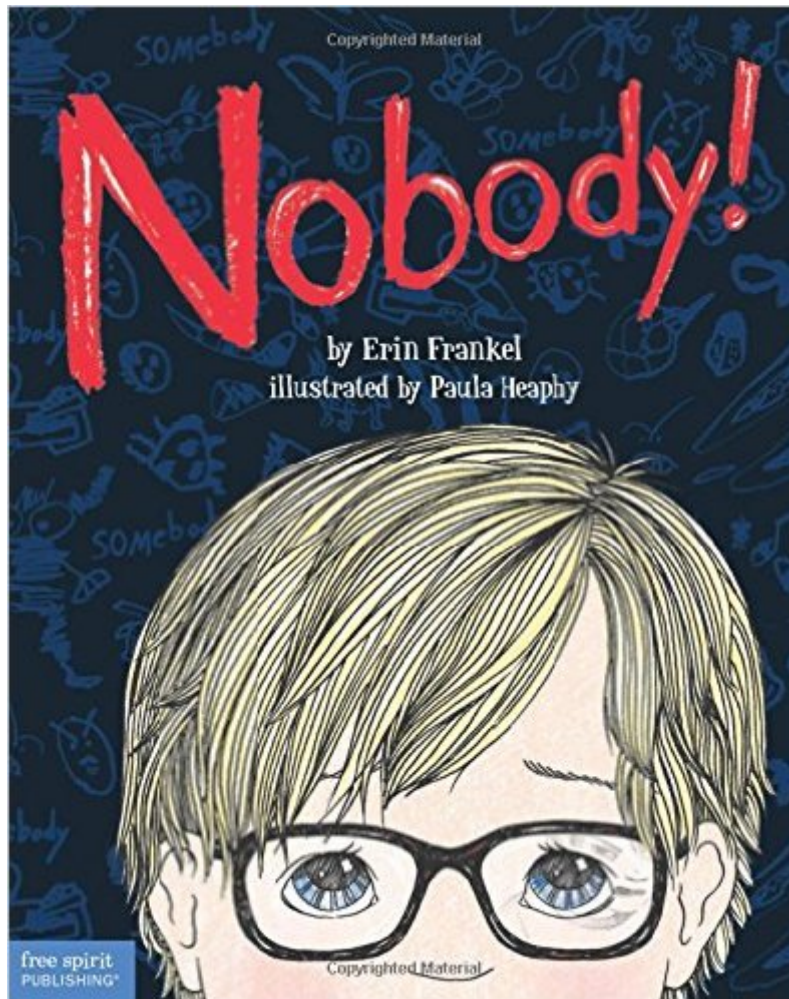


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Nobody!: A Story About Overcoming Bullying In Schools



Synopsis

Thomas feels like no matter what he does, he can't escape Kyle's persistent bullying. At school, at soccer, nowhere feels safe! Mom said Kyle would grow over the summer and stop picking on me, but he didn't grow up, he just grew. With support from friends, classmates, and adults, Thomas starts to feel more confident in himself and his hobbies, while Kyle learns the importance of kindness to others. The book concludes with an activity club pages for kids, as well as information to help parents, teachers, counselors, and other adults foster dialogue with children about ways to stop bullying.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

This is a fantastic book that I recommend for all kids to read. It is great for kids who are bullied, for kids whose friends are being bullied and for kids who are doing the bullying. Thomas is being bullied by Kyle and we see through the progression of the book how it is affecting Thomas, his friends, his family, and even Kyle. I love the layout of the book. On each page, Thomas tells us a little bit about how Kyle treats him and how he feels about it. The illustrations add to the story because we "see" what Thomas is dealing with in a comic book style, if that makes sense. There is usually a box that the illustration is in and it includes dialogue bubbles that show us how the characters interact with

each other. The illustrations in this book really add to the overall story and feeling of the book. I loved how the illustrator drew attention to specific characters at times by coloring them in while the other characters in the scene were left uncolored. The lessons that can be learned don't stop with the end of the book. There are discussion questions at the end that challenge the child to determine which character he is most like and what he can do to change the situation. It is pointed out that telling an adult about bullying is not the same as tattling. The child is invited to be part of "Team Somebody," which gives specific suggestions for kids to make a difference in their lives and in the lives of others around them. I am so glad that NetGalley approved me for this book. I plan to read more by this author and to also look for books done by the illustrator. I know that they have done other books together; they make a great team.

SUMMARY: Thomas has become miserable at school because of Kyle who is bullying him. Thomas starts to believe that maybe he is a nobody because of the mean words Kyle says. Even though Thomas has other friends, everything Kyle says and does overshadows his life. Then one day, Thomas decides to look at things differently. He looks at life from Kyle's perspective. He also decides it's okay to be different because it's what makes him Thomas. His new perspective and a talk with his mother help him deal differently with Kyle making things better for both of them. **ILLUSTRATIONS:** The illustrations are done in a mix of black and white and color making it more appropriate for the older audience it targets as well as making them more subdued for the serious subject. **THE GOOD:** I like that this story is told from Thomas' perspective--about how he feels about the bullying and how depressed he is becoming even though he has other friends. This is a very realistic portrait of bullying. But the bullying is not too ugly as to make it inappropriate. Towards the end, Thomas finds ways to cope with the bullying that are positive for everyone. At the back of the book are thoughts on bullying from kids' perspectives, activities, and discussion questions. **THE NOT AS GOOD:** When Thomas starts to think about his life, things become a bit abstract and harder to follow. I am not quite sure in the end how he got from point A to point D. **AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Grades 1-5 **NOTE:** I received a free ARC copy of this book from NetGalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review. My reviews are always 100% honest based on preset criteria.

Here is another children's book I saw on *Netgalley that I thought would be a great read for my son as I think the issue of bullying is a very important one. Thomas is being bullied at school by one little boy. No matter what Thomas does Kyle will not stop bullying him. Thomas begins to think of himself

as a nobody till one day Thomas decides to change his perspective. With the help of friends Thomas becomes more confident and in turn Kyle starts to bully him less. This cover....oh this cover is just heart breaking. Those big sad mournful eyes. It reminds me of when I was younger and was bullied. I know the heart ache of no matter what you do it doesn't make a difference. I know what is like when adults won't listen and no one else will stick up for you. It is a hard hard thing to go through. Thankfully, my son hasn't had to really go through that and the little bit of bullying he experienced when he was in Kindergarten he has already forgotten about. Since my son is special needs I worry about him being singled out for being different. I like that the book didn't just gloss over bullying but pointed out how at times adults don't understand and just give platitudes that the bully will "grow up". I also liked that there was a believable happy ending. My son enjoyed the book and we had a talk about bullying and why it is wrong. 4 out of 5 stars. *I received a copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for my honest opinion** This book was read with 7 year old severely learning disabled son and the review reflects his opinion as well.

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