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# You Can't Sit With Us: An Honest Look At Bullying From The Victim (Mean Girl Makeover)



## Synopsis

Bullying doesn't end in the hallway anymore—•with a smartphone or tablet, it can happen— anywhere. According to the Ambassadors 4 Kids Club, one out of every four students is bullied—and 85% of these situations never receive intervention. Parents, students, and teachers alike have amped up discussions on how to solve the bullying problem for a networked generation of kids. Written by bestselling author, Nancy Rue, each book in the Mean Girl Makeover trilogy focuses on a different character's point of view: the bully, the victim, and the bystander. The books, based on Scripture, show solid biblical solutions to the bullying problem set in a story for tween girls. You Can't Sit With Us, the second book in the series, tells the story of Ginger Hollingberry, a new sixth grader at Gold Country Middle School. Ginger has been the brunt of teasing and taunting from the queen bee of GCMS, Kylie Steppe, and her so-called Wolf Pack. Kylie and the Pack favor a new and especially hurtful medium of taunting: social networking. What follows is a candid look into the growing world of cruel cyberbullying, showing kids that bullying doesn't always end at school—it can now follow you even into your home and torture 24 hours a day.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5 Up – Told from the perspective of the victim, this sequel brings to light the importance of being aware of bullying, particularly in today's technologically advanced world. Sixth-grader Ginger is grieving her mother's death. Adding to her pain is Kylie Steepe, the "Queen Bee" of Gold County Middle School. Kylie and her pack of friends torment Ginger both in the school hallways and on social media. Throughout the story, Ginger receives some positive feedback and advice from various secondary characters (for instance, a counselor helps Ginger become more confident). There are many references to religion, and Rue does not shy away from underscoring how Ginger's Christian faith plays a role in her journey. Using simple and straightforward language, Rue tackles a serious issue through relatable characters. VERDICT Ideal as a parent-child discussion-starter on the subject of bullying, particularly in faith-based settings. – H. Islam, Brooklyn Public Library

Nancy Rue has written over 100 books for girls, is the editor of the Faithgirlz Bible, and is a popular speaker and radio guest with her expertise in tween and teen issues. She and husband, Jim, have raised a daughter of their own and now live in Tennessee.

After all that had been done about anti-bullying, Ginger thought she was finally safe from the Pack's tauntings. Wrong. Kylie and her friends have resumed their bullying - now undercover. They have ways to hurt her without anyone ever being able to pinpoint it to them. And this time Ginger can't tell others about it... or something worse might happen. Ginger's voice was really authentic. I liked getting to know more about her and what she felt about her mom dying years ago and their family's constant moving. It hurt when she couldn't sit with her friends anymore because the bullies said so. The way Ginger grew and matured throughout the story is simply beautiful. Bullying isn't a joke. It's real and it's out there. *You Can't Sit With Us* deals more with the word-bullying than the hit-and-punch bullying. The type of bullying that leaves you feeling like a loser and a nerd. The type that threatens a girl through email and spreads rumors on Twitter and vandalizes her dad's car. The type that's hard to pin point and that's easy to miss for the adults. But it's still there. *You Can't Sit With Us* is Nancy Rue's second book in the anti-bullying series. It is told from the bullied girl's point of view. Ginger learns that sometimes bullying won't go away and that she can't give away the power to be herself even when it's hard. There is also discussion on how to do that. If you want some great fiction with an even greater message, you might enjoy this book. The first one - *So Not Okay* - is told from the bystander's point of view. *Sorry I'm Not Sorry*, the third book, is told from the bully's point of view.

Kid loves it

I read this book as a read-aloud to my children. They kept asking me to read another chapter. This book covers the topic of bullying well. It is a reminder to always be kind to others. It also gives practical advice to dealing with bullies.

these were a Godsend for my 11 year old granddaughter who was going through similar situations at school. they really helped.

Loved the series and the way the author helped the reader understand what the victim feels in a bullying situation! A must read for every middle school student!

The best book ever. I loved it and I'm going to read the next one. You will like it too

Great book, in a trilogy set, for teens and preteens!

Great series for middle school kids to read.

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