



# Rich Read Recommendations



## Anti-bullying Week November 2022

### Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuijs

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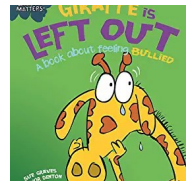
When Rat comes to live at the edge of their wood, the animals decide they don't like having a stranger in their midst. But Frog is friendly and decides to find out if Rat is really as unpleasant as he is made out to be. As Frog discovers, Rat is clever and kind hearted, and proves that the other animals have been too quick to condemn him. Frog helps his friends to see that Rat, a stranger, is not bad just because he is different.



### Giraffe is Left Out by Sue Graves

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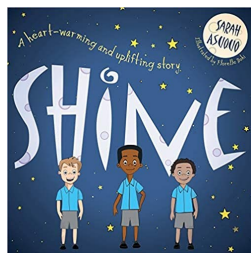
When Leopard arrives at Jungle School, Giraffe doesn't want to include him and tries to exclude him from joining in. So, when Leopard has a birthday party he doesn't invite Giraffe, even though he has invited all his friends. Slowly Giraffe begins to understand how Leopard must have felt when he started school. Can the two of them learn to become friends after all?



### Shine by Sarah Asuquo

Key Stage 1

Kai is excited to go back to school after the summer holiday, but soon finds himself being mocked by his peers for being different. With the help of his parents, Kai learns to be proud of himself and his unique qualities and values. He learns an important lesson: that everyone is special and valuable in their own way. He realises that the things that make him different are the things that make him special. He makes a decision to use his qualities to shine his light.

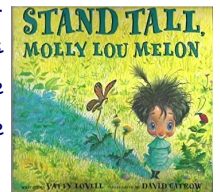


### Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell

Key Stage 1

Be yourself like Molly Lou Melon no matter what a bully may do.

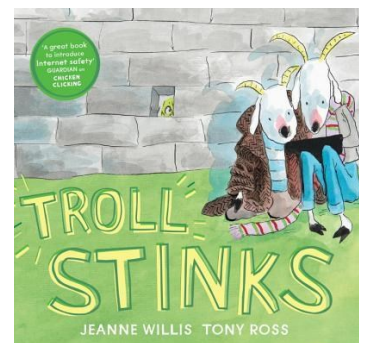
Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn't mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes that advice to heart.



### Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis

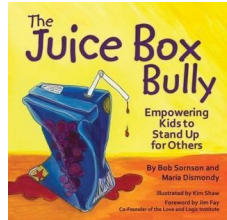
Key Stage 1

Billy Goat and his best friend Cyril are messing about with the farmer's mobile phone, taking selfies and playing games... until they find the number for a troll. Their Grandpa Gruff says trolls are bad, so Billy and Cyril decide to get their own back by sending mean messages. After all, trolls really do stink! Don't they?



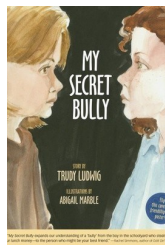
**The Juice Box Bully**  
by Bob Sornson and Maria Dismondy  
Lower Key Stage 2

Have you ever seen a bully in action and done nothing about it? The kids at Pete's new school get involved, instead of being bystanders. When Pete begins to behave badly, his classmates teach him about "The Promise". Will Pete decide to shed his bullying habits and make "The Promise"?



**My Secret Bully** by Trudy Ludwig  
Lower Key Stage 2

My Secret Bully is about a young girl who is bullied by her very own best friend. Monica and Katie have been best friends since Kindergarten but ever since Katie has made new friends, she is only nice to Monica when they are alone. Monica becomes sick and upset and eventually tells her mother what has been going on. Her mother gives her advice. The next day Monica tells Katie that she will not stand for being bullied anymore and that real friends do not bully one



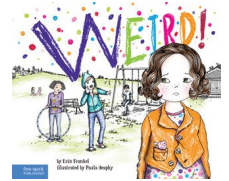
**Wonder** by R. J. Palacio  
Upper Key Stage 2

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?



**Weird** by Erin Frankel  
Lower Key Stage 2

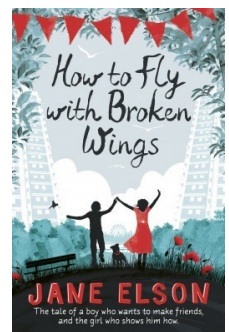
Luisa is repeatedly teased and called "weird" by her classmate Sam, even though she is simply being herself - laughing with her friends, answering questions in class, greeting her father in Spanish, and wearing her favourite boots. Luisa initially reacts to the bullying by withdrawing and hiding her colourful nature. But with lots of support from the people around her she is able to reclaim her colour and resist Sam's put-downs.



**How to Fly With Broken Wings** by Jane Elson  
Upper Key Stage 2

Twelve-year-old Willem has two main aims in life: to fly and to make at least two friends of his own age. But all the other boys from the Beckham Estate do is make him jump off things. First his desk - and now the wall. As his toes teeter on the edge, Sasha Bradley gives him a tiny little wink. Might she become his friend?

Touching on themes such as friendship and bullying, this is a charming tale about overcoming obstacles and finding friendship in unlikely



**Website recommendations**  
[Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC](#)  
What is bullying? (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)