

THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM

This is an easy read, yet a very meaningful book. The main character, Bradley, is a boy we can all relate to. At first, he was a naughty boy who was hated by his classmates and teachers, and he hated them as well. Everyone thought that he was a terrible “monster.” They didn’t give him a chance to repent. Gradually, he came to think that he was really a monster and that he had to act like one. This is the saddest part of the story.

One day, a boy named Jeff, joined Bradley’s class. Jeff became Bradley’s one and only friend. Bradley had never really had a friend before then, and he didn’t want to have one, either. It all changed after Jeff started to greet Bradley. Although Bradley didn’t see Jeff as his friend, in his mind he was glad to have a “friend.” When Jeff was invited to become part of the “cool group of boys”, which was started by some popular boys in the school, he started to dislike Bradley as well. To Jeff, it was great to become friends with the cool guys, but he then had to dislike Bradley to indicate that he was really part of this group. After that, Bradley really hated everyone. He totally gave up on himself. Just about that time, the school hired a new counselor, named Carla. She used her own ways to help Bradley get through his personal issues. Fortunately, things changed for the better for Bradley. He began to greet others, became nice to them, did his homework and simply became a nice kid.

The issue I want to touch in my report is “bullying”. Bullying doesn’t mean doing physical harm to someone, saying bad things to someone or just being mean to someone, it also means not caring about someone, especially when everybody isolates a specific person. This might not sound so serious, but it usually hurts people the most. This kind of pain is indescribable to anyone who has to deal with such a thing. To me, there isn’t anything that hurts more than no one caring about me. Most people are born to socialize with people and form friendships. Living a lonely existence will not be interesting at all. We can only look on as outsiders when others laugh, have fun and live in harmony. The loneliness in our hearts will cut like a knife, engulfing us in pain.

In the book, Bradley tried his utmost to attract everyone’s attention by doing some stupid things, but unfortunately he used the wrong methods. Everyone thought that he was extremely dislikable. No one thought carefully about the reasons behind his stupid actions and horrible behavior. Although Bradley looked fine on the surface and didn’t seem to care

about others, it was a different matter in his heart. He was a loner with nobody else in his life.

In our lives, there might be many people like Bradley among us. They are not the kind of people who we need to hate, though they are not that easy to get along with either. We can be nice to them, treat them like human beings and try to find the “good” in them. It takes time to become friends with those kinds of people, but in the end, it will be all worth it. First, we can greet them to show them that we are nice people who want to make friends. Then we can get to know them better through simple conversations. They just might turn out to be your friends for life.

Don't be afraid to go out there and get along with them. A first little step by you might turn out to be a leap for someone else. We won't only help the “Bradleys” in our lives, but also others who might need our help. We can all learn how to accept and respect each other. Even though we can't always easily adapt to some people's actions, we can still learn some great things from them. Every single person in this life is special and we must respect them so that the world will become a place full of laughter!