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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Customer Reviews

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 book we get a
à cetomorrowâ€™s a brand new dayâ€”comment. I enjoy these comment 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 Cookâ€™s book, 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.

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