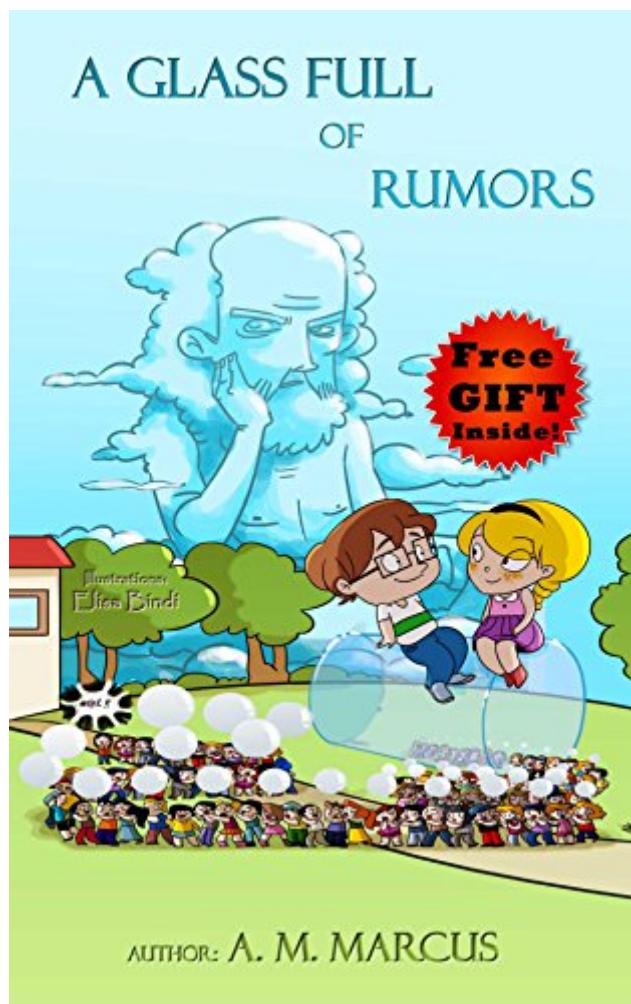


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# Children's Book: A Glass Full Of Rumors: (Social Skills For Children In Dealing With Bullies In School) (bullying Books For Kids Book 2)



## Synopsis

Have you ever noticed your child repeating a rumor? Have you ever suspected that your child has been a victim of gossip? Wouldn't it be great if you could teach your children the consequences of spreading rumors at an early age? If I could provide a simple tool to help your children understand those consequences, by developing their critical thinking skills, while enjoying a fun, heartwarming story, would you be interested? The main lesson to be gained after reading this book is best expressed in this inspirational quote by the great Greek Philosopher Socrates, "If what you want to say is neither true, nor good or kind, nor useful or necessary, please don't say anything at all." For the full Triple Filter Test of Socrates - get your copy of the book today! \*\*\* This children's book features Kindle Text Pop-Up for reading text over vivid, full-color images (double tap on the text).

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## Customer Reviews

Michael and Mya were bestfriends, they're always together, they had fun together. Even if their social status were quite opposite, Michael's family is poor while Mya was rich, they stayed friends.

They didn't give a care for other people who talked about them behind their backs. When the school tickets had gone missing, everyone was quick to point their fingers on Michael and started rumors about him. When Mya's family had to move to another place, Michael was saddened and had no friends. That's when he started to act unlikely and became one of the bullies. When Mya learned about her friend, she instilled in him the wisdom of Socrates. Have you checked if the rumor is true? Does the rumor make the person concerned look bad? Will the rumor be useful to me? A Glass Full of Rumors is a very interesting and informative book, which aims to teach children how not to fall victims to bullies and not to spread rumors that would hurt other's feelings. A.M. Marcus was able to evoke powerful emotions that children need to learn, understand, and emulate so they won't end up being bullies. My kids were with me when I read this book and had enlightened them. My first child actually opened up to me and admitted he had once been the receiving end of rumors at school and he was so close to hurting them, but he retracted. He knew I wouldn't be happy if he hurt other people. Now that he learned about wisdom of Socrates, he feels good about himself. Truly, it is sometimes with kiddie books like this that we get to learn more about life and treating others. I'm glad I was able to read this and share Mya and Michael's story to my kids. We all learned a lot from them.

