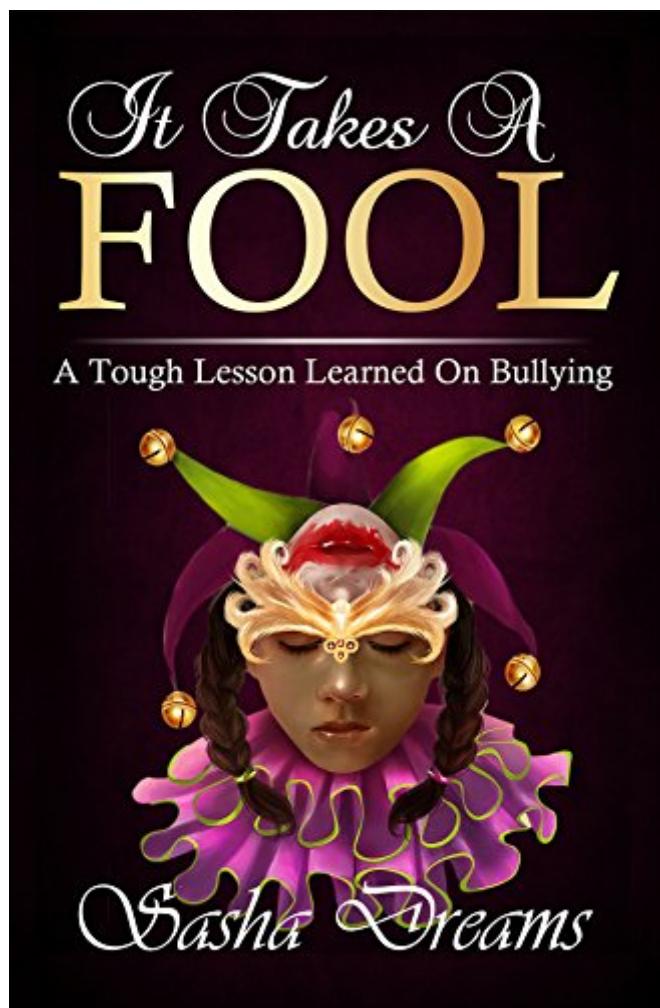


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# It Takes A Fool: A Tough Lesson Learned On Bullying



## **Synopsis**

Life couldn't be sweeter for ten year old Sasha... Sasha lives the good life and is the darling of her fifth grade class. Suddenly, her father loses his job, sending Sasha and the rest of her family into a downward spiral filled with drugs, disappointment, and disaster. To cope, Sasha empowers herself by bullying her best friend whose kindness and empathy only enrage her more. Sasha's struggle with life, school, and failed dreams takes its toll in bouts of rage enacted on anyone who gets in her way--even her sister. It isn't until she commits the ultimate act of unmerited vengeance against her best friend that she learns the truth. Will it be too late for Sasha to make things right?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Following the ups and downs and final realization of a young lady finding herself was an excellent experience. After all isn't that what good books do...allow it's readers to be able to have and live new experiences? Reading this book has me most looking forward to reading more books from this author!

First I must say when comes to books I am extremely picky, because they usually don't hold my attention. This author takes you on a journey exposing raw emotion that will leave you wanting more. I suggest this book for any and everyone after reading this I can guarantee you will either be brought to tears or near tears, yes you. Beyond all else this book is based off of the authors life experience so I ask you after reading this do you have the courage she has? Buy this book have a conversation with your children, coworkers, pastor anyone who will listen this book will change your life and all that hear or read about it.

In an attempt to put it briefly, *It Takes a Fool* is a raw, emotional, powerful, and most importantly, well-written read that had me hooked almost from start to finish. I could tell early on in the read that the author has truly invested some deep personal emotions and feelings into the writing, and it translates into a genuinely hard-hitting read that arose a multitude of reactions from me as I was reading. I think mainly this comes from the fact that I found myself relating to the character of Sasha, and I saw many parallels between her traits (and faults) with my own childhood. I dare not give away any spoilers, and I think the summary itself does a good enough job of revealing just the right amount of info about the plot, so I will end this review solely on my own personal recommendation *It Takes a Fool* is more than worth the read.

This book was an amazing read. The problem I have with most books is either they start out great and then become boring or vice versa and I never finish them. But this is not true for *It Takes A Fool*. This book was good to the last drop! I finished it in one day. It literally had me wanting more. I love the fact that the book is told from a bully's point of view. I also love how the author pulls you into the story. I remember hating whoever Sasha (the main character) hated and crying whenever she cried. I highly recommend this book for adults and teens

As with others who began this book late at night, I too devoured it from midnight to 2 a.m. I could not put it down. The transformation this young girl experiences almost defies explanation or belief. However, there her story is, laid bare by an author who dares to write with real honesty and insight. This is a remarkable work for a beginning author. There are the occasional errors but all in all the book is well formatted and written. The style is casual making for a quick but not easy read. The topic wrenched at my heartstrings like no other, as I thought of my children and the trials they faced at school and with friends. Rarely will you find the topic of bullying examined so fully from this point

of view. Sasha’s introspection will catch you off guard and have you thinking long after you’ve closed the last page. I’d recommend this book to readers ten to adult. My only regret is that the book seemed to end rather suddenly, prompting the reader to anticipate a sequel, which I will gladly read. I believe Ms. Dreams is on her way to a life of fulfillment and reward if she continues this chosen path. This book reminded me of why I love to read.

Wow, I do not know where to start after reading this book. I just purchased this book a couple of hours ago and immediately realized it was much more than a typical evening read. My mind is overwhelmed with emotions and thoughts right now, along with memories of my own past. When it comes to bullying, it is extremely easy to find materials written by those who have been bullied. However, this book is rare. It is written from the view of a girl, Sasha, who is the bully. Sasha is a beautiful young girl whose life is turned upside down with a dark and painful childhood. She endures actions that nobody should ever have to witness, tragedies that are so horrendous that they burn to bring up. In this bravely written book the author explains how Sasha became a prisoner to the dark side. She did horrible things to others, she felt no pain. Many people would immediately judge her and label her as the "bully" but if only they knew the whole story maybe their thoughts would change. Reading this book made me look back and reflect on my childhood and growing up. Each page forced me to look back at how I bullied others at times to make myself feel better. On the other side they made me pity all those who bullied me, wondering what they must have endured that was likely much worse. The author uses emotionally charged language and descriptions that will force you to think back on your life. I extend the utmost admiration and respect for the author as I am sure this book was a nightmare to write at many times. The words in this book are extremely powerful. One prayer that was quoted is a prayer that I tell myself every day, "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Simple, yet incredibly meaningful. I am thankful the author included this in her book. I cannot wait to see what the next portion of this author's story. This book is certainly a must read for anyone who wants to TRULY understand bullying and the whole picture of it. It Takes a Fool is not an easy read, or a fun read, but a MUST read.

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