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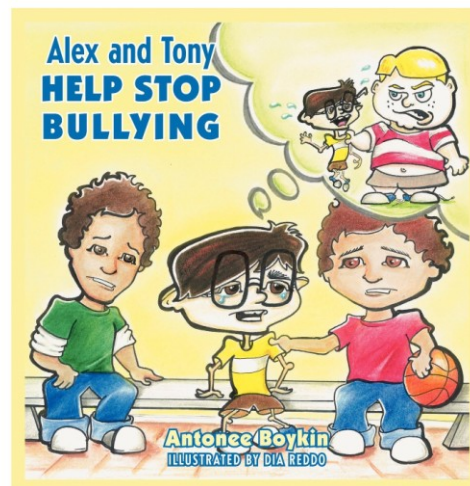
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New Picture Book Educates Children on the Severity of Bullying

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Author Antonee Boykin addresses the serious issue of bullying in her second children's book in the Alex and Tony series. *Alex and Tony Help Stop Bullying* is the newest addition in the growing collection designed to encourage dialogue between adults and children about the topics covered in each story. The series features picture books intended for children in grades K-4 and uses simple but expressive language to captivate young readers.

In *Alex and Tony Help Stop Bullying*, the author does a great job of pulling the reader into the troubled world of a young boy dealing with the fear of another child. The story successfully conveys the severity of bullying, while using problem solving examples to help children know what to do if faced with a similar dilemma.

As with the author's first book, *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen*, Alex and Tony's parents are instrumental in their understanding. The brothers gain insight into what bullying is, and how important it is for them to help their friend through talking with their parents. This book emphasizes the significance of communication between adults and children, which is displayed through the connection the siblings share with their mother and father.



"Before I began the series, I wanted to create parents who are the source of knowledge for their children. Parents are their children's first teachers, and I want that to be evident with the relationship between the main characters and their mom and dad," said Boykin of Birmingham, Alabama.

The author hopes to make children more aware of the seriousness of teasing, name calling, and discriminatory behavior with the new release. With bullying in the forefront of children's issues, this book will be one that sends an indelible message to children for prevention and/or the elimination of bully activity.

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