



**Suggested Interview Questions for Jodee Blanco,
Author of *Please Stop Laughing at Us . . . One Survivor's Extraordinary
Quest to Prevent School Bullying***

1. Who is your toughest audience and why?
2. What's the most shocking truth you discovered about the American school system during your work inside the trenches?
3. What don't most parents know when they send their children off to school in the morning?
4. What are some of the realities faced by teachers and administrators that schools would prefer parents never find out?
5. What's the worst mistake an adult can make when trying to help a bullied child?
6. What's the one thing you should never say to a bullied child and why?
7. What's the biggest myth about school bullying?
8. What made you decide to become an advocate for anti-school bullying?
9. How did the night of your twentieth high school reunion change your life and the lives of thousands of others?
10. What is the "Ancient Child," and why is he or she the typical profile of the bullied student?
11. You're the first to identify, recognize and label the Adult Survivor of Peer Abuse as a distinct population. What does it mean to be an Adult Survivor of Peer Abuse and how has it affected you personally and professionally?
12. Students often come up to you after you've shared your story and reveal their deepest secrets to you, some of which include incidents of parental abuse, molestation and worse. How do you cope?
13. Isn't it naïve to believe school bullying can be prevented? Isn't it just a normal part of growing up?
14. Describe the most traumatic event you experienced in the field as an anti-bullying activist.
15. What do you wish your parents and teachers would have done differently when you were being bullied?
16. If you could change one thing about our school system, what would it be and why?

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