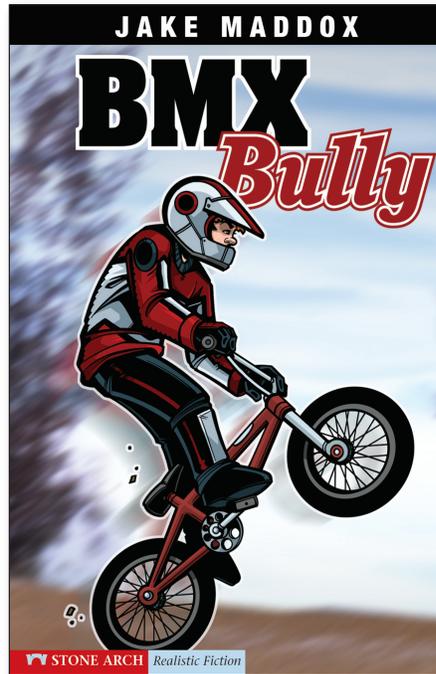




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



BMX Bully by Jake Maddox

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Characters: **Narrator – reads at grade level**
Matt Daniels – reads below grade level
Tyler Mason – reads slightly below grade level
Sound Effects – struggling reader

Genre: **Realistic Fiction**
Ages: **9-13**

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- Narrator:** It was the first day of the BMX racing season. Matt Daniels was looking at the racing sheets posted on the board at Evergreen Racetrack.
- Matt:** I wonder who Tyler Mason is. He wasn't here last year.
- Narrator:** As Matt scanned the sheets, a notice on the board caught his attention.
- Sound Effects:** "Only the top rider in each age group will be on the Evergreen Racing Team."
- Matt:** What is that all about? Dad never had that rule when he ran the track.
- Narrator:** Matt's dad used to run the track, but now his dad was overseas and wouldn't be back for nine months. Matt rode over to the starting gate. When the official raised the gate, Matt moved into position. A tall boy with black hair rode up to the gate next to Matt. Matt didn't recognize him.
- Tyler:** You won't be wearing that Evergreen Racing Team shirt for long.
- Matt:** Why?
- Tyler:** I was state champion before we moved here. I'm just letting you know how it's going to go down.
- Matt:** I see.
- Narrator:** Matt guessed this was the new kid, Tyler Mason. He noticed that Tyler's eyes looked hard and mean.
- Tyler:** My father owns this track now. He spent a lot of money cleaning up your father's mess.
- Matt:** He what?
- Narrator:** Tyler's hurtful words about Matt's father shook Matt just before the race. When the gate dropped, Matt was distracted and Tyler got a jump on the race.

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- Sound Effects:** ZOOOOM!
- Narrator:** During the first part of the race, Matt kept thinking about what Tyler had said.
- Matt:** What was that about my dad? It couldn't be true. Tyler was just trying to distract me and it worked.
- Narrator:** Matt spent the next few hills trying to catch up to Tyler while also staying ahead of the other boys. Just beyond the third hill and at the top of the next curve, Matt passed Tyler.
- Tyler:** Hey!
- Matt:** I'm in the lead. Now I just need to keep up my pace for a little longer and I will win.
- Narrator:** Matt remained in the lead for the next two hills and into the second turn. Then he felt Tyler ramming his front tire into Matt's back tire.
- Sound Effects:** BANG!
- Narrator:** Matt's bike wobbled and he was in danger of losing control. Tyler reached out and pushed Matt. Matt and his bike were sent over the top of the curve and onto the ground. Matt looked to the official for the ruling, but the official said nothing.
- Matt:** What's wrong with that official? Pushing is against the rules and so is ramming. Well, I am not going to quit. I am going to finish this race.
- Narrator:** Matt picked himself up, got on his bike, and rode it over the finish line.
- Matt:** The race is over and I'm last. Dead last. No points for being last. How am I going to stay on the team if I don't have any points?
- Narrator:** As Matt prepared for the second race, he looked down the line and saw that Tyler was in lane six. When the gate went down, Matt pedaled as fast as he could.

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- Matt:** I have to make it to the first turn before Tyler.
- Tyler:** Hey!
- Narrator:** Tyler was surprised to see Matt fly over the first tabletop without even landing on it. At the beginning of the second turn, someone hit Matt's back wheel.
- Sound Effects:** WHAM!
- Narrator:** As he tried to straighten out his bike, another rider hit him. They both tumbled over and were sent sprawling in the dirt.
- Sound Effects:** CRASH!
- Matt:** I can't come in last again!
- Narrator:** Matt jumped on his bike and raced to the finish line. He crossed the finish line in fifth place, not last.
- Tyler:** Woo, boy! You are good. Now you're only second to last, not dead last.
- Narrator:** Matt struggled to ignore Tyler as he rode away.
- Tyler:** Mr. Big Shot can't take it!
- Matt:** Not from you I won't. You only win because you cheat!
- Narrator:** Will Tyler continue to terrorize Matt on the racing track? Can Matt find a way to beat Tyler? Is there a way for Matt to stop Tyler's cheating? Find the answer to these questions and much more by reading *BMX Bully*.

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