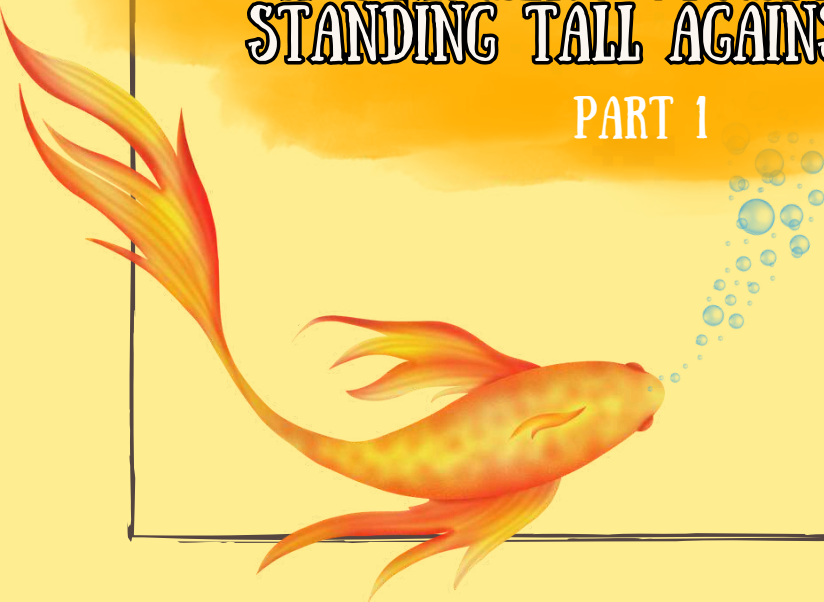




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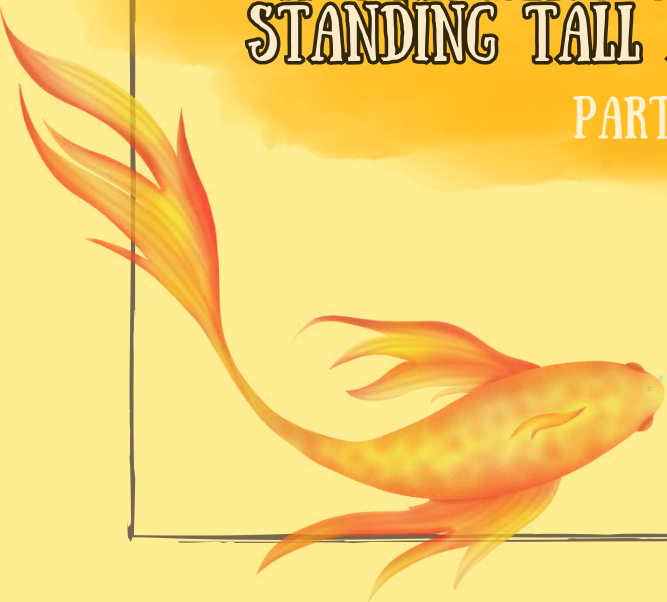




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INTRODUCTION

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LEFT OUT, MADE FUN OF, OR HURT BY SOMEONE ELSE'S WORDS OR ACTIONS? OR MAYBE YOU'VE WONDERED WHY SOME PEOPLE BULLY OTHERS?

IF SO, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. BULLYING IS SOMETHING MANY OF US FACE, AND IT CAN MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH OR LIKE SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH YOU. BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT: THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU.

THIS BOOK, "THE BRAVE TALES", IS ALL ABOUT CHARACTERS WHO FACE BULLYING AND FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME IT. EACH STORY SHOWS THAT NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THINGS MIGHT SEEM, THERE IS ALWAYS A PATH TO VICTORY.

WHETHER IT'S A STORK WHOSE STRANGE
SOUND STIRS UP THE WHOLE PARK, A LITTLE
SPROUT STRUGGLING TO GROW AMONG TALLER
FLOWERS, OR A SURPRISING FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN A GULL AND A GOLDFISH, EACH TALE
IS FILLED WITH LESSONS ABOUT BRAVERY,
KINDNESS, AND SELF-DISCOVERY.

I WROTE THIS BOOK BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT
IT FEELS LIKE TO BE BULLIED. WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER, I FELT THE PAIN OF BEING BULLIED
AND LEFT OUT. SOMETIMES, I EVEN BELIEVED
THE MEAN THINGS PEOPLE SAID ABOUT ME.
BUT OVER TIME, I LEARNED SOMETHING
POWERFUL: THOSE WORDS DIDN'T DEFINE ME.
I DISCOVERED MY STRENGTHS, AND I WANT
YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CAN TOO.

IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN BULLIED, THESE STORIES
WILL REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE STRONGER
THAN YOU THINK AND THAT YOU'RE NOT
ALONE. IF YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO HAS EVER
BULLIED OTHERS, I HOPE THIS BOOK INSPIRES
YOU TO THINK DIFFERENTLY.

NO ONE DESERVES TO BE BULLIED, AND CHOOSING
KINDNESS MAKES THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE—
FOR OTHERS AND FOR YOU TOO.

THE CHARACTERS IN THESE STORIES GO ON
INCREDIBLE JOURNEYS. THEY LEARN THAT
THEY'RE NOT AS DUMB, WEAK, OR SMALL AS
OTHERS MIGHT HAVE MADE THEM FEEL. THEY
DISCOVER THEIR STRENGTHS AND SHOW THAT
EVERYONE—YES, EVERYONE—CAN HAVE THEIR
OWN BRAVE TALE.

SO AS YOU DIVE INTO THIS BOOK, REMEMBER:
YOU ARE WORTHY, YOU ARE STRONG, AND YOU
CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING. THESE STORIES ARE
HERE TO INSPIRE YOU, MAKE YOU LAUGH, AND
REMINDE YOU THAT NO MATTER WHAT, THERE'S
ALWAYS HOPE.

HAPPY READING,

ESTHER SUSANNE