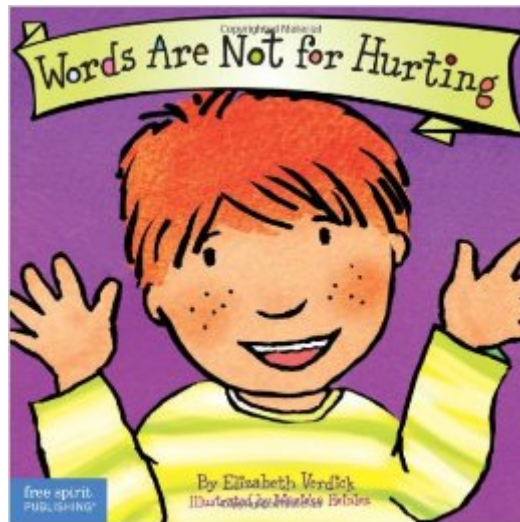


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# Words Are Not For Hurting (Board Book) (Best Behavior Series)



## Synopsis

Some of your words are kind. But some of them are not. Words are not for hurting. What do hurtful words do? • Children are known for speaking their minds. We can't expect them to watch every word, but we can help them to understand that their words affect other people. We can gently guide them to choose words that are helpful instead of hurtful, and to say two very important words: "I'm sorry" when hurtful words come out before they can stop them. Like Free Spirit's earlier board books *Hands Are Not for Hitting* and *Teeth Are Not for Biting*, *Words Are Not for Hurting* helps little ones learn big ideas: that they are responsible for what they do and say; that their actions and words affect others; and that they can make positive choices. Simple words and delightful full-color illustrations make it perfect for reading aloud one-on-one or in small groups. The book also includes helpful tips for parents and caregivers.

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 3 years

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## Customer Reviews

Written by parenting columnist Elizabeth Verdick with an age-appropriate vocabulary, and illustrated by Marieka Heinlen, *Words Are Not For Hurting* was designed especially for children ages 4 to 7, a time of growing vocabularies and increasing social interaction with peers and others. The simple, positive message is think before speaking, and choosing not only what to say but how to say it. Young readers will also learn of the power in saying "I'm sorry" when they speak words that hurt the

feelings of others. Enhanced with a special section at the end that includes activities and discussion starters, *Words Are Not For Hurting* is confidently recommended for home, school, and childcare center early childhood library resources and character education reading lists.

This is an excellent book using age appropriate language to send out the message of just how hurtful and harmful words can be. We all know the doggerel bravado verse of sticks and stones is just a crock. I never bought it because words are infinitely more painful than any stick or stone. I think that deceptive verse should be changed to: Sticks and stones may break my bones, But words hurt so much more. Words have the power to hurt or build esteem; to reinforce one's self image and to cause one to feel they are liked or disliked. I think this is an excellent book with a message that cannot be stressed enough. The activities and teaching how to give sincere apologies as opposed to those to appease the adult in question with the idea of deflecting further punishment is also an invaluable lesson. I also like the way the message of harmful words are not limited to peers. It is a good wake up call to how adults in general talk to children and to one another. This book deserves a place of honor!

My son is three and a half and goes to daycare. He's exactly at the age where he's picking up a lot vocabulary (not all desirable) from school and friends which he's using to express his anger or frustration. I thought it was a good book to help him understand the power of words and how he can use positive words instead of negative ones...even to express his negative emotions. It's slow going but the book helped me with ideas and with words to coach him.

This book does a great job reinforcing how powerful words are. The book sends out a great message in a child centered and creative way.

As a special education teacher, I struggled to find a series of books to address the aggression issues arising. These are straightforward, and easy to reference in conversation with children. They're great at work as well as at home, with my five year old.

My 18 mo grand daughter has loved these books for months. I can see her being able to get use from them for a long time. Will be helpful when she is learning to read. We have been talking about the images and concepts since she was about 6 months old.

My son has had some anger issues, so I ordered all the books in this series. He loves them! He asks to read them all the time, and they even seem to be helping a little, too. This particular book also includes many helpful ideas for dealing with anger and temper tantrums. I'll take any help I can get!

This series of books has been great for my 2 year old; they capture his attention - which is hard to do. They are well written (easy to add-lib personal things you want to touch on), very colorful, good length.

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