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# Bullying: How To Deal With Taunting, Teasing, And Tormenting (Issues In Focus Today)



## Synopsis

What makes some kids into bullies and persecutors-people who use their power to intimidate others-and what makes some kids victims? In **BULLYING: HOW TO DEAL WITH TAUNTING, TEASING, AND TORMENTING**, author Kathleen Winkler explores what bullying is, why it happens, and what kids and communities can do to prevent it. Includes information on bullying among girls.

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Winkler examines the impact of bullying on both the victim and the victimizer. In straightforward and clear language, she uses conversations with teens, quotes from magazine and newspaper articles, interviews with professional therapists and school officials, plus excerpts from titles such as Rachel Simmons's *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls* (Harcourt, 2002) to provide a readable discussion of what bullying is, why bullies do what they do, and why victims take it. The author devotes a separate chapter to the subject of girls who bully, a situation that researchers call relational aggression, and the resulting psychological damage that is not so easy to see. Posed, color photographs illustrate various scenarios, and multiple sidebars provide additional information. This is a useful resource, and even libraries that already own Elaine Slavens's *Bullying: Deal with It Before Push Comes to Shove* (Lorimer, 2003) or Trevor Romain's *Bullies Are a Pain in the Brain* (Free Spirit, 1997) will want to include it as it addresses an older audience.  
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Kathleen Winkler's book "Bullying: How To Deal With Taunting, Teasing, And Tormenting" put the issue of bullying In Focus before its debut as the current headlining topic: Ms. Winkler's work is prescient and perceptive. Had more attention been paid to the issues what this book explores, it might have moderated if not diminished the current rash of relentless bullying and the horrific resulting suicides. In a straightforward, easy to understand manner, this book explores some basic reasons behind bullying -- as regards both the victim and perpetrator - and offers some clear suggestions and strategies to deal with bullying should it arise.

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