



## No Barnyard Bullies

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Cookie is a piglet who has been spoiled her whole life, but she is resituated when she begins to grow too big for her home. She is placed in an animal sanctuary run by Stella Bella, a lady who is compassionate towards the animals she cares for. When she gets moved initially, she bullies the other animals until a small bunny finally stands up to her. After that wakeup call, she begins to slowly get used to living at the barn, and is more considerate of the other animals, becoming their friends.

This is a story about inclusivity, and standing up to others when it is wrong. Making the decision to admit you were wrong is one of the best things you can do, and shows you are more than your worst decisions. Improvement is always possible, which is a big message in “No Barnyard Bullies”. I think the story is well written, and conveys an important message to others, especially young children. I also enjoyed the pictures, they are bright and colorful.

This is a good book for 5 year-olds and above, for anyone who loves farms or animals. It is a short read at 35 pages, and is a great gift or bedtime story. It is important to spread messages such as the ones this book teaches, so that we can all be more well rounded people. I strongly recommend reading this book to anyone looking for more books to read to their kids.

### Recommended Titles:

-Bearinstein Bears

-Charlottes Web

-Jake the Growling Dog

