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Advice for parents on both sides of a bullying conflict

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Perhaps one of the most difficult tasks as a parent is consoling a child who's being bullied at school. But what if your child *is* the bully? • More than half of all children experience some form of bullying during their educational careers. Bullying is defined as any situation where there's a power differential between two people, and one is trying to take advantage of that perceived inequity. It often involves negative comments about an identifying characteristic of the victim, such as age, size, gender, sexuality, appearance or socioeconomic status. This behavior tends to peak in middle school, but can happen at any time – and at any age.

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Hudson Talbott illustrates life of Thomas Cole

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"Picturing America: Thomas Cole and the Birth of American Art" is the latest book for children by Hudson Valley author and illustrator Hudson Talbott.

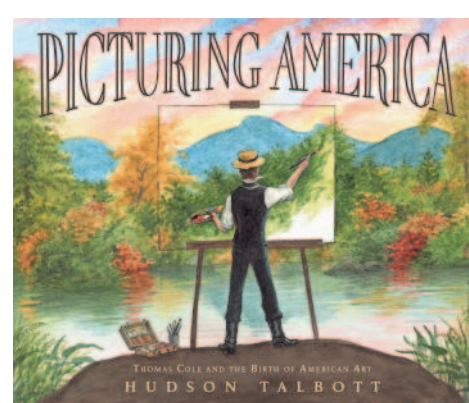
The 32-page picture book takes readers on a journey through the life of Thomas Cole, father of the Hudson River School of landscape painting, America's first major art movement.

The idea for the book came out of conversations between Executive Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site Elizabeth Jacks, who is the mother of two, and Talbott. Jacks said she was planning a family trip to another historic site and could not find any child-friendly material to introduce the

site and its story, according to a written release. She realized there was a need to offer children and their families visiting the Thomas Cole Site historic information that children could understand.

"I'm thrilled to be able to introduce America's children to Thomas Cole, who so profoundly influenced American art," Talbott said. "I hope that 'Picturing America' will help our nation's youth picture what they love about America and express it for themselves."

The book tells the story of an immigrant from England "who arrived in America 200 years ago and – through his passion for art landscape, and the Hudson River Valley and the Catskills – came to define America's visual identity and set in motion an artistic legacy that continues to impact art and culture to



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this day."

The book also introduces readers to the role of the artist and highlights

Cole's passion for the environment.

Talbott is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site and has written and illustrated more than 25 books, including "We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story," which was adapted into an animated film by Steven Spielberg, starring the voices of John Goodman, Jay Leno, and Martin Short, among others.

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