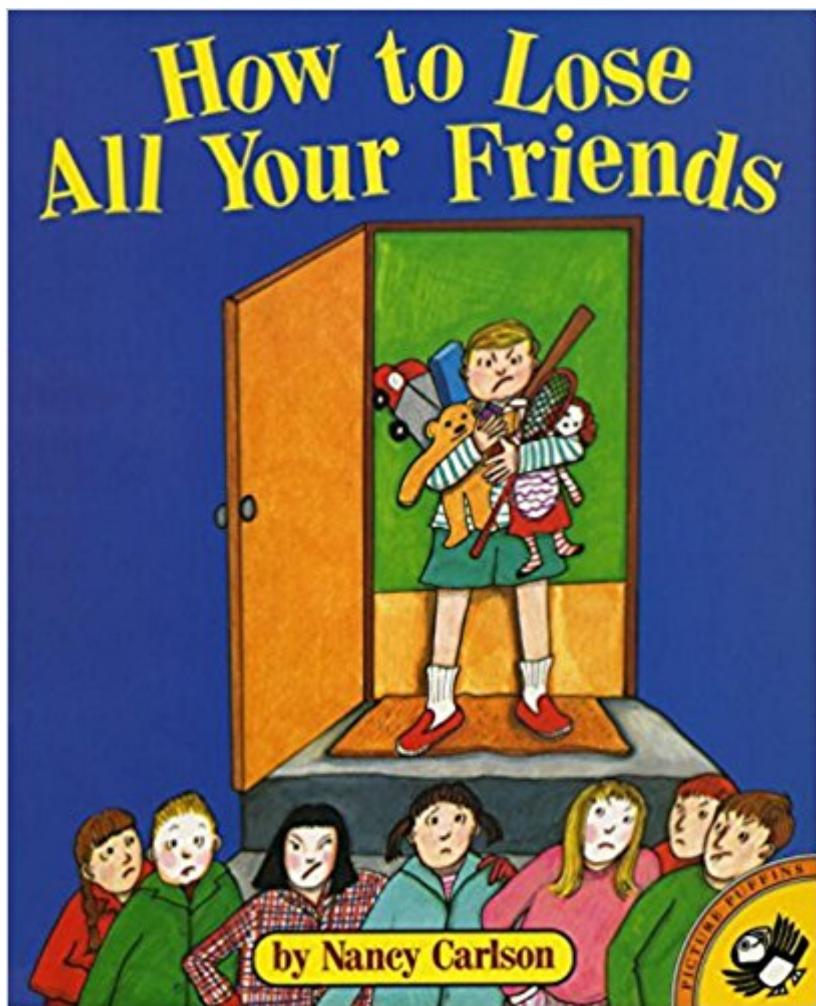


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# How To Lose All Your Friends (Picture Puffins)



## **Synopsis**

With exuberant pictures and a tongue-in-cheek sense of humor, the author of *I Like Me!* takes a light-hearted look at bratty behavior that will have children laughing in recognition while learning exactly how not to behave. Colored-pencil illustrations throughout.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 1-This reverse etiquette book advises readers to never smile or share; to be a bully and whine; to tattle and be a poor sport. Each "rule" offers specific examples and is illustrated with brightly colored pictures. While children are always interested in stories showing the complications and potential pitfalls of social interactions, this plotless treatment is not likely to hold much appeal for them. Also, it's unfortunate that "tattling" is presented as undesirable. Granted, the examples given are minor ones involving friends who are misbehaving in not terribly destructive ways, but youngsters do need to know that there are situations in which "telling" is perfectly acceptable. Carlson's cartoon-style art is a little more crudely done here than in her previous books, and her figures are more angular, as they "Push in front of the lunch line" or "Cheat at

