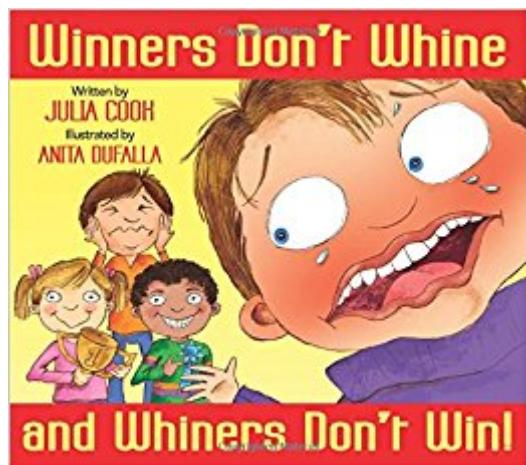


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# Winners Don't Whine And Whiners Don't Win



## **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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## **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 Cookâ™s books useful to teach with to both my class and my kids. This book, Winners Donâ™t Whine and Whiners Donâ™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 donâ™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 doesnâ™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

âœtomorrowâ™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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