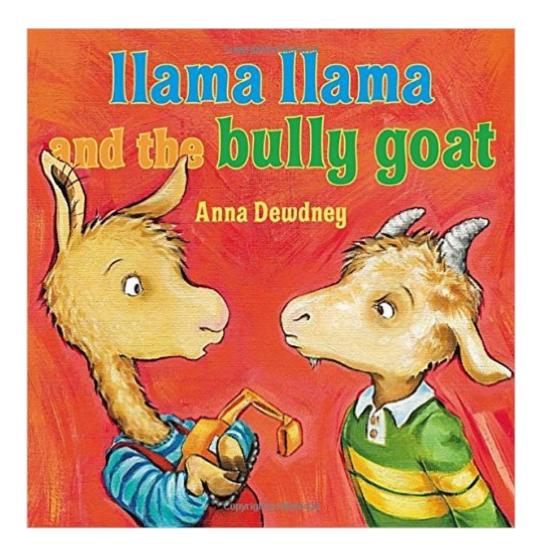
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# Llama Llama And The Bully Goat





# Synopsis

Llama Llama likes to sing.Gilroy laughs at everything.Llama sings out just the same.Gilroy says a not-nice name.Teacher has some things to say:calling names is not OK.Llama Llama is learning lots of new things at school and making many friends. But when Gilroy Goat starts teasing him and some of their classmates, Llama Llama isn't sure what to do. And then he remembers what his teacher told himâ "walk away and tell someone. It works! But then Llama Llama feels badly. Can he and Gilroy try to be friends again?Taking on a difficult but important part of children's lives, Anna Dewdney gives readers a way to experience and discuss bullying in a safe and comforting way.Â

### **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: AD330L (What's this?) Series: Llama Llama Hardcover: 40 pages Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers; First Ed 1st Printing edition (August 6, 2013) Language: English ISBN-10: 0670013951 ISBN-13: 978-0545648660 Product Dimensions: 10.4 x 0.4 x 10.5 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (224 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #3,053 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #14 in Books > Children's Books > Animals > Mammals #18 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Bullies #60 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > School Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Anna Dewdney delivers another Masterpiece in her bestselling Llama Llama children's series. This fun-filled story teaches children different situations they will be confronted with, and how to handle and combat bullying, through the experience that Llama Llama endured. As Llama Llama makes lots of new friends in school, he also has to deal with being teased from Gilroy Goat. At first, Llama llama didn't know what to do, but he learned how to handle bulling, in order to resolve the problem. Can Llama and Gilroy become friends once again, after what Llama Llama experience? The

author highlights friendship, social skills, and bullies. The story is intriguing, and the colorful illustrations come to life. Children will love this new installment to the Llama Llama series. I know several children who love this series, and I will be gifting this book for the holidays. Highly recommended for young children, teachers, parents, and child-care providers!

I like this story, but I wished it focused more on how to stand up to a bully, not so much on what a bully does. I am trying to teach my daughter to stand/speak up for herself, and it's hard to find a book at this age level that does that.

My son was having issues at school with pushing. I talked to him several times and thought that we had it worked out and then got a letter from the teacher 2 days later saying that it was still happening. Because my son loves to read and seems to retain messages from books with images better than a talking to from mom, I ordered several books on hitting/bullying for him. This was by far the one that stuck in his head the most with a very clear message on how hitting others makes them feel. He even told me that he didn't want to be a bully goat and that he would stop and think before he used his hands to hurt someone else. The pushing stopped.Of course, this isn't going to be the rule for everyone, but this is a cute book with a clear message that really helped us out. To be fair, this book really isn't about bullying as the Bully goat has one bad day at school where he is a jerk and mean to the other kids. Bullying to me is more than a bad day that gets magically resolved by one teacher and a stern talking to, but the book still has value.

Both of my kids adore the Llama Llama books--so much so that we actually own them all. So, this one arrived on our doorstep the day it was published and the kids couldn't wait for me to read it to them.Bullying is a hot topic now, as it should be. A book such as Llama Llama and the Bully Goat is a good one. I'm a little wary of some of the anti-bullying messages out there, especially to younger kids. I think there is a distinct difference between being bullied and being picked on. I am not condoning kids picking on each other and I do believe that, if not addressed, children who pick on other children may become bullies. But, I also believe that there needs to be a difference in how kids are taught to deal with these situations. In the case of bullying, kids need to get adults involved. However, I believe that children need to learn how to stand up for themselves when it comes to being picked on. I know everyone will not agree with me on this. But, hey, I spent a week earlier this summer with 27 kids who came to me every single time someone sat in their chair because they were taught to always go to an adult. It was a very, very long week.But, back to the

book....Dewdney does a good job walking this line. She doesn't portray the Bully Goat in a way that scares children, but even young kids will be able to recognize that his behavior is not okay. And she has Llama and Nelly Gnu stand up to the Bully Goat before going to the teacher, which is a very important lesson!The later Llama Llama books have become more and more instructional, which is not necessarily a bad thing. I know that the seeds of bullying can be found in preschool classrooms, to Llama Llama and the Bully Goat may be just the book to pull out for a young child who is having trouble with a classmate.

My daughter loves her books. We read at least 1 story every night. The llama llama books are great, but my daughter and I really love this one. I like that it shows her what bullying looks like, that it unfortunately happens, and what to do if she sees it. I like books that prepare my children for certain situations.

1 star - would give it none except the artwork is very well done as usual. This book paints an unrealistic picture of bullying and resolution. The story is filled with fluff and isn't as good as lesson books like llama llama time to share. Overall I was very disappointed with this book especially considering the real bullying crisis in the world today. The author had a real opportunity with this book but missed the mark completely.

I've had a great experience with LLama books.. really great talking points to discuss different issues during different stages. I used this one to discuss with my kid an issue that she was having with a friend who was always trying to boss her around. I also gave it as part of a birthday package gift to a child that a bit of a bully for her bday, in hopes that her parents will talk to her about her behavior :-). Great books!

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