

Awesome Outcasts: School Visits With Author Susan Nadathur



Awesome Outcasts is a multimedia presentation focusing on the message that **It's okay to be different. In fact, it is encouraged.** Through books and stories, students will be encouraged to embrace what makes them different and to accept that there is an awesome existence on the other side of outcast.

Goal: to counter the negative effects of bullying and breakdown stereotypes by helping students to look beyond today to a positive future

Benefits: this presentation will:

- provide hope for those who are hurting
- build self-esteem
- inspire creativity
- encourage reading

Description: through selections of music, art, poetry and literature, students will come to understand that if they have ever been the target of bullying or harassment, they are not alone and that it always gets better. Young adults in the audience will be encouraged to become part of an awesome group of people who lived through what they did and eventually used their pain in creative ways, many becoming champions of outcasts and outsiders. Celebrities like Johnny Depp, Robert Pattinson, Chester Bennington and Charlie Chaplin are used as models to show that some of the most creative, interesting people became so because they, too, were considered “different.”

Inspirational Message: we are not going to be able to change the people who try to make us feel inferior; we are going to change ourselves.

Common Core State Standards Addressed: CCS-ELA 6-12 (Literature)

If you'd like to invite Susan to your school, please contact her for schedule and pricing.

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