

# A Discussion Guide for *The Bully Book*

In addition to the reproducible pages inside, use the following discussion questions to get your students thinking and talking about *The Bully Book* and this critical issue.

- **Find examples of words** that characters use to hurt Eric. Do you think some words themselves are more hurtful than others? Or do you believe the hurt somebody may feel comes from within?
- **Should Eric have done more** to try and change Melody's perspective?
- **What was your biggest worry** as Eric's encounter with Daniel unfolded? Do you think Daniel's "pre-cautions" are justified?
- **Eric comes so close** to telling his father, but the truth stays hidden. How might telling his father have affected the rest of the story? Why might the author have included this entry if in the end he didn't tell his father?
- **If you had known** how the grunt was selected at the beginning of the book, would it have impacted your reaction to The Book sections of the text?
- **Everything we know** about how The Book was used during Eric's 6th grade year is told from his perspective. Choose another character from the story and describe how the drama unfolds from his or her perspective.

