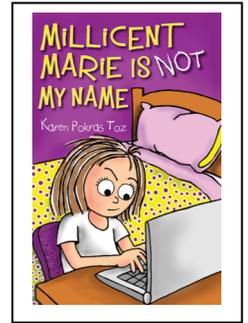


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### Award Winning Children's Author Raises Awareness of Bullying in New Book

Montgomery County, PA - Karen Pokras Toz, award winning author of Nate Rocks series, pens new middle grade book about bullying, gossip, friendship and respect, titled **Millicent Marie Is Not My Name**. October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness month and **Millicent Marie Is Not My Name** is a fun way to discuss the issue with your kids.

**Millicent Marie Is Not My Name** is a timely book to share with your 7 - 13 year old child, who may be experiencing many of the things Millie goes through. Millie's younger brother finds her diary on her computer and decides to publish it as a blog for the entire world to see, including the boy Millie has a crush on. In the midst of all the mayhem, Millie, who goes by the online alias of Amanda, discovers she is suddenly Springside Elementary's most sought after sixth-grade mystery gossip and advice columnist. But not all is fun and games, as Millie quickly learns, once she realizes feelings are at stake. Nobody, least of all Millie, expects things to turn out as they do in this tale of friendship and respect.

Karen Pokras Toz draws on her own life experiences as well as the issues her twelve-year-old daughter faced in sixth grade while writing her new middle grade book. The release of **Millicent Marie Is Not My Name** coincides with National Bullying Prevention Awareness month. In an effort to raise awareness, Karen will be appearing on a number of media sites in October.

A number of fun events are planned for the official launch of **Millicent Marie is Not My Name**. Join Karen for live Twitter chats throughout the day on October 11 (use the hashtag #MillicentMarie). In addition, Pokras Toz has created an online blog, writing as Millie, called "Millie Says..." For a complete listing of all the stops on the Millicent Marie Tour with Karen Pokras Toz and to read Millie's blog, visit Karen's [website](#).

**Millicent Marie Is Not My Name** is currently available in paperback and ebook from major booksellers including Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

**About the Author:** Karen Pokras Toz is a writer, wife and mom. Karen grew up in Connecticut and currently lives outside of Philadelphia with her husband and three children. In June 2011, Karen published her first middle grade children's novel for 7-12 year olds called **Nate Rocks the World**, which won First Place for Children's Chapter Books and the Grand Prize Overall in the 2012 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards, as well as placing first for a Global E-Book Award for Pre-Teen Literature. In 2012, Karen published the second in the Nate Rocks series, **Nate Rocks the Boat**, followed by middle grade novel, **Millicent Marie Is Not My Name**. Karen is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI).

For more information the **Nate Rocks** series, visit [www.karentoz.com](http://www.karentoz.com). To receive a media/review copy, contact Grand Daisy Press at: [info@granddaisypress.com](mailto:info@granddaisypress.com).

