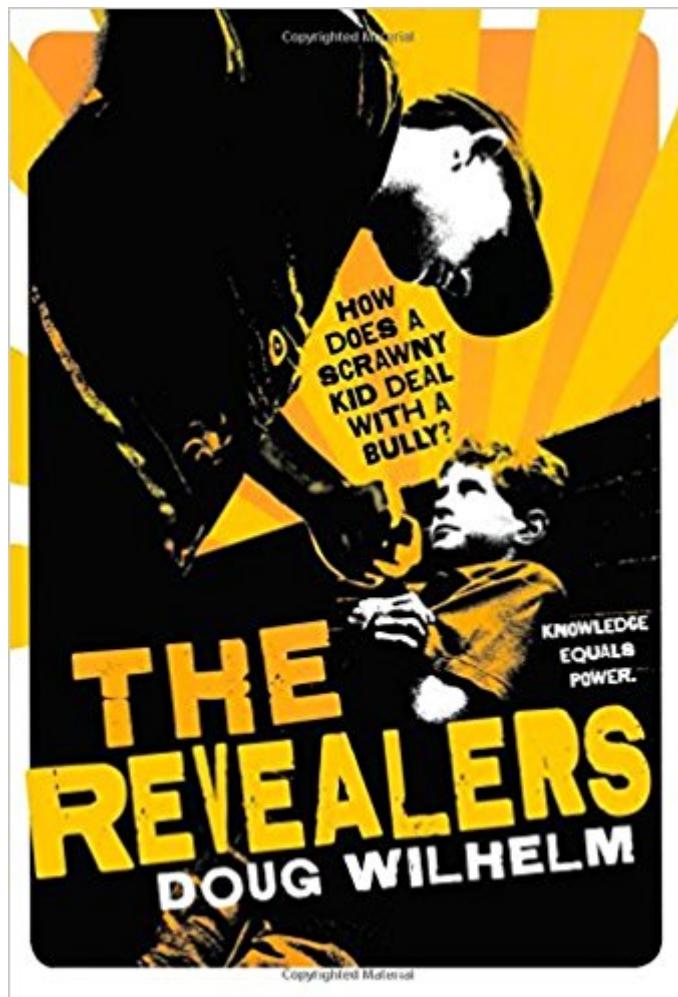


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# The Revealers



## **Synopsis**

Throwing light on a dark problem Parkland Middle School is a place the students call Darkland, because no one in it does much to stop the daily harassment of kids by other kids. Three bullied seventh graders use their smarts to get the better of their tormentors by starting an unofficial e-mail forum at school in which they publicize their experiences. Unexpectedly, lots of other kids come forward to confess their similar troubles, and it becomes clear that the problem at their school is bigger than anyone knew. The school principal wants to clamp down on the operation, which she does when the trio, in their zealousness for revenge, libel a fellow student in what turns out to have been a setup. Now a new plan of attack is needed . . . This suspenseful story of computer-era underground rebellion offers fresh perspectives on some of the most enduring themes in fiction for young readers. *The Revealers* is a 2004 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 5-7-Braiding a different twist on the old story of getting back at the school bullies, Wilhelm has created three characters with qualities that make them targets, but also make them capable of combining efforts and mounting a terrific, innovative defense. Russell, the narrator, finds himself mysteriously ignored by all except Richie, a bully with possibilities. Flummoxed, the seventh grader calls the school computer nerd for advice. Elliot is tiny, "obsessed with dinosaurs," and has a last name, Gekewicz, that ensures his social ostracism. Rounding out the trio is Catalina, who has just moved to town from the Philippines. When she shares her life story with her new buddies, they

distribute it on the school's intranet, and thus is born The Revealer, an e-mail forum in which students can relate their backgrounds and interests, and experiences of abuse by other kids. The "silent majority" is riveted and repelled, and suddenly the school's culture takes a turn for the better. Briskly plotted, the novel shows how bringing the stories to light transforms stereotypes into real people and provides a vehicle for others to become involved. While depth of character development and setting may have been sacrificed for plotting, the novel is effective and will fascinate even reluctant readers. Mary R. Hofmann, Rivera Middle School, Merced, CA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 4-6. Wilhelm takes a fresh path down some well-trodden territory in this book about bullying. Seventh-grader Russell, who is being physically terrorized, reaches out to a geek named Elliot and to Catalina, who has incurred the wrath of seventh-grade queen Bethany and her minions. The kids first become friends and then devise a way to use the school's pilot project e-mail system to tell their stories--and the stories of other kids who are subject to regular bullying. Readers will identify with many of the elements Russell talks about in his earnest first-person narrative: the impotent anger; ineffectual parents; obtuse teachers who smile at the wrong kids. The plot structure is readily apparent, so it's no surprise when the kids' publication causes trouble or when the heavily foreshadowed science fair redeems the trio. Readers won't mind, though; books like this make them feel less alone. Ilene Cooper Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I would recommend this book to grades 7-10th because of minor rude language. The books really tells a story though

I wish this book had the actual page numbers instead of having kindle pages, which are much different. I thought there was too much going on. They were teaching us about like dinosaurs then bullying

it was a great book.it was easy to get into but it had a lot of spelling errors even in the ask the author section. The etidor was terrible.so the book was great but a lot of misspelling

Great book! My son loved it! Great way to teach a child about bullying. Great author. He knows how to write for kids.

Again my son enjoyed it.

I read this for school and I'd like to say I'm pretty impressed. It was a great book and I will recommend it to people of all ages.

Great!

A very inspiring book with lots of detail. I loved reading this book and thinking how much kids get bullied each day and how well kids handle it. This book teaches kids to stand up for themselves, for others, and for what they believe in.

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