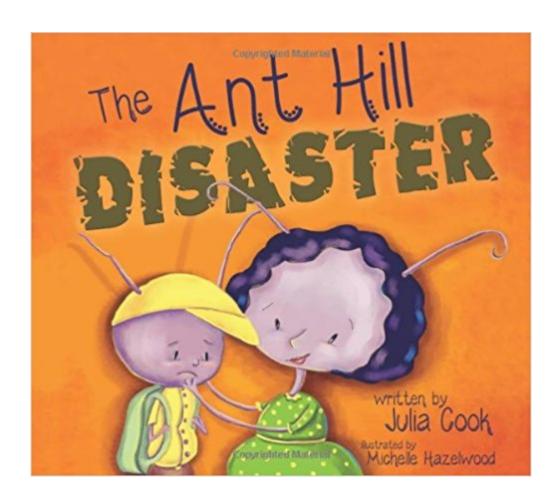


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# The Ant Hill Disaster





## Synopsis

After the Ant Hill School is destroyed, a little boy ant is afraid to go back to school. His mom caringly explains to him that sometimes things happen in life over which we have no control, but we have to find a way to keep living and growing. To do that, We breathe in and breathe out, and hold onto each other. We shed a lot of tears, and we love one another. We all come together as a strong team of ONE, and then we rebuild, and get things done! The Ant Hill Disaster thoughtfully addresses fears associated with both natural and man-caused disasters. It models effective parenting and teaching responses. This book can help assure children that through love, empathetic understanding, preparation, and effective communication, they can stand strong, even in the midst of uncontrollable events.

### **Book Information**

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#### Customer Reviews

This is a book that I would have read in my second grade classroom, a book that I have shared with my daughters in the wake of our tragedy. Though tragedy and loss leave us broken hearted, as The Ant Hill Disaster reveals, "together we are strong." --Michele Gay. Mother of Josephine Gay, Sandy Hook Angel. Co-Founder of Safe and Sound: A Sandy Hook InitiativeThe Ant Hill Disaster addresses the difficult task of talking to children about natural and man-caused disasters. With violent events happening in our world today, parents and educators are often at a loss of knowing what to say and how to say it. Julia has managed to effectively address this issue of moving forward

when things happen that are out of our control. As much as we wish to shelter our children from knowing about these tragic events, they are a part of our reality and need to be addressed. --Greg Crane, Founder/President of ALICE Training Institute (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate)

Julia Cook is a national award winning children's author, counselor and parenting expert. She has presented in over 800 schools across the country, regularly delivers keynote addresses at national education and counseling conferences, and has 41 published children's books. The goal behind all of Julia's books and efforts is to actively involve young people into her fun and creative stories and teach them to become life-long problem solvers. Inspirations for her books come from working with children and carefully listening to parents and teachers.

In this story, a human steps on and destroys a colony of ants. The similarity to school shootings is obvious but this can be used for other types of trauma as well. Due to the storyline, it would make most sense to use this with a child who is not alone in being traumatized--a trauma at school, a trauma that impacts a family, etc. The story references traumatized people grieving and recovering together. Engaging and realistic. Tips for adults included. Recommended, grades PreK-2. Other great books on trauma: K-2Wendy Deaton- My Own Thoughts and Feelings on Stopping the Hurt: A Child's Workbook About Exploring Hurt and Abuse, No More Hurt: A Child's Workbook about Recovering from Abuse, I Saw It Happen: A Child's Workbook About Witnessing Violence, I Am a Survivor: A Child's Workbook About Surviving Disasters, Living with My Family: A Child's Workbook About Violence in the HomeK-3Hear My Roar: A Story of Family Violence [and Alcoholism], Gillian WattsA Terrible Thing Happened, Margaret HolmesHealing Days: A Guide for Kids Who Have Experienced Trauma, Susan StrausK-5A Safe Place (battered women $\tilde{A}f\hat{A}\phi\tilde{A}$   $\hat{a}$   $\neg\tilde{A}$   $\hat{a}$ ,  $\phi$ s shelter), Maxine TrottierA Family That Fights (domestic violence), Sharon Bernstein1-6Why Did You Die? Activities to Help Children Cope with Grief and Loss, Ellen Goldring A Safe Place for Caleb: An Interactive Book for Kids, Teens and Adults with Issues of Attachment, Grief, Loss or Early Trauma (most appropriate for attachment issues and early trauma), Kathleen Chara

Wonderful book that helps cover a scary event with hope and kindness.

This is a great book to have on hand in case a tragedy ever strikes. This is actually the second copy I've bought because I had to give one away on my blog! =)

good

Julia Cook books are excellent for all ages of elementary students!

great and fast shipping

perfect! A+++!

This book is about a little ant who needs help having the courage to go back to school after his former school is destroyed by a boot-stomping human. It was written by the mother of a Sandy Hook victim, but it would work equally well for the kids at Plaza Towers. I wish there were no need for books like this, but there really is, so applause for the author brave enough to tackle such a scary topic.

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