

Actor, Muralist, and Children's Author Julian K. Van Dyke Tackles Bullying in Does This Make You A Bully?

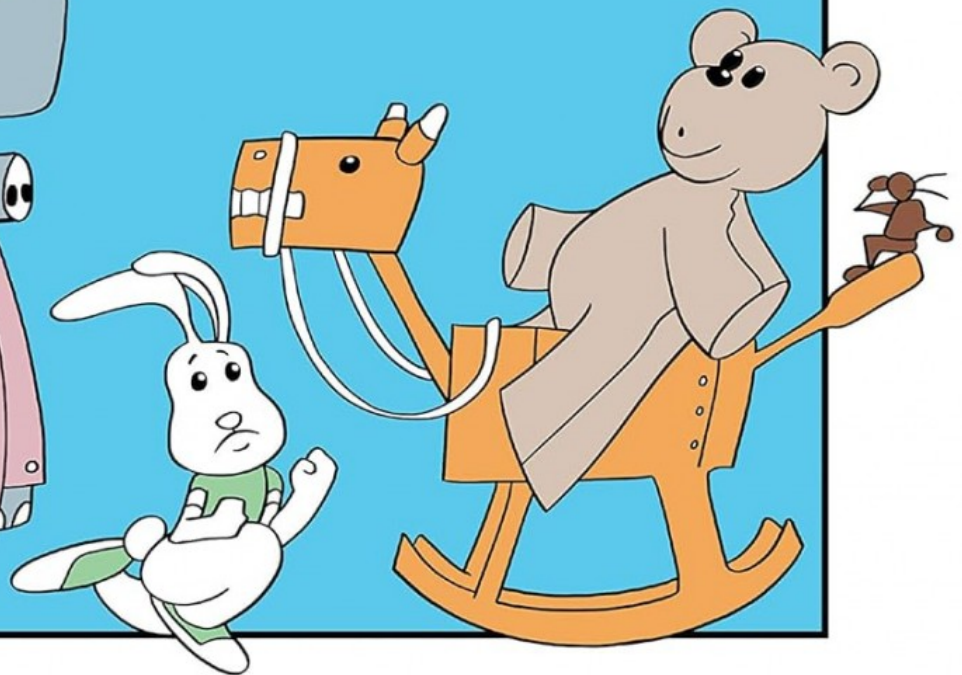
Lansing, MI-based multidisciplinary artist tackles a subject affecting classrooms, screens, and communities everywhere, in a book designed for young readers and the adults who guide them.

Does This Make You A

Bully?



Written and Illustrated By
Julian Van Dyke



Tomah, Wisconsin Jul 20, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - *“We all have art, and it is strengthened when it's shown and given to our youth.”* — Julian K. Van Dyke

ABOUT THE BOOK

“Does This Make You A Bully?” explores the many forms bullying takes in communities around the world and the hurt and disrespect it leaves behind. Written and illustrated with young readers in mind, the book approaches a serious subject with warmth and accessibility, inviting children and the open-minded, young-at-heart adults in their lives to see the issue clearly and talk about it honestly.

Van Dyke was inspired to write the book after witnessing bullying show up with increasing frequency in schools, on television, and across social media. “I felt that by writing this to reach our youth, it might slow down the negativity by the time they become adults,” he explains. His hope for readers is simple but enduring: that families keep reading together, keep talking with their children, and recognize that everyone has a gift worth sharing with the next generation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Julian K. Van Dyke is a Lansing, Michigan-based actor, muralist, and author whose work spans the stage, the gallery wall, and the printed page. As a stage actor, he has appeared in numerous productions at his hometown's Riverwalk Theatre, including “Bus Stop,” “Cobb,” “Bud, Not Buddy,” “Sweat,” “Fabulation,” and “The Exonerated.”

As a visual artist, Van Dyke has commissioned murals throughout his hometown of Lansing and has exhibited work at Agora Gallery in Manhattan's arts district in New York City, as well as at the Red Dot Art Show in Miami's Mana Wynwood arts district.

As an author, Van Dyke has written a growing library of books for young readers, including “The Music We Call Jazz,” “The Things We Do at My School,” “Juneteenth, Celebrating Freedom,” “In Our History,” “Does This Make You A Bully?,” “Mimi and Leo,” “What I Want To Be When I Grow Up!,” and the activity book “So You Think You Can Color?”

BOOK DETAILS

Title: Does This Make You A Bully?

Author: Julian K. Van Dyke

Genre: Children's Literature

Author Website: vandykeart.com

Available At: <https://www.amazon.com>

PREVIOUS MEDIA APPEARANCES

Van Dyke's work has been featured at the L.A. Times Festival of Books, on “Inside the Arts” with Scott Pohl on WKAR radio, and on “Studio 10” on WILX.

The Spotlight Network on Does This Make You A Bully by Julian Van Dyke

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42LIWOwOv4M>



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