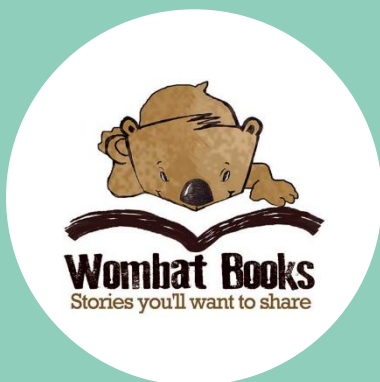


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Combatting Unfairness with Kindness

Navigating Rejection with Communication and Kindness

Everyone in Year 3 gets an invitation to Eve's birthday. Everyone except Amanda. Despite this, Amanda and the Dolphin Squad set off on a mission to win her an invitation. But, when it looks like Amanda isn't going to get an invitation in time, and the stress of rejection begins to sink in, she wonders if her acts of kindness were really acts of kindness at all.

"As a parent, it can break your heart," Coral says about the times her own children haven't been included. "But these opportunities can be a wonderful chance for our children to grow resilience, to learn the life skill that 'life is not always fair' and to choose to respond with kindness, even if others aren't kind."

Amanda's issue could have been cleared up quicker if she was able to communicate with Eve, but for young kids in school, sometimes it's not so simple. "I believe having confidence helps build our communication skills," says Coral. And one thing that can help build that confidence is having great friendship and support, like in the Dolphin Squad.

"Amanda Commander is a series that promotes kindness, generosity, loyalty and friendship. School can be tough at times, and many of us face the same issues of not being included, feeling rejected, having promises broken and loyalties tested. The Dolphin Squad offers each member a safe place, authentic friendships, feeling understood with no judgement, and knowing that you are part of a team; where every member is important."

There's something for everyone to relate to, whether it's with Amanda, the strategic, natural-born leader whose determination is as strong as her loyalty; Lucia, the outgoing, sporty one who sometimes speaks before thinking; or Mai, the more introverted and easily embarrassed one who doesn't like running.

Coral is an award-winning children's author. She has always loved telling stories and has been writing books for over ten years. She is also an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read.

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