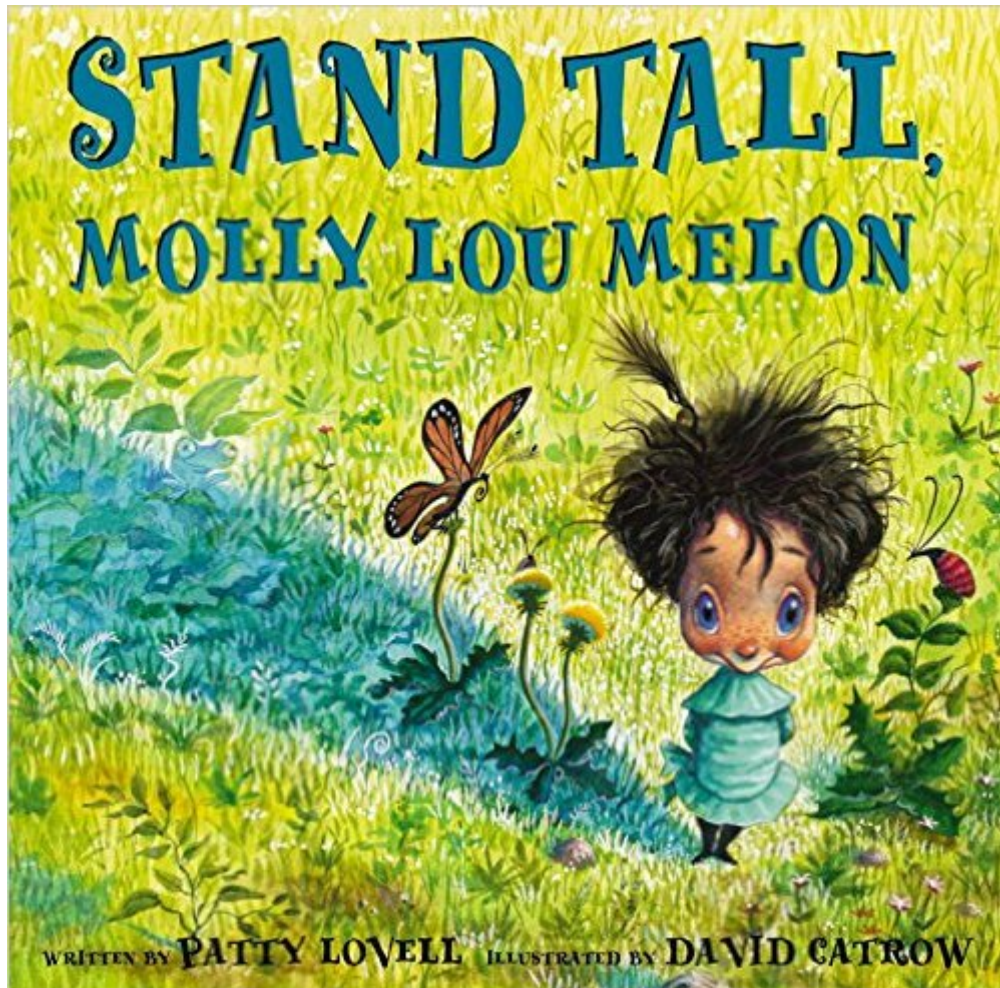




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Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon



Synopsis

Be yourself like Molly Lou Melon no matter what a bully may do. Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn't mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes that advice to heart. But then Molly Lou has to start in a new school. A horrible bully picks on her on the very first day, but Molly Lou Melon knows just what to do about that.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Molly Lou Melon may be tiny, clumsy, buck-toothed, and with a voice "like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor," but she doesn't mind. Her grandmother has utmost confidence in her, and tells her at every turn to believe in herself. "Sing out clear and strong and the world will cry tears of joy," Grandma says. But Molly Lou's self-assurance is put to the test when she moves to a new town, away from her friends and beloved grandmother. During her first week of school, Ronald Durkin taunts Molly Lou Melon in the dull-witted but sharp-edged manner of career bullies, calling her "shrimpo" and "bucky-toothed beaver." Our heroine barely flinches as she systematically sets

out to prove herself, and Ronald Durkin ends up feeling pretty foolish. First-time author Patty Lovell's message is clear and simple, and the theme is familiar enough to strike chords with every reader, young and old. David Catrow, illustrator of *Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs*, *Rotten Teeth*, and other popular picture books, depicts a very weird-looking, very appealing little girl with warmth and cartoonish humor. Any child who is less than perfect will cheer with joy to meet Molly Lou Melon, a girl who doesn't let anything--or anyone--shake her belief in herself. (Ages 5 to 8) --Emilie Coulter

Meet Molly Lou Melon: she's "just taller than her dog," with "buck teeth that stuck out so far, she could stack pennies on them," and a voice that brings to mind "a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor." She also possesses huge insect-like eyes. In fact, young readers may actually gasp when they get a good look at the fearless first-grader in Catrow's (*She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head*) double spread, extreme close-up portrait. Thanks to her grandmother, the protagonist possesses seemingly indomitable self-esteem but will it survive a move to a new school and a bully named Ronald Durkin? Newcomer Lovell doesn't offer any real surprises in her fable there's never any doubt that Molly Lou Melon will charm her classmates with her eccentric talents (which include making a paper snowflake the size of a school room), or that even Ronald Durkin will capitulate and join her fan club. What keeps the storytelling fresh is the crisp prose and the heroine's full-speed-ahead determination; the story never dallies too long on the potentially saccharine message. Catrow's full-bleed pencil-and-watercolor illustrations, awash in ripe colors and animated by slapstick exaggeration, radiate a winningly eccentric elegance. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Molly Lou Melon is a sweet story of a girl who looks and sounds different than most of the kids her age. What young child in elementary school hasn't felt this way more than once? This is perfect for reading to children who are struggling with being accepted at a new school and shows how much a relationship between a grandma and grandchild can have on a life. The illustrations really bring this book to life and will have your own children staring at them even after you're done reading the book.

I love self empowerment books for my six year old boy. However I was a little bit worried because some of them seem too geared towards girls. And he tends to not like them. However this one he absolutely loved and asked me to read him at least three times so far. It works well because the characters make the girl and the boy lead characters. so for some reason it's a

very relatable for my boy and it got the message across that it is fun to be unique in yourself.

We got this book through the Dolly Parton imagination library, I have a two-year-old and a three-year-old this is the most adorable book ever I love it my girls love it I ended up buying it for my niece and nephew very cute book I would suggest it to anyone!!!! Love it!!!!

I love this book! My grandson loved it and then his little sister loved it too. So I decided my first and only granddaughter must have it too. It has a very wise grandma in it too. Just like me!

I had to read this book in my Children's Literature class. I absolutely fell in love with this story. I think it is so cute and so true! It is a story of using your differences in the best ways and to make sure that you are proud of who you are. I think it also shows that we should respect our elders and listen to the advice that they give us because they really know what they are talking about. Molly Lou Melon is an unique little girl who doesn't let the bullying get to her instead she just stays true to herself and makes the most of her gifts, talents, weaknesses, and shows that there is nothing wrong with being different from others.

Fun reading for grandparents and grandchildren!

We enjoyed the humor and candor of this book. The illustrations of the book were entertaining as well. We highly recommend this book.

This book is so stinking cute! I cannot wait to read it to my students.

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