his life forever. The cross-generational theme works well and the characters, including the class bully, are very realistic. A sensitive and moving story.

Publisher: HarperCollins

ISBN 0007120265

Suggested age range: 9+

THOMPSON, G. (2006)

**The Great Harlequin Grim**

Glenn Jackson has just moved to a remote village in the Lake District with his father. His parents have separated and have shut him out of their problems. He has no friends and only his love of art to keep him going. Bullied and tormented for being an outsider he stumbles upon another loner, the simpleton Harlequin Grim, who fends for himself on the hills. A story of first experiences; of love, loss and prejudice.

Publisher: Doubleday

ISBN 0385609205

Suggested age range: 11+

WILSON, J. (2004)

**Bad girls**

Deals lightly but sensitively with the terrible pain suffered by a 10-year-old girl when she becomes the victim of vicious bullying at school. When the over-protected, intelligent Mandy is cast out by her so-called girl "friends" at school, she takes up with the trendy, cheerful 14-year-old Tanya. Because Mandy reminds Tanya of her much-loved kid sister in care, and because she too is lonely, the two quickly become best friends. But Tanya's unhappy life has made her turn to petty crime and before long Mandy finds herself in deep water.

Publisher: Yearling Books

ISBN 0440418062

Suggested age range: 9-12

**Publishers/suppliers**

Allen & Unwin: [www.allenandunwin.com](http://www.allenandunwin.com)

Andersen Press: [www.andersenpress.co.uk](http://www.andersenpress.co.uk)

Barrington Stoke: [www.barringtonstoke.co.uk](http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk)

Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd: [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)

Beatbullying: [www.beatbullying.org](http://www.beatbullying.org)

Egmont Children's Books: [www.egmont.co.uk](http://www.egmont.co.uk)

Faber & Faber: [www.faber.co.uk](http://www.faber.co.uk)

HarperCollins: [www.harpercollins.co.uk](http://www.harpercollins.co.uk)

Hodder Children's Books: [www.hodderheadline.co.uk](http://www.hodderheadline.co.uk)

Hodder Wayland: [www.hodderwayland.co.uk](http://www.hodderwayland.co.uk)

Kidscape: [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

Macmillan Children's Books: [www.macmillan.com](http://www.macmillan.com)

Orchard: [www.orchardbooks.co.uk](http://www.orchardbooks.co.uk)

Orion Children's: [www.orionbooks.co.uk](http://www.orionbooks.co.uk)

Oxford University Press: [www.oup.co.uk](http://www.oup.co.uk)

Penguin Books Ltd: [www.penguin.co.uk](http://www.penguin.co.uk)

Pinwheel: [www.pinwheel.co.uk](http://www.pinwheel.co.uk)

Puffin: [www.puffin.co.uk](http://www.puffin.co.uk)

Random House: [www.randomhouse.co.uk](http://www.randomhouse.co.uk)

Walker Books: [www.walkerbooks.co.uk](http://www.walkerbooks.co.uk)

Young Voice: [www.young-voice.org.uk](http://www.young-voice.org.uk)