Bullying

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PICTURE BOOKS

The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig 2013.  
Brian feels invisible in school until his new classmate makes an effort to include him and helps the rest of the class see that everyone has special talents that are important in their own way. Includes questions to facilitate discussion with youth. (Grades K-2)

The Snurtch by Sean Ferrell 2016.  
Sometimes Ruthie makes rude noises and throws her pencils, but it isn't really her, it's the Snurtch that follows her everywhere. “The Snurtch” beautifully personifies challenges that many children face – how to control outbursts and how to empathize with those who disrupt the class and their classmates. (Grades PreK-1)

Jessie’s younger brother wants everything his sister has, including sparkles, but Jessie does not think sparkles are for boys. Jessie chooses to stand up for her brother when a two boys make fun of him for wearing sparkles and realizes that sparkles can be for everyone. (Grades PreK-2)

Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse by Marcy Campbell 2018.  
Adrian Simcox tells anyone who will listen about his “beautiful horse with its white coat and golden mane” but Chloe knows that Adrian can’t have a horse, because he lives in a tiny house and has holes in his shoes. Both Chloe and Adrian believe in something fiercely, but when Chloe visits Adrian’s house she begins to understand that being right might not mean as much as being kind. (Grades K-3)

Miss Brooks’ Story Nook (Where Tales are Told and Ogres are Welcome) by Barbara Bottner, 2014.  
A school librarian encourages her students to make up stories and teaches a lesson about bullying in the process. (Grades K-3)

Ben Rides On by Matt Davies, 2013.  
Ben rides his new bicycle the very, very long way to school but Adrian Underbite, perhaps the world’s largest third-grader, takes the bike anyway and later, when Ben finds Adrian in trouble, he must decide whether or not to help the larcenous bully. (Grades K-3)

Llama Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewdney, 2013.  
Following their teacher’s lead, Llama Llama speaks to Gilroy Goat and tells him he should not act like a bully on the playground. (Grades PreK-1)
Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry, 2015. Picture Book FERRY
Stick and Stone are both lonely until Pinecone's teasing causes one to stick up for the other, and a solid friendship is formed. (Grades PreK-1)

Marlene, Marlene Queen of Mean by Jane Lynch, 2014. Picture Book LYNCH
Marlene punches and kicks and is just plain cruel. Can anyone stand up to her and make her see the errors of her ways? (Grades PreK-2)

Bully by Patricia Polacco, 2012. Picture Book POLACCO
Lyla and Jamie, both new to their school, stand up for each other when a clique of popular girls bullies them online. (Grades 2-5)

The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade by Justin Roberts, 2014. Picture Book ROBERTS
Sally McCabe is a very little girl, and nobody notices her, although she notices everything that goes on around her; but when she speaks out about the unkindness she sees, people start to pay attention. (Grades PreK-1)

Desmond and the Very Mean Word by Desmond Tutu, 2013. Picture Book TUTU
While riding his new bicycle Desmond is hurt by the mean word yelled at him by a group of boys, but he soon learns that hurting back will not make him feel any better. (Grades 1-4)

NONFICTION

My Mixed Emotions: help your kids handle their feelings by Elinor Greenwood, 2018. J152.4 G816m
Designed for caregivers to use alongside children, this book utilizes well-designed illustrations and developmentally appropriate activities that encourage children to think critically about their emotions and how to healthily express them. (Grades 1-3)

Say No to Bullying by Louise Spilsbury, 2014. J302.343 S756
Concisely summarizes different types of bullying, including prejudice bullying, cyberbullying, and friend bullying and provides tips for dealing with these situations along with ways to identify if the reader has acted like a bully. (Grades 4-6)

How Can I Deal With Bullying?: A Book About Respect by Sandra Donovan, 2014. j302.343 D687h
Provides information and advice on how to deal with bullies, including how to cope with name-calling, how to stand up to bullies, and how to celebrate Unity Day. (Grades 1-4)

Stop Bullying by Lucia Raatma, 2013. j302.343 R111s
Readers will learn how to recognize signs of bullying and prevent it from continuing. They will also find out how to deal with aggressive bullies and avoid acting as bullies themselves. (Grades 2-5)