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Sergio said that my best friend Bruno's hat was weird. When I told him to stop, he called *me* a weirdo! If I had kept playing with Bruno, Sergio would have kept teasing me, too. But now I miss my friend terribly. What should I do?

Told from the point of view of Bruno's best friend, Peter, this insightful children's book explores bullying--especially the choices children face in defending others who are bullied. Readers will see Peter's struggle to overcome his own fear of being bullied as he learns how to help a friend. *Bruno's Hat* features a variety of animal characters and colorful, lively illustrations. The book also includes a downloadable guide to help children, parents, and educators navigate the challenges of childhood bullying. The in-depth guide, available at [www.flyawaybooks.com/resources](http://www.flyawaybooks.com/resources), features various questions and activities for children.

## Bruno's Hat Details

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### Diana says

Meet Peter and Bruno who are best friends... but unexpectedly their relationship takes a turn over a favorite, weird hat that Bruno loves dearly. You see, Sergio messes with Bruno by calling him hurtful names relentlessly. Then Sergio accuses Peter of being weird, too. Oh, guilt by association is Sergio's tactic and so, the storyline unfolds. It appears their best friends relationship is unraveling but a marvelous twist takes place with a new revelation amongst true friends. This approach to resolving bullies with love is quite healthy, engaging and liberating for children to enjoy their childhood and with others in a safe environment at school and in their neighborhoods.

4/5 stars! Loved the heartfelt message of the book. I wasn't fond of the illustrations, however.

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### Pam says

I was given an advanced eelctronic copy by NetGalley.

Peter's friend Bruno always wears the same hat. They're best friends and do many things together. One day other kids tease Bruno about his hat. Peter speaks up the first time but the teasing continues and Peter makes the choice to play with Sergio and Leah instead of Bruno. He stays quiet when they tease Bruno and make fun of his hat, etc. Peter finds his voice and speaks up for his friend. At the end, they are all playing together and wearing the silly hats.

Use to talk about speaking up for friends and how to handle bullies.

The illustrations are brightly colored. The character's expressions tell the story to support the text. The author captures the essence of elementary playgrounds everywhere.

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### Ms. Arca says

This is a story that is actually told from Bruno's best friend's point of view. He and Bruno love to play together, and Bruno always wears his funky fun hat. That's never been a problem until one fateful day when one of their classmates decides that Bruno's hat is... not cool. It all unravels from there.

This book plays at some of the tensions that we feel when we come across teasing and bullying, and provides multiple moments to have conversations about what goof friendship looks like. A useful social emotional resource if you don't have one you love already.

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### Linda Branich says

I received this book at no charge from a Goodreads giveaway, but this fact in no way influenced my review.

I would like to begin with a quote from the back flyleaf:

"One of Flyaway Books' goals is to help readers see the world from a new perspective. It's especially important to consider bullying from the point of view of children who witness it. They're often encouraged to report bullying and offer support to those who are bullied, but their own feelings and fears are often overlooked. Bruno's Hat helps fill that gap while reminding children that friendship though it offers great joys, also comes with responsibilities.

If you'd like to talk more with your children or students about bullying as well as the nature of true friendship, please visit [www.flyawaybooks.com/resources](http://www.flyawaybooks.com/resources) for a downloadable guide for discussing these issues."

I found Bruno's Hat to be a very different book about bullying because of the above two paragraphs. The author's unique approach to bullying makes this a must have book for children of all ages.

This is a hardcover book with a dust jacket that is exactly like the full color cover underneath. The characters are adorable animals, making it appropriate for younger children to relate to, but the content applies to older children as well.

The front and back flyleaved have colorful pictures from the book itself.

This is one of the best books I have ever seen about bullying. The vocabulary and storyline make this an easy book to read and understand, with an easy to read font.

Canizales is an experienced writer for children, helping kids deal with sensitive issues that occur in their lives. His books have been published in six languages.

My only criticism/confusion is that while the book is "published" in the U S, it is "printed" in China.

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### **Brandi says**

Bruno wears a weird hat and he gets made fun of for it. Pete, his friend, didn't really notice that Bruno wore a weird hat until another kid pointed it out and started picking on Bruno because of the hat. Even though Pete knows that making fun of Bruno is wrong, he doesn't want to be considered a weirdo by association. The story is a good one for kids who might know someone who is being bullied--it lets them see how it can hurt the person being bullied and how they are in a position to stand up and help stop the bullying.

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### **Wendy says**

I received this book through a Goodreads giveaway.

I am so impressed with this story and its point of view. As a kindergarten teacher, I'm always looking for books that help children make good decisions and choose kindness over mean spiritedness. This book does just that. I love how Peter's character grows. It's hard to do the right thing especially when it may seem to make you unpopular. Friendships should always come before popularity. I also like how Sergio's character changes, too. He is this mean bully and comes to realize that his position as such is very lonely. Can't wait to read another book by Canizales and Flyaway Books!

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### **Roben says**

A delightfully quirky little story about friendship and bullying. Weird hats rule!  
Thanks to Flyaway Books and LibraryThing for a review copy!

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### **Lana says**

Bruno's Hat is a great preschool title on friendship and conflict resolution. When kids at school start to make fun of Peter's friend, Bruno, Peter isn't sure how to handle the situation, so he decides to stop hanging out with Bruno. Later he realizes that's not what friends do and he makes amends with his buddy. This presents a great topic for a class discussion on being a good friend and how to handle difficult situations.

Thank you to Flyaway Books and NetGalley for this great title! My opinions are my own.

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### **J David says**

Physically BRUNO'S HAT by Canizales is a beautiful book printed on magnificent thick glossy paper. The

illustrations including the cover are colorful, imaginative and beautiful. The story is beautiful as well.

Bruno's Mom made him a weird hat and the kids in school made fun of him and ostracized him. Peter whose voice tells the story realizes that it is inappropriate to support those who bullied Bruno and that he had become a bully as well. But Bruno's Mom solved the problem by making a weird hat for Peter and soon all went well. It is a book with a lesson on bullying but tells a good story in the process.

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### **Sharon says**

Bruno has a weird hat. Sergio makes fun of his weird hat. Read the book to see how they work out their differences.

A good preschool read about friendship and bullying.

Thanks to Flyaway and Net Galley for providing a copy of this book.

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