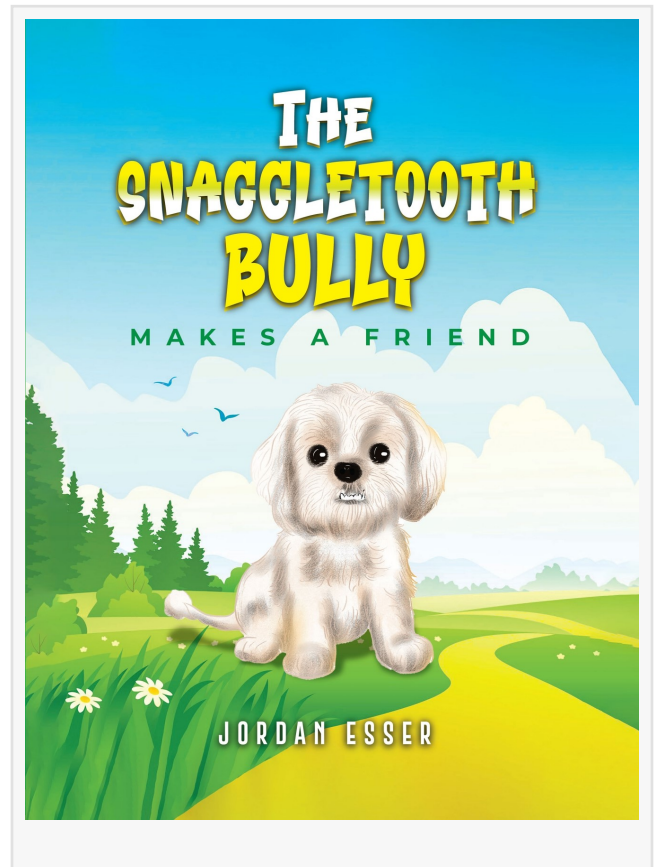


Heartwarming New Children's Book Teaches the Power of Acceptance and Friendship

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, March 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend](#) by [Jordan Esser](#) Shares a Valuable Lesson on Overcoming Judgments and Embracing Differences

Former first-grade teacher turned children's book author, Jordan Esser, is excited to introduce her heartwarming debut book, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend*. This touching and beautifully illustrated story brings to life an important lesson about acceptance, self-confidence, and the power of friendship. Drawing inspiration from her own dog, Zeus, Esser crafts a narrative that resonates with young readers while delivering a universal message: our differences make us special, and true friendship comes from looking beyond appearances.



At the heart of the story is Zeus, a dog who struggles with insecurity due to his snaggletooth smile. After being made fun of in the past, he assumes that other dogs judge him the same way, leading him to push others away. However, everything changes when he meets another dog who is also a little different—one who isn't afraid to look past Zeus's exterior and see the kindness within. Through their friendship, Zeus learns that it's okay to be unique and that genuine connections are built on understanding rather than first impressions.

With themes of empathy, inclusion, and self-acceptance, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* is a perfect addition to classrooms and homes alike. The book encourages children to embrace their individuality while also fostering kindness toward others, making it an ideal read-aloud for younger students and an engaging independent read for elementary-aged children.

A Story with a Meaningful Message

As a former first-grade teacher with over a decade of experience, Esser knows the importance of

teaching social-emotional lessons in a way that captivates young minds. *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* is not just a fun and engaging story—it's also a tool that parents, teachers, and caregivers can use to spark conversations about inclusion, self-esteem, and building healthy friendships.

Esser believes that the themes in this book are relevant to readers of all ages. "We all have things that make us different, and sometimes, those differences can make us feel isolated," she explains. "I wrote this book to show kids that being unique is a strength and that kindness can break down barriers. It's a lesson that extends beyond childhood and into the way we interact with others throughout our lives."

A Book for Young Readers of All Ages

Designed for elementary school-aged children, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* is particularly well-suited for Kindergarten and First Grade read-aloud sessions. Its engaging storyline and rich illustrations make it an excellent teaching resource for promoting discussions on friendship and self-acceptance. Independent readers in grades second through five will also find the book both enjoyable and relatable as they navigate their own social experiences.

Esser's experience in the classroom has given her a deep understanding of how stories can shape a child's emotional development. By integrating an uplifting message with a charming, relatable protagonist, she ensures that *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* is not only educational but also a delightful and memorable reading experience.

Encouraging Social-Emotional Learning

This book serves as a valuable tool for parents and educators who want to help children develop empathy and confidence. Through Zeus's journey, young readers will:

- Learn the importance of not making snap judgments about others.
- Understand that differences should be celebrated, not feared.
- Discover that true friendships are based on kindness and acceptance.

In today's world, where children are constantly navigating social dynamics, stories like *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* provide an opportunity to discuss real-life experiences in a way that is both engaging and meaningful.

Why This Book Stands Out

What makes *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* unique is its ability to tackle an essential topic in a way that is accessible and enjoyable for children. Unlike traditional "anti-bullying" books, Esser's story does not simply focus on the effects of bullying but rather delves into the root of insecurity and how our own fears can impact the way we treat others. By showing Zeus's transformation from a defensive and misunderstood character to a loving and confident friend, the book provides an empowering message that resonates deeply with readers.

Additionally, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* has the potential to reach beyond its young audience. Adults and caregivers who read this book with children will also find themselves

reflecting on its message, reinforcing the idea that kindness and understanding are values that benefit everyone, regardless of age.

A Former Teacher Turned Author

Jordan Esser brings a wealth of experience to her debut as a children's author. As a first-grade teacher for 11 years, she saw firsthand how stories can influence the way children think about themselves and the world around them. Now, as a stay-at-home mom, she has channeled her passion for education and storytelling into writing a book that she hopes will inspire young readers and create meaningful discussions in families and classrooms alike.

"I've always loved using literature to help my students understand big concepts in a way that feels natural to them," Esser shares. "Writing this book allowed me to continue that mission outside the classroom. My hope is that it reaches children who may feel different or insecure and helps them realize that they are not alone."

A Perfect Addition to Any Bookshelf

Whether you are a teacher looking for an engaging read-aloud book, a parent wanting to instill confidence in your child, or simply someone who enjoys uplifting stories, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend* is a must-read. With its heartfelt message, engaging storytelling, and charming illustrations, it has all the elements of a classic children's book that will be cherished for years to come.

[About the Author](#)

Jordan Esser is a former first-grade teacher with 11 years of classroom experience. Now a dedicated stay-at-home mom, she has combined her love for storytelling and education to create her debut children's book, *The Snaggletooth Bully Makes A Friend*. She is passionate about fostering empathy and confidence in young readers and hopes her book will serve as a meaningful resource for parents, teachers, and children alike.

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