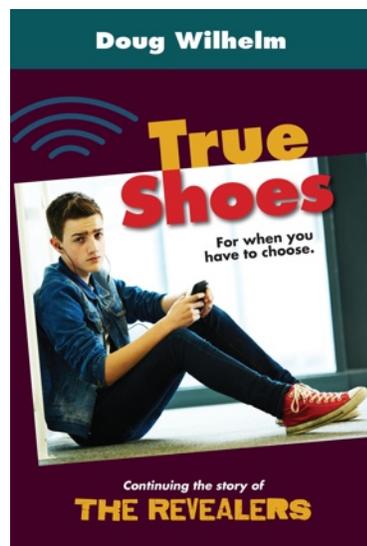


Using Doug Wilhelm's *True Shoes* to open up discussion about cyberbullying — and more

True Shoes is the new sequel to *The Revealers*, Doug Wilhelm's acclaimed YA novel on bullying that has been the focus of reading and discussion projects in over 1,000 middle schools. Developed with advice and feedback from hundreds of middle schoolers, *True Shoes* is a realistic novel that centers on cyberbullying — and on positive self-expression online. It also deals with cultural and racial diversity, and with the impacts on young people of violence in their lives.

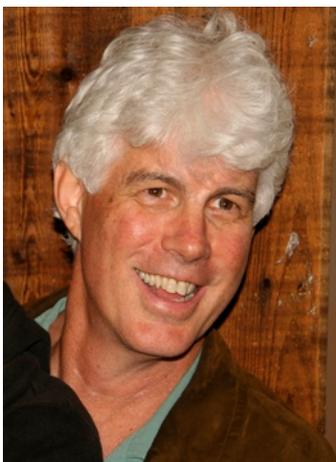
"True Shoes is TREMENDOUS!!! I have gone into several classes to facilitate discussions. What incredible conversations we have had — so powerful! Thank you for hitting tough topics in a way that gives schools an opportunity to work with the material. I can do a lesson based around the characters of the story, giving the students a chance to interact without 'revealing their own stuff.' Marvelous."
Lynne Ellis, guidance counselor
Litchfield (NH) Middle School



True Shoes is about young people finding their voice in today's connected world — and the author has worked with experts to develop a multimedia classroom package for using the novel to address negative and positive choice-making online. Linked to academic standards and the Common Core, *Novel Connections* is a modular unit, with selected online resources, that makes it easy to bring the urgent issues of cyberbullying and digital citizenship to life in class.

"As the story progressed, I got more and more excited. This is so relevant to today and some of the things we deal with in our own school."
Mark Domeier, English teacher
NRHEG High School
New Richland, MN

Doug's website, www.dougwilhelm.com, is a resource center for using his novels to promote engaged reading while addressing urgent issues in young people's lives. The site offers *Novel Connections* for free download — along with video and visual resources, briefings on notable projects that schools have already done with *True Shoes*, Doug's blog **Reading Matters**, and much more.



"As a teacher, it is so encouraging to give a book to students that they will LOVE, even the most reluctant reader. True Shoes is again one of those rare stories that all students will want to read."
Barbara Raak, Language Arts teacher
Fennville (MI) Middle School

"I thought the sequel rivaled The Revealers. It held a realistic perception of the negative effects that cyberbullying can cause. It also showed how pressures caused not only by peers, but by family as well, can lessen your enjoyment of 7th or 8th grade, a time when most of us find our true selves. A must read for those who can't help but connect with the characters and understand what they're going through."
Artemis Brown, eighth grader
Fennville Middle School

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