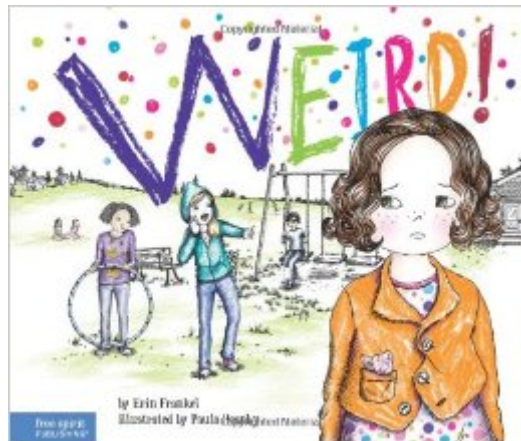


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# Weird!: A Story About Dealing With Bullying In Schools (The Weird! Series)



## Synopsis

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 favorite polka-dot boots. Luisa initially reacts to the bullying by withdrawing and hiding her colorful nature. But with the support of her teachers, parents, classmates, and one special friend named Jayla, she is able to reclaim her color and resist Sam's put-downs. **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

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## Customer Reviews

This first book in the series does a good job of depicting how a girl being bullied starts to feel self-conscious and unsure, then recovers her sense of self by learning to act confident until eventually she actually feels confident. I really like the tips in the back of the book about how to show confidence, particularly with your body language--such as standing with head up & shoulders back, looking others in the eye, speaking clearly, etc. I think those are very subtle but powerful

behaviors that we parents sometimes forget to point out to our kids.

This book series is absolutely FABULOUS! The books in this series are: *Weird!*, *Dare!* and *Tough!* As a parent of a child who was bullied, as a sister of a first grade teacher and as a Certified Early Intervention Specialist I can say that these books are like no others I have seen. Beautifully illustrated (using color as a way to signify the changes that children undergo when bullied), well written in child friendly language with detailed and meaningful activities in the back for parents and educators, complete with a wide variety of resources on bully prevention- these books have been highly praised by bully experts and have been endorsed by the International Reading Association. There are not a lot of books out there that speak from the victim, bystander and bully perspectives that are also targeted to elementary school students. The books are written and illustrated so you are able to have meaningful conversations with your children about this important issue. Buy these books- read them to your children, give them to your children's teachers, donate copies to your school's and public library. (We have.) They are a must have- very on point, yet not intimidating. All three books are very powerful and I highly recommend them. If I could give them 10 stars I would- and my children and their classmates give them "two thumbs up"! Trust me, these books are headed for big things!

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.

This book has a clear message for victims of bullying: you can be yourself and not care what they say about you. While that seems like it could be wishful thinking, the picture book takes you through various situations that show you how to live that attitude, and what can happen if you do. It could be useful for many kids who are either the bully victims, the off-siders or the bullies themselves.

I downloaded this book to read with my son. I thought it was a great book with an important message. It tackles bullying and how one comment can cause a person to change. It is a great middle grade book and I think children can take a lot from it. I especially liked the endnotes. There are prompts from the story to discuss but also helpful tips for anyone who may find themselves in that situation. I'm glad I discovered this book and it was a great opportunity to chat to my son

about being different and being proud of the things that make us unique. The illustrations were also stunning. I would definitely recommend this book to parents and young children. ~Ava\* I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.\*

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.

The students loved this story and how it looked at bullying from the bully's, victim's, and bystander's perspective. The illustrations are great and show the same story from a different perspective. The kids loved it and the activities that are recommended at the back of each book for each character. You need all 3 books.

What an amazing learning tool! I just received all three of the books from this lovely series in the mail today. They are beautifully illustrated with characters that you are instantly drawn to. I had pre-ordered them based on a recommendation from a friend. I read all three immediately and fell in love with all of the characters, even the bully who I was able to feel compassion for. As a kid who was teased and bullied growing up I recall my elementary school years as traumatizing and the most emotionally painful periods of my life. These books would have been a shining light for me. I immersed myself in reading as a means of escape as soon as I could read and boy do I wish I had them then. These books will be an amazing tool for kids to communicate with parents, teachers and classmates. I am excited for all the kids that will find relief and joy in these books.

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