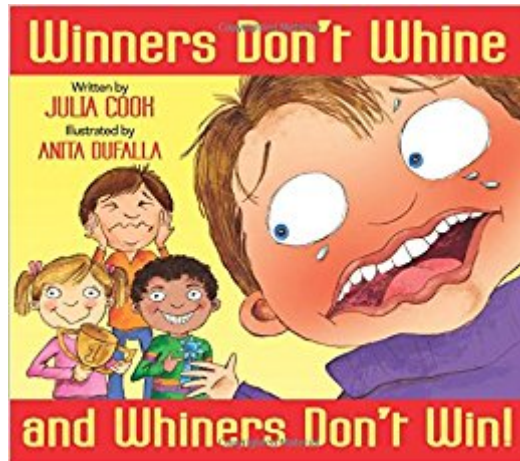




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# Winners Don't Whine And Whiners Don't Win



## Synopsis

Wendell HAS to win at everything, and if he doesn't, he whines about it. This creative story addresses two very challenging topics: winning and whining. When Wendell has one of those days where nothing seems to go his way, his mom helps him understand that everything in life doesn't have to be a contest and that losing does not make you a loser. In fact, it can make you stronger! She also points out that although it feels great to celebrate a win, winning isn't everything, and whining about things just makes it worse. Whiners aren't winners, and winners never whine. You can't win at everything all of the time!

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Just when I pride myself (an elementary school counselor for 30+ years) on owning and sharing EVERY Julia Cook book with my students, she writes yet another superb book that no counselor, parent, teacher, caregiver, coach, etc. can be without! This wonderful book is for everyone helping children acquire a sense of intrinsic motivation and develop better ways to act. --Sydney Horton Sauer, M.S. School Counselor

Julia Cook, MS is a national award winning children's author, counselor and parenting expert. She has presented in over 800 schools across the country, regularly delivers keynote addresses at national education and counseling conferences, and has published over 70 children's books. The goal behind all of Julia's books and efforts is to actively involve young people into her fun and creative stories and teach them to become life-long problem solvers. Inspirations for her books

come from working with children and carefully listening to parents and teachers.

My 7 yr old granddaughter refused to look at it at first, saying she doesn't whine. I finally get her to read it together with me and now she has read it on her own 4-5 times.

This book was delivered at the perfect time in my classroom. The kids loved it and recognized the message I was giving through the book.

was what the picture described

good for toddlers

cute book for little ones

I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher National Center for Youth Issues in exchange for an honest review on . I am a parent of three kids, ages six, five, and three. I also teach third grade at a high poverty school in Indiana. I have found several of Julia Cook's books useful to teach with to both my class and my kids. This book, *Winners Don't Whine and Whiners Don't Win*, will be particularly helpful for my third grade students. Sportsmanship and whining are issues I have to address every year. I find that often times students want to do what is correct and expected, they just don't grasp what that entails. They have to be taught what we expect- this book helps to do that. In this book Wendell is a student that wants to win at everything (much like many of my 3rd graders). If he doesn't win, he whines and feels like it was a bad day. Eventually Wendell and his mother have a heart to heart to discuss his attitude and how to handle himself when he loses. The mother provides several useful suggestions. As with many of Julia Cook's books we get a "tomorrow is a brand new day" comment. I enjoy these comments because it allows the character to see his fault, and re-start fresh the next day- without any baggage holding him back. As a teacher, I have said similar comments to students many times. And of course (Spoiler alert) Wendell is able to improve his attitude and feelings. The story itself will keep kids engaged. I recommend it for K- 4th graders. It is a great book to read aloud and have discussion throughout the book. Again, with most of Cook's books, she includes further tips for sportsmanship and whining in the back of the book. These would be useful

tips and suggestions for both parents and teachers to try out. Anita Dufalla illustrated this book. She has illustrated other of Julia Cook's books, including my favorite illustrated one- Peer Pressure Gauge. Despite my liking of previous illustrated books by Dufalla, I personally found this one lacking appeal. I can't place exactly what it seems to be missing, but it just doesn't stand out to me as much as her other titles have. This is not to say the illustrations are bad- they are not. I did read this book to my five and six year old, and both were engaged and told me they liked the pictures. I would recommend purchasing this book. It is a great book to read and have conversations off of. While you can give it as a gift and not read it, I would highly recommend discussing the book with kids.

Meh. I'd love to see a book about whining that's not so singularly focused on 'winning' and 'losing.'

Too bad that it isn't a book just about whinning (without focusing on winning or losing) Whinning is a pretty big issue in itself to lots of kids in all ages!

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