



## **Bears of the Ice #1: The Quest of the Cubs**

*by Kathryn Lasky*

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### **Booktalk!**

Two baby polar bears have one mission: save their mother! Taken prisoner by rogue bears, the cubs' mother surrendered herself to save them. Now, the cubs must fend for themselves and try to survive, learning to trust each other and hunt for food. On their trek across the ice to rescue their mother, the cubs find themselves in the middle of Ga'Hoole's most intense battle ever. Can two little cubs grow up fast enough to become heroes? The Northern Kingdom of polar bears is on the brink of collapse, and this brother-sister duo is more important than they could have imagined!



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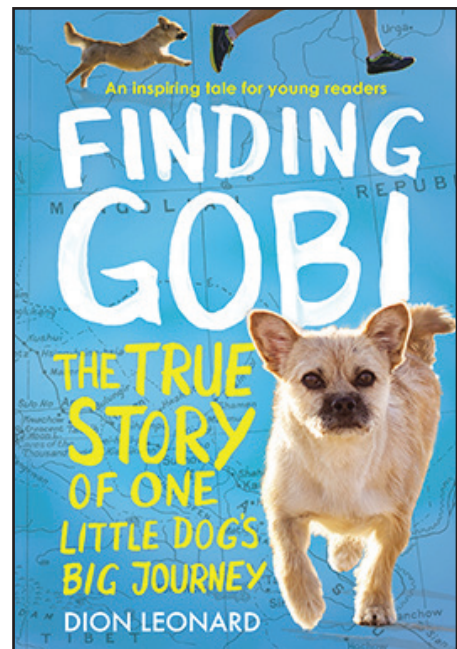
## Finding Gobi: The True Story of One Little Dog's Big Journey

by *Dion Leonard*

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### Booktalk!

On day two of a week-long race across the Gobi Desert, ultra-marathon runner Dion Leonard is surprised by a small dog following him. He wonders why she wants his attention. The small bundle of fur is always hungry and wants to be Dion's friend. She settles in with Dion and runs alongside him, staying with him throughout the entire race. Since they are running through the Gobi Desert, Dion decides to name his new friend Gobi. He wants to find a way to take her home with him, but rules about transporting animals are strict. Then, Gobi disappears in China! How can Dion find her?



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## **Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1: The Serpent's Secret**

*by Sayantani DasGupta*

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### **Booktalk!**

Most of us look forward to our birthdays, but when Kiranmala returns home from school on her 12th birthday, she is more than surprised at what is waiting for her. First, her parents are nowhere to be found. Then, a massive, drooling demon is tearing apart their kitchen, one appliance at a time. When two princes arrive at her door on horseback, she thinks she must be dreaming! But then, the princes tell her the story her parents have been telling her for as long as she can remember. Turns out, Kiranmala is a real princess! Now, she must return to the magical realm and become who she really is in order to save her parents.



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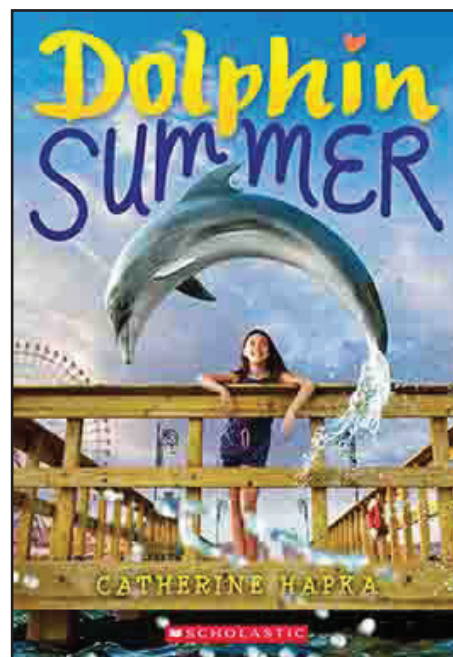


## Dolphin Summer

by Catherine Hapka

### Booktalk!

Summer vacation looks like it might be a total disaster for Lily. Her best friends leave for summer camp without even asking, and then her parents give her a mandatory summer reading list! All Lily wants to do is hang out at the local aquarium and learn how to become a marine biologist. When Lily discovers a dolphin trapped in one of the nearby canals, she knows it means danger, if not death, for the beautiful creature. If the dolphin doesn't find its way back into the bay, it could be in serious trouble. Could saving this dolphin be Lily's destiny?



