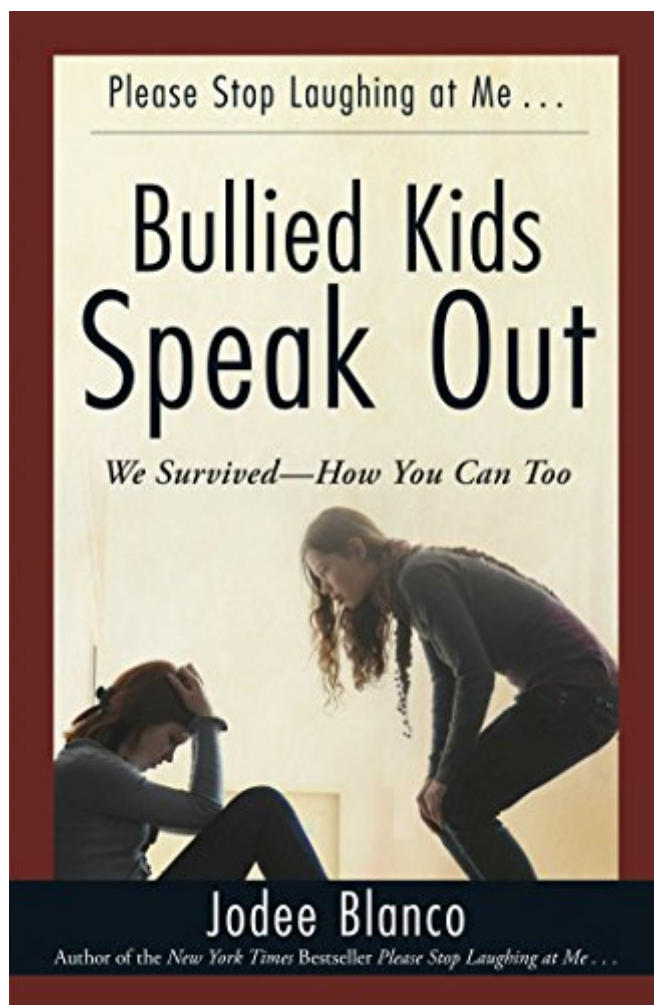


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# Bullied Kids Speak Out: We Survived--How You Can Too



## Synopsis

True stories from New York Times bestselling author Jodee Blanco's tours. Have you ever felt alone, as if no one understands what you're going through, and that no matter how hard you try, you're scared things may never get better? Do you wish your classmates would give you a break? I felt that way often in school. I was bullied and excluded for the same reason maybe you or someone you know has been--simply for being different. There were days when all I wanted was to stay in my room. Back then, I would have given almost anything to meet the kids you're going to meet here. Autumn dreaded recess. Joshua was afraid to trust anyone at home or at school. Taylor had lots of friends until her BFF turned them all against her. Gabe's online gaming world was turned upside down when other players started humiliating him. A teacher was bullying Brianna. Eric's Asperger's made him the butt of cruel jokes. The cool crowd beat up Tiffany and videotaped it for YouTube. Zach got punched and stomped on because of his weight. Trinity felt invisible. Aamina was harassed because of her family's religious beliefs. Riley had to live with the soul-crushing weight of mental illness as well as the other students who jeered at her plight. These are some of the brave teens who will be talking to you in this book. They--and others they inspired--found the courage to stand up to their bullies and reclaim their lives, and you'll hear exactly how they did it. You're not alone anymore.

