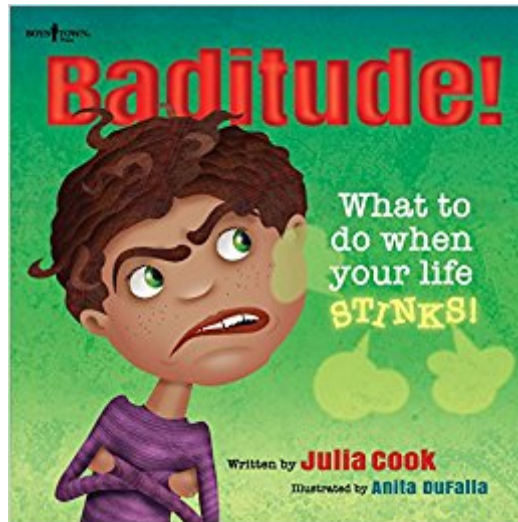




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# Baditude! What To Do When Life Stinks! (Responsible Me!)



## Synopsis

Noodle thinks his life just stinks! Homework stinks. Practice stinks. And family pictures - they REALLY stink. Noodle's attitude, or 'baditude' is alienating everyone around him. With help from a teacher and his mom, Noodle learns how to turn his 'have tos' into 'get tos.'

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Everything in Noodle's life stinks, or so he thinks. Homework stinks. Practice stinks. Yard work stinks. And family pictures? They REALLY stink! Author Julia Cook's newest title in the Responsible Me! series is the story of Noodle, a boy whose attitude, "or baditude," is alienating everyone around him. Can Noodle let go of his angst and try to find the brighter side of life? With help from a teacher and his mom, Noodle learns how to turn his 'have tos' into 'get tos' and his baditude into gratitude!

With over a million books in print, Julia Cook, a former school counsellor, never dreamed she could evolve into an award-winning children's book author. Several years ago, Julia was searching for an effective story to teach children the difference between tattling and telling. When she couldn't find the right resource, she decided to write her own book, Tattle Tongue. Fast forward several years and she has more than 50 published books and activity guides. Julia takes top research and creativity and translates it into "kid language" that is both entertaining and engaging. Her light, humorous approach keeps kids laughing while they're learning good behaviour skills. The goal

behind all of Julia's books and efforts is to actively involve people into her fun and creative stories and teach them to become life-long problem solvers.

Not bad, but a little bit disappointing. Spoiler alert--the book starts out with the kid having a bad attitude--as in "this stinks", "that stinks", "everything stinks!". By the end the kid is learning to have a better attitude and realizing that life doesn't have to stink and changing "I have to" to "I get to". But on the very last page, the kid complains again, saying "AND I have to sit next to a girl! And that really really really really really STINKS!!!" I don't think a book that is supposed to be teaching kids how to better adjust their attitude should end with another loud complaint. I especially don't think it is appropriate to have the complaint be about "having to" sit next to a girl, when half the book was meant to teach the kid that he "gets to" do things. I think this complaint makes the character less relatable to female readers, too--as it is definitely NOT only boys that sometimes have "baditudes".

As with all books by Julia Cook in this series, this is another great one! We love the way the books give kids alternatives to negative behaviors. The stories are interesting and keep the kids involved all the way to the end. Highly recommend all her books in this series.

These books are great for my two 7 year old boys. We have several in our home. Noodle is a great character that faces a lot of obstacles. But he and the adults in his life find a logic way to work them out. My boys can relate to some of the things that noodle encounters. And the conclusions that come are understandable for them. They enjoy the books and the lesson that come. It's almost like they are receiving advise from a peer. Instead of listening to parents try to explain some of the same things.

This book is great. I even bought a copy of it for my son's second grade teacher after reading it to the class. It helps clearly articulate the concept of having a bad attitude and provides options for helping turn it around. I find myself saying to my children, "Let's turn that baditude into gratitude"! It works! Honestly, all of the Julia Cook books are great and have been helpful with my children because the stories are relatable but interesting.

Ehh...the behavioral story was a little more complex than I was hoping for. And the character in the book definitely has a bad attitude. I was looking for something a little more neutral - as a way to introduce techniques. In my mind, this book actually introduced some pretty bad behavior that my

child isn't ready to process...if anything, it would provide things that could be picked up! But I could see how this could be beneficial for someone dealing with multiple, difficult behaviors on a regular basis.

I am a fan of Julia Cook's books. As a School Counselor they always come in handy for a good lesson on whatever topic. This is a great story and lesson about having a positive attitude to turn things around.

As a Speech Language Pathologist, I am always looking for social skill stories that my students can relate to and Noodle is a favorite. This book is part of a series though there really isn't a set order that you have to follow.

I only gave it a 4 and not a 5 because it ends with "Girls Stink" and looks like he didn't learn a lesson. I understand why the author did this to end with a little humor, but the entire book is how to turn "baditude into gratitude" so don't believe it should end that way. Other than that, the book is fabulous.

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