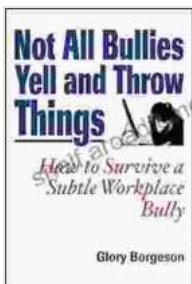


Not All Bullies Yell and Throw Things: Recognizing and Countering Covert Bullying

Bullying is a serious problem that can have a lasting impact on its victims. But not all bullying is easy to spot. Covert bullying is a more subtle form of bullying that can be just as harmful as overt bullying, but it can be more difficult to identify and address.



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Covert bullying is often characterized by:

- Gossiping or spreading rumors
- Excluding someone from a group or activity
- Making fun of someone's appearance, intelligence, or social skills
- Threatening someone or making them feel unsafe
- Cyberbullying

Covert bullying can be just as harmful as overt bullying. Victims of covert bullying may experience:

- Anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems
- Physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomachaches, and sleep problems
- Social problems, such as difficulty making friends or feeling isolated
- Academic problems, such as difficulty concentrating or getting good grades

Recognizing Covert Bullying

The first step to countering covert bullying is to be able to recognize it. Here are some signs that someone may be the victim of covert bullying:

- They seem withdrawn or unhappy.
- They have difficulty making friends or fitting in.
- They avoid certain people or places.
- They have unexplained physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomachaches, or sleep problems.
- They have trouble concentrating or getting good grades.

If you think someone is being bullied, it's important to talk to them about it. Let them know that you're there for them and that you want to help. You can also encourage them to tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or counselor.

Countering Covert Bullying

If someone is being bullied, there are a number of things that can be done to help them. Here are some tips:

- Talk to them about it. Let them know that you're there for them and that you want to help.
- Encourage them to tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or counselor.
- Help them to develop coping mechanisms. This could involve teaching them how to stand up to bullies, how to deal with their emotions, or how to avoid situations where they are likely to be bullied.
- Support them. Let them know that you believe them and that you're there for them.

If you are being bullied, it is important to remember that you are not alone. There are people who care about you and want to help. Talk to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or counselor. They can help you to develop coping mechanisms and to take steps to stop the bullying.

Covert bullying is a serious problem, but it can be overcome. By recognizing the signs of covert bullying, taking steps to counter it, and supporting victims, we can help to create a more positive and inclusive environment for everyone.

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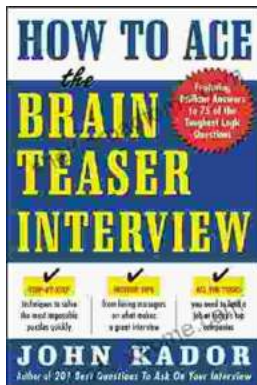
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