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## Customer Reviews

Well thought out book that tells the reality of bullying and the pain it inflicts

This is the book I needed as a child. I am beyond thankful that bullying is an issue people care about. Personally I saw four of my friends commit suicide over bullying. Countless more I know dealt with bullying. Your words and actions are powerful. All too often you think you are alone when you are being bullied, you don't believe the issue matters, or that anyone can do anything to help you. That couldn't be more wrong. You do matter, the issue matters, and most of all people care. Honestly if I could give this book a million stars I would. This is a collection of first hand stories and accounts of bullying. It is deeply moving and incredibly impacting. Being able to walk through someone's pain will help inspire you to try and change the world. Inside this book are stories that range from LGBT students being outcasted, cyber-bullies, young girls told they are fat/ugly. The stories we often hear about too often. They write about the support, or even sometimes lack of support they had in the situation. Wake up teachers and principals, you have to do something. The collection is comprised of 17 stories that will make you realize just how much this epidemic is hurting people. It is an eye opening account of just what so many kids deal with on the playground, in parks, and behind closed doors. Children who are currently being bullied need to read this book. This book could save one life, every life matters. To be able to understand that so many people go through this issue will help them get through it. Adults need to read this to learn how to fight this ever growing issue. This book will leave a lasting impact. Thank you so much to F+W Media for sending me this book for review. All thoughts, opinions, and statements made are my own.

This is a book that EVERY KID who has ever been bullied, and every parent or grandparent of a bullied child MUST READ. Jodee Blanco has once again outdone herself with her editing and presentation of these kids' stories- which are all true. The kids talk straight from the heart, in their own language, directly to OTHER kids and to their parents and caregivers. Most of the stories are inspiring- but there are a few in this book which are truly heartbreaking to read. This book will probably save the lives of more than one bullied child or teen, just like Ms. Blanco's other two books did. ( I have both of those on my shelf, and they have inspired ME to write about my own terrible

experiences with public education.)

A follow-up title to Jodee Blanco's previous book, *Please Stop Laughing at Me*, this book contains personal stories by high school and college students who were bullied and what they did about it. It's a very hopeful book, even though the tales can make you feel quite uncomfortable (especially if you might see a glimmer of you anywhere). My only (trite) comment about the book is that the vernacular used by the kids writing will soon (and, in some cases, has already) go out of style and sound funny. I understand that the author most likely wanted these written in the kids' own words so that there would be a ring of authenticity, though I hope that doesn't take away from the powerful stories. My guess is that this book will appeal more to parents than kids. What I appreciated the most from the book is that Ms. Blanco insists upon including the bully in these discussions. Because if you don't know why someone bullies, it is hard to get them to stop. And while the bullied child doesn't care why it is happening but just wants it to end, it can break the cycle so that two lives are bettered, not just one. I don't understand why adults tell kids to ignore the bully; they wouldn't ignore other problems, so why this one? It makes it sound like the kid is somehow at fault. But, most importantly, she says, when your child is being bullied and is telling you about it, you need to listen. You can't project your own experiences on your child or brush them off. Listen.

*Bullied Kids Speak Out* by Jodee Blanco was published January 16, 2015 by Adams Media. A free copy of this book was given to Ink and Page in return for an honest review. Big thanks to the Publisher and the Author.

Rating: 3  
Genre: Young Adult Non-Fiction  
Ages: 11 and up

I like the idea of this book and the message it puts out there. Stories about bullied children is not the easiest thing to read, but I'm sure it could help some children going through the same thing. The reason I gave three stars is because there was something off with the writing. While I believe the stories were real stories told to the author, I don't believe the children wrote them. I would be okay with this if the author said this was the case, instead of making the book sound like it was written by teenagers. The "teen speak" nearly had me putting the book down. Despite this, I still think the book would be good for young children. \*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.\*\*

This book has 17 stories from different children who were bullied. Including one very touching one in

which the speaker has since committed suicide. It is a great read for teens to see that they are not alone and great for adults to see the kind of issues kids are facing. Jodee's responses at the end of each child stories come off pretty canned and sound like the advice we have all heard a million times. However, once in awhile she has a statement that were pretty insightful.~Disclaimer I received this book for free. This in no way impacts my review, but I feel disclosure is important.~

I'm not quite sure about this one. I probably got about halfway through it before I just had to stop. The way the stories are written, it seems kind of...off, like it's not really the bullied kids/teens writing, but written by an adult who thinks they know the "language" of kids and teens, like that's how they really talk nowadays. There was one story in there by a teen named Tiffany that was very moving, and I still can't believe that something like that would happen to anybody.

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