Facing rumors is something that everyone experiences, but for children in today's society, rumors continue far beyond the schoolyard. As a former public school teacher and a present religious education teacher, I was excited to find this story that empowers children to put an end to the cycle of rumors. "A Glass Full of Rumors" is written in conversational style, with 2 - 3 sentences on each page and lovely, child-friendly illustrations. During the course of the story, the victim of one rumor becomes a participant in spreading other rumors about other people, showing children how easily this can happen. Using a clever example of a glass of water, the readers are shown how words cannot be taken back once they are spoken. They are also given a three step process, inspired by Socrates, to determine whether something they hear is a rumor or not. These important tools will help children in their day to day life, and I cannot recommend it enough. There are a few minor fluency flaws in the story, but the information on each page is strong enough to overshadow the flaws. The story is a bit long, making it suitable for my nine and ten year olds (who both gave it a double thumbs-up), but my six year old niece had some difficulty following it. I would recommend this book to parents, teachers, social workers, and counselors of children in second to fifth grade. It is an excellent tool in teaching children to choose the right path.

This is a really good book to help explain to a child how harmful spreading rumors can be to other people. I love that the author has high expectations of kids and knows that they can understand the concepts that were spoken of by Socrates. He makes a famous quote by an ancient philosopher practical and applicable by turning it into a sequence of three easy questions: 1.) Is this story true? 2.) Is it positive? 3.) Is it helpful to the listener? This book led to some good conversations with my 6-year-old about what rumors are and the importance of, not only refraining from telling them, but refusing to listen to them as well. I like that the character, Michael, learns how to firmly say that he doesn't want to listen to a rumor but says it with a smile, without judgement. I have to admit that learning these three questions has been an important reminder for me as well since it is equally damaging for adults to spread and listen to rumors. Social media is one of the most problematic venues for this kind of harmful speech. My critiques of the book are few and pretty inconsequential to the overall message of the book. The first is that the other main character, Mya, is the one who teaches Michael about Socrates. It wasn't very authentic to have a child know so much about an ancient philosopher, and some of the vocabulary she used was beyond her development for a 10-year-old. I think it should have been the teacher at the beginning of the story that could have been the one to use the rumors about the lost amusement park ticket as a lesson in her classroom. I think she could have also used the illustration about the glass of water that could not be recovered after being poured out. My second critique is related to the "glass full of rumors" illustration. I think more could have been written to develop this idea that once your words are out of your mouth, you cannot get them back, and that the harm is still done even if you try to tell the truth and apologize. Lastly, I'm not a huge fan of the front cover. I may be viewing it through my American eyes, but when I see an old, ethereal man in the clouds, looking down on some children, I immediately think that it is a representation of God. This does not accurately represent the message of the book. Overall, I think this is a very important book for children and adults alike. In a world where sensationalism and shock value is rewarded in the media and social media, we need to emphasize to our children the importance of kindness and the power of our words. This book does this in a way that calls children to look out for one another and empowers them to be forces for peace. I know that we will go back to this book as my children grow older, and this message becomes even more important for them as they navigate elementary school.

A Glass Full of Rumors takes a lesson about spreading rumors to young people who may or may not understand what they are doing when they talk about others. I would not usually imagine teaching lessons from Socrates to my 8-year old, but this story made it clear and relatable for her

age group. This gave us a good starting point to talk about this topic. She was able to understand when rumors are told about her, yet had to think for a moment about the things she may tell others that puts them in a bad light. The example about the impact of rumors was the most profound for her and will remain with her for a long time. We enjoyed this book and I wouldn't mind reading more lessons like this with her.

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