



Resources for Parenting Discussions On Bullying and Animal Cruelty

Ludwig, Trudy. *Confessions of a Former Bully*. Tricycle Press, Berkeley, CA, 2010. This book by a former bully tells how to treat others with kindness and what steps were taken to make up for the hurt caused to others. Resources for parents and children are included at the end of the book.

Ludwig, Trudy. *The Invisible Boy*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2013. This book tells about the pain a boy feels when excluded by everyone at school until a new friend finally comes along. Discussion questions and resources are included at the end of the book.

McCain, Becky. *Nobody Knew What to Do: A Story About Bullying*. Albert Whitman and Company, Morton, IL, 2001. This book does an excellent job portraying the emotional turmoil that a bystander to bullying endures and provides a healthy solution. It includes a note from the author.

Modesitt, Jeanne. *Sometimes I Feel Like a Mouse: A Book About Feelings*. Scholastic, New York, 1992. This book provides emotional vocabulary words for young children to discuss with parents and add to their repertoire.

Moss, Peggy. *Say Something*. Gardiner: Tilbury House, 2007. A girl is a silent bystander at school when others are being excluded. Then something makes her realize being silent isn't enough. There are resources for discussion at the end of this book.

Otoshi, Kathryn. *One*. KO Kids Books, San Rafael, CA, 2008. This book illustrates the power of a group of bystanders against bullying and the courage to be the one to begin the process.

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Wood, Audrey. *Quick as a Cricket*. Scholastic, New York, 1982. This book provides a basic introduction to feelings and adjectives to help a young child develop self-awareness. Recommended ages 2-6.

Borba, Michelle, Ed. D. *Building Moral Intelligence: The Seven Essential Virtues That Teach Kids to Do the Right Thing*. Jossey-Base. San Francisco, CA, 2001. This book offers parents a number of activities and resources to help them teach their children empathy, conscience, self-control, respect, kindness, tolerance, and fairness.

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/> PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center is a funded parent center providing support and advocacy for children with disabilities and their families. The PACER resources on bullying are supportive for parents of all children.

Animal Cruelty

<http://aldf.org/resources/when-you-witness-animal-cruelty/animal-hoarding-facts/>

This website sponsored by the Animal Legal Defense Fund provides a fact sheet about animal hoarding which it describes as one of the worst forms of animal cruelty.

<http://www.hsmo.org/education/forparents.html>

This website for the Humane Society of Missouri (where the real live Marshall was adopted from!) contains lots of resources and ideas for parents to share with their children.

<http://www.adaa.org/living-with-anxiety/ask-and-learn/ask-expert/what-animal-hoarding-it-hoarding-lots-objects-can-people>

This website for the Anxiety and Depression Association of America helps explain the mental illness component involved for animal hoarders. This content may be more appropriate for older children. Adults can read the information and explain it to younger children.



<http://www.aspca.org/fight-cruelty/animal-hoarding/animal-hoarding-faq>

This website answers a number of questions regarding animal hoarding and its consequences. The information may be too advanced for children but will serve as a good resource for parents and humane educators.

Animal Safety

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/avoid_dog_bites.html?credit=web_id87957934

This link to the Humane Society website addresses how to avoid dog bites from your own dog or any stray dog that might approach you. This is a perfect site for a conversation regarding the scene where Luke tries to get Finn to pet his dog or the scene of the little girl approaching Marshall in the park.

General Information on Humane Education

www.aphe.org

The APHE promotes humane education, advances standards of excellence in humane education practices, and provides professional development, resources, and networking for those who foster empathy toward people, animals and the environment.

www.RedRover.org/books

This website provides a booklist for children's books that build empathy. The list covers a wide age range of books about the human-animal bond, kindness to animals and responsible pet ownership.

<http://redrover.org/resources-educators-and-parents>

This website is another page for the site above. It contains many links to more resources on a variety of humane topics.

<http://drsophiayin.com/blog/entry/free-downloads-posters-handouts-and-more>

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This is the website of a veterinarian. There are many free downloadable posters on safety topics available here.

<https://www.thefamilydog.com>

This website is sponsored by a veterinarian and parent. It includes a Kid's Club with games as well as informational videos.

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/choosing_dog.html

This website sponsored by the Humane Society provides useful information for families considering getting a dog.

<http://www.aspca.org/parents>

This website contains many useful tips for parents whose families include a pet.