cards."-Lauralyn Persson, Wilmette Public Library, ILCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ages 4-7. Carlson's set of "simple instructions" is a send-up of adult self-help books and collections of genteel counsel aimed at children. The artwork and the advice she gathers refer to common home and school behaviors children know about and are told to avoid: "If you are eating cookies, hide them when your friends come over." Pushing in the lunch line, whining, tattling, and sibling teasing are illustrated with zippy pictures that strongly contrast having fun and being mean. Mary Harris Veeder --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I personally really like this book and would give it a 5 star rating-I like the humor of it, the practicality of it...BUT my 3 year 8 month old daughter almost started to cry and asked me to stop reading it. My little one has a lot of behavioral problems, she is deep in the terrible 3's, and when I read this to her she thought the book was saying that this is what she does, this is what will happen to her.. it was way over her head. I tried to explain that this was not a book about her, but a book about the kinds of mistakes that a kid or adult can make with their behavior that makes others not want to be friends with them. Like it I said it was way over her head, we will keep it and try again in a year or so.

Meanwhile, the search continues. :)

This book is AWESOME. We ordered a bunch of social skills books for our kids and this one is by far the best because it's so memorable. My 5 and 7 year old have great appreciation for the sarcasm. If anything it helps them to better internalize the concepts and apply them because it's so obvious that you wouldn't want to do these things.If you hate sarcasm, obviously don't buy it, And for the naysayers out there, the last picture is her being nice and making friends,The only thing I didn't like was that the illustrations were a bit amateur. Overall it was a great book.

I bought this book for my daughter to illustrate a point. She was treating her friends very badly. I wasnt sure if my daughter understood what she was doing. I needed to help her realize that if she continued treating friends so badly she would lose all her friends. This book drives the point home. It is encouraging to watch a child learn and understand their mistakes.Good little book.

As a school counselor and then as a therapist, I use this book with all ages, 3-18 to teach the basics of friendship skills. It's simple, basic, practical and the most used friendship book I've owned. One

fun key, is to skip the last page on the first reading. Then have the kids change the story by changing the words, (i.e. how to make friends.) Then skip the 2nd to last page and go to the last page, which then changes the end of the new story pictorially. Even though, they may know what you did (the older kids anyway,) they love the trick. I tell them they are magic and they changed the story.

This book worked out very well for a mini lesson about social skills, and why it's important to treat others with kindness. The story was, however, a little more babyish than I anticipated. It's great for Kinders and younger, possibly 1st grade, but it does not hold the interest of older students (grades 2 & 3).

I think this book put a little more fear about losing friends into my son than I had intended so I wish that the message was conveyed in a more positive way, on the other hand it did get the message through in a new and interesting way and I was able to refer to the book during some whiney moments and my son did get a good chuckle seeing someone else make the same mistakes. The day after reading this he came home and told me he had lost some friends at school because of sharing issues and the weight of the world was on his shoulders. I had to fill in the part that friends do forgive just like when the girl got her friends back by sharing her cookies afterall. This book is probably more suitable for kids a little bit older who can put the gravity of losing all your friends in context.

This book promotes positive social behaviors by telling what NOT TO DO. It is like reverse psychology. It is a humorous way to illustrate why certain behaviors are annoying. I especially like Rule #4 that says "Be a poor sport. When you play tag and someone tags you, lie and say they missed. If you're losing a board game, knock off all the pieces." This will be a great book for the first day of school to show the kids how to interact with others in a more positive way.

Reviewing Social Skills in a Fun, attention-retaining manner! This book was perfect for my 8 year old Aspie. How many social skills books have he and I read together talking about social rules about how to make friends? We review them over and over, looking at pictures and reviewing all the steps of what to do. Every time I get one out to review with him, I get the same response -- "boring!"."How to Lose All Your Friends" was perfect for him! He has a great sense of humour and thought the whole concept was extremely funny. Demonstrating what to do by talking about the negative, what

not to do, with nice illustrations, is extremely funny and attention-getting. It also reads more like a story book than a text book. As soon as I got it, my Aspie picked it up and read it. He liked it so much, he even did his monthly book review on it. Most 7-8 year olds could read this on their own. Awesome for those who could use a little brushing up on their social skills.

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