

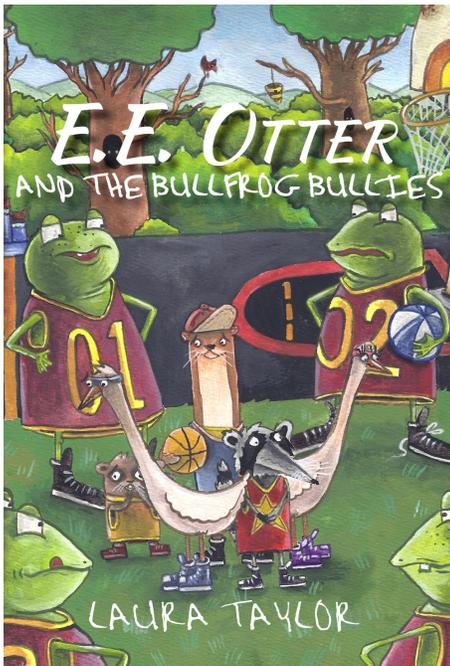


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NEW BOOK TEACHES KIDS HOW TO BIBLICALLY COMBAT BULLYING AUTHOR DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM HER SONS



For immediate release: October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year and 17 percent of American students report being bullied at least two times a month according to dosomething.org. Author Laura Taylor hopes her new children's book, *E.E. Otter and the Bullfrog Bullies* (Ambassador International; October 2014; \$6.99, paperback) will give kids tools to help them put a stop to bullying the Biblical way.

Studies from the National Association of School Psychologists show that one in four teachers don't think bullying is wrong and only intervene 4 percent of the time. "Bullying is a heart issue and so many of the programs that are implemented deal with punitive measures that address the behaviors and don't address the issues of heart," says Taylor, a teacher herself. "And while punitive measures need to be in place as a consequence to bullying someone, we need to understand that God's desire is to change hearts with His love and power.

E.E. Otter and the Bullfrog Bullies follows a band of loveable animals as they encounter relevant issues that many kids face at school today. When a group of scary bullfrogs threatens them for using the basketball court E.E. and his pals try to fight back. E.E.'s grandfather uses the situation as an opportunity to explain how the Bible says we should treat our enemies. He points to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, citing Scripture as a powerful source of guidance. Using the wise advice, E.E. is able to show love to the bullies, relying on God's Word and prayer to help him through a difficult situation.

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TRADE Paperback
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About the Author: Laura Taylor resides in rural South Carolina. She holds a B.S. degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Houghton College and teaches at Wardlaw Academy. She and her husband are the parents of five amazing and busy boys! They operate a small martial arts school where their passion is ministering the transforming love of Jesus Christ through the medium of martial arts.

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Suggested Interview Questions:

1. What led you to write *E.E. Otter and the Bullfrog Bullies*?
2. What lessons can children learn from E.E. Otter?
3. Is this book just for Christians?
4. How does the Bible address bullying?
5. How did your five sons influence the content of this book?
6. How can this book put a stop to bullying?
7. Why do you think bullying is so prevalent in our schools?
8. As a teacher, what is your take on bullying?

Endorsements:

These adorable characters come to life in this beautifully written story about E.E. Otter and his circle of friends who come face to face with a group of bullies. This book is the perfect example to show children how God's Word is still relevant today to help them deal with problems they face. This delightful group of friends learns that although they may not be able to change their circumstances, with God's help they can be empowered to rise about them. A wonderful read for children of all ages!

Debra Molony, K5 Teacher and Christian Educator for 25 years

E.E. Otter and his friends in Laurel Woods are such a breath of fresh air to share with my grandchildren. As an assistant principal of an elementary school, I see E.E. Otter and the Bull Frogs every day! Mrs. Taylor has done an outstanding job telling E.E.'s story that gives parents and grandparents a view into a typical day in the lives of some children. She reminds us all that God's Word is a valuable part of dealing with the bullies of this world. I can't wait to read more adventures from The Laurel Woods family.

Tammy L. Hand, Assistant Principal

This is a wonderfully written story about E.E. Otter and his friends who face the injustice of bullies on the playground. In an effort to help his grandson, Opaah reminds us that children do not need to face their challenges with uncertainty and fear. As the story unfolds, Opaah's Godly wisdom provides practical advice for the very relevant struggle of bullying that many of our youth face today. A must read for all children!

Allison Medlock, Middle/ High School Teacher.

This is a great book for children who are being bullied. Not only is it easy for kids to understand, but it teaches the fundamentals of how to deal with a bully in a matter-of-fact way. Using lessons from the Bible and God's teachings, this is a marvelous example of how to reach children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn about God. As a law enforcement officer who sees this type of harassment on a daily basis, I feel that this book should be in every school and library across the nation, because it can help reach the children that feel alone and frightened; the children who are too scared to ask for help, but desperately need it and just might find courage inside this book.

Deidra C. Collier, Deputy Sheriff, McCormick County Sheriff's Dept.

I have quickly fallen in love with E.E. Otter and his friends. These adorable characters remind me of children everywhere who encounter bullies of all shapes and sizes. E.E. and friends are lucky to have Opaah and other Christian role models to guide them along their spiritual journey. As a result of good role-modeling, E.E. chooses to show love and friendship to the most unworthy of characters and sets an example for others to follow. Laura Taylor is a fantastic storyteller! The lessons she has taught with a heavy box, an old red wagon and a new basketball are truly genius. This first-in-a-series is a must-read for the young and young-at-heart!

Maria Bostian, educator and author of *What Should Daisy Do?*

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