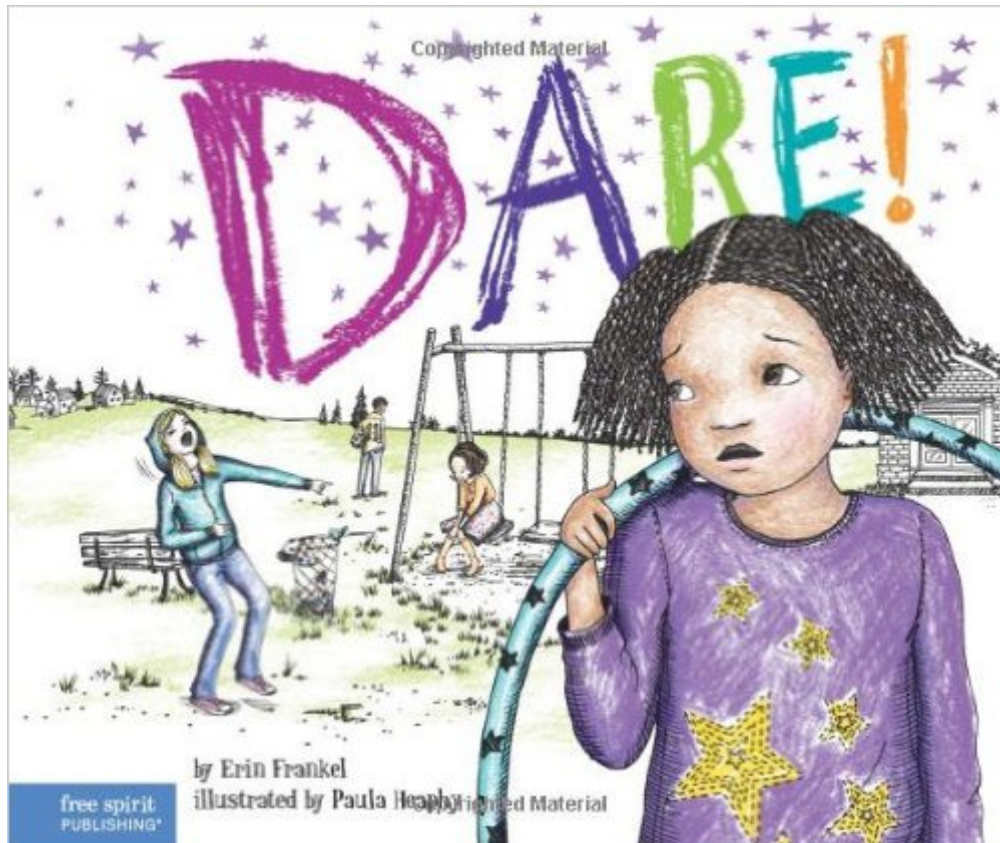


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# Dare!: A Story About Standing Up To Bullying In Schools (The Weird! Series)



## Synopsis

Jayla feels threatened by her classmate Sam, who has bullied her in the past for her "nerdy" love of astronomy and stars. Sam is now bullying Jayla's friend Luisa, and she enlists Jayla to participate. Jayla reluctantly joins in but soon realizes it is wrong. With the help of caring adults and friends, Jayla comes to sympathize with Luisa and finds the courage to dare to stand up to Sam and put an end to the bullying. The Weird! Series These three books tell the story of an ongoing case of bullying from three third graders' perspectives. Luisa describes being targeted by bullying in *Weird!* Jayla shares her experience as a bystander to bullying in *Dare!* And in *Tough!*, Sam speaks from the point of view of someone initiating bullying. Kids will easily relate to Luisa, Jayla, and Sam, as each girl has her own unique experience, eventually learning how to face her challenges with the help of friends, peers, and caring adults. Part of the Bully Free Kids™ line

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

This book does a good job of showing how it feels to be a bystander in a bullying situation. I like how it shows a girl thinking about the situation and realizing that she can have the courage to stand up for someone else and herself. I particularly like the way she decides to change her behavior and what she notices as a result. The story makes good points about acting confident and overcoming feelings of fear in a kid-friendly way.

I am a school counselor and I love how this series reaches kids that are being bullied, kids that are afraid to intervene because they are afraid they will be the next victim, and kids that don't think they are bullies but are. The author provides follow up activities which are a little less than half of the book. Overall, I recommend it.

My daughter LOVES these books and it is giving her a really good perspective on bullying. She hasn't really been exposed to it yet, thank god, but if she is, I know that these books have helped her be prepared to deal with what gets thrown her way.

I am a mental health educator & I often do presentations on Bullying. I am always looking for new books on the topic. Dare! is an excellent book on standing up for yourself and others, even when you are scared. It talks about being a bystander and how important it is to stand up, no matter what others might think of you. It also talks about the different perspectives of the characters: the bully, the victim, and the bystander. It also has great notes in the back. I highly recommend this book!!!

This series deals with a very "tough" issue during the growth of kids. It seems just hard as usual to be nice. My boy loves this series and he has become strong and brave ever since. To be himself is special enough.

Purchased the whole series to use with my elementary kids during bullying classroom lessons. I chose to start with this one, "Dare!", as just about ALL students are familiar with that role in witnessing bullying take place. We will then read, "Weird!" next and then finally, "Tough!".....this just seems to be the natural progression to present them in my opinion. I have read many bullying-oriented books designed for young children and this series is easily the one that best explains how to understand bullying situations from a kid's point of view and how the child can stand up for themselves and others in bullying situations. The kids at my school loved it too; in fact, the first class I read this to literally clapped and applauded at the end of the book!

This was a very good perspective to be able to bring into the bullying discussion. I've often talked to my kids about standing up for those around them who are weaker, and they will ask "why doesn't everyone?" This is a good example of the thought process that goes into being an accessory, and shifting that mindset. I appreciate the detailed things-to-try section at the end. It took the ideas from implied to applicable. (This book was provided by the publisher free for my review through

Netgalley.com)

Second book in the Weird Trilogy for kids, this picture book is told from the point of view of a witness to another person being bullied at school. It goes through why she is just standing by, how she gets pulled into bullying as well, how that makes her feel, and what she does about it. It also covers options kids have to help when they see someone being bullied. Bullying is a topic I feel very strongly about and as such, I look forward to sharing this series with my kids. I think this is a series all parents and teachers could use to approach the subject of bullying with their kids or students.

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