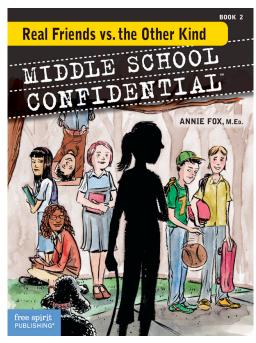
## "Why are kids mean to each other?"

That's what a 10-year-old California boy wanted to know. With the amount of bullying going on in schools across the country your students might be wondering the same thing.

The pressure for peer approval can cause 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to lose sight of what's right. By doing *whatever it takes* to fit in, kids act out thoughtlessly every day. Their choices can hurt others deeply and make school a very unsafe and unhappy place. **Tweens need help dealing with bullies and so-called "friends."** 

**Annie Fox**, respected teacher and author of the award-winning *Middle School Confidential*™ series, helps students fight back against "peer approval addiction" so they're better able to think for themselves and behave in ways that reflect positive social values.



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