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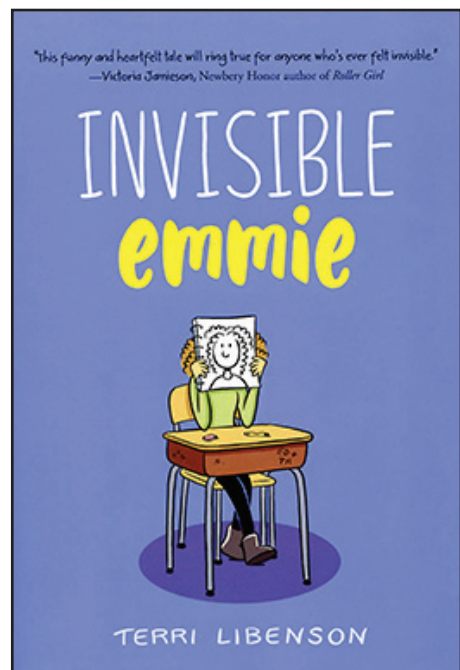


## Invisible Emmie

by Terri Libenson

### Booktalk!

Seventh grade can be rough, especially when you are painfully shy like Emmie. Her only friend is her best friend, Brianna, who's gifted, which means they never have classes together. Then there's Katie — the total opposite of Emmie — athletic, outgoing, and super-popular. She's also a really nice person. When a poem about her crush falls out of Emmie's notebook and winds up in the wrong hands, she doesn't know if she'll ever be able to show her face in school again. Now, Emmie's and Katie's worlds collide with unexpected results.



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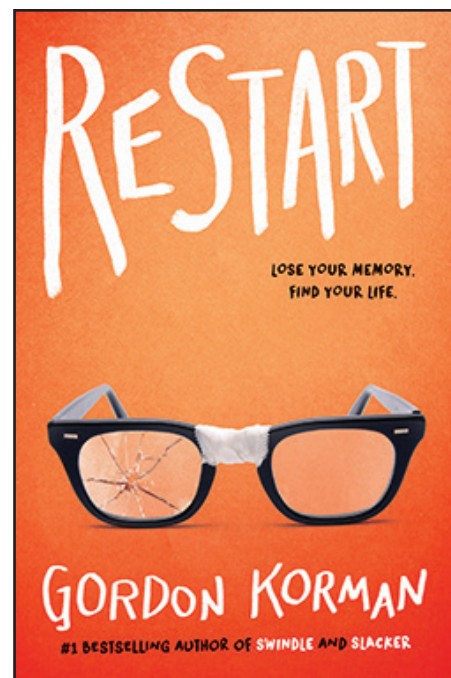


## Restart

by Gordon Korman

### Booktalk!

Chase Ambrose thinks the worst thing about falling off his roof is the loss of his memory. But it turns out that learning about the person he was before the fall is even worse! Chase finds out he was the school's star athlete and big man on campus — and he also finds out that he was a bully. He's even been sentenced to community service at the local senior center for a prank that literally blew up in his face. Now, Chase actually enjoys helping people, and even befriends some of his former victims. He has the chance to hit the restart button on his life, but which version of Chase will he decide to be?



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# Booktalk!

## **G.I. Dogs #1: Judy, Prisoner of War**

*by Laurie Calkhoven*

### Booktalk!

During World War II, an English pointer named Judy was the only animal to become an official prisoner of war. Judy learned early in her life that not all humans were kind, but she also learned that humans needed dogs. A dog's sense of smell is 100,000 times stronger than a human's! Judy was able to sense when enemy war planes were close. And the soldiers' morale was always better when she was around. Newspapers wrote stories about Judy, and she even barked on the radio! This remarkable dog was even made a member of the Royal Air Force — uniform and all.



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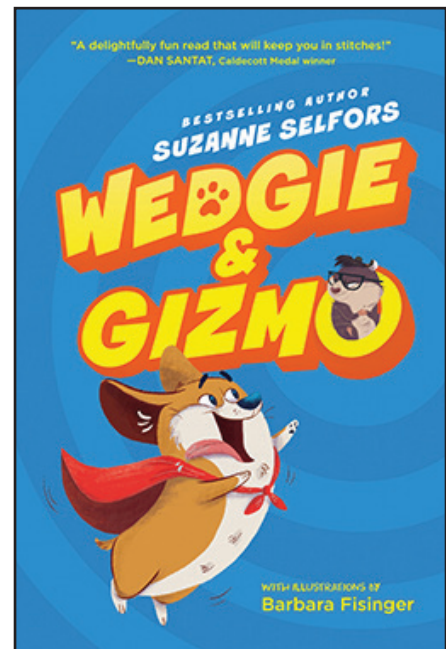
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## Wedgie & Gizmo

by Suzanne Selfors, illustrated by Barbara Fisinger

### Booktalk!

Meet Gizmo, an evil genius who also happens to be a guinea pig. Actually, he hates that name because he is NOT a pig; he's a cavy. Pigs snort and cavies purr, and that's one of the million differences between them. Gizmo wants all cavies to join his horde so they can take over the world. But not if Wedgie can help it! Wedgie is a happy, loyal dog who only wants to protect his pack. In fact, when he wears his cape, he's Super Wedgie, a super-protector, and he plans to get rid of the Furry Potato, Gizmo. Is the house big enough to hold both of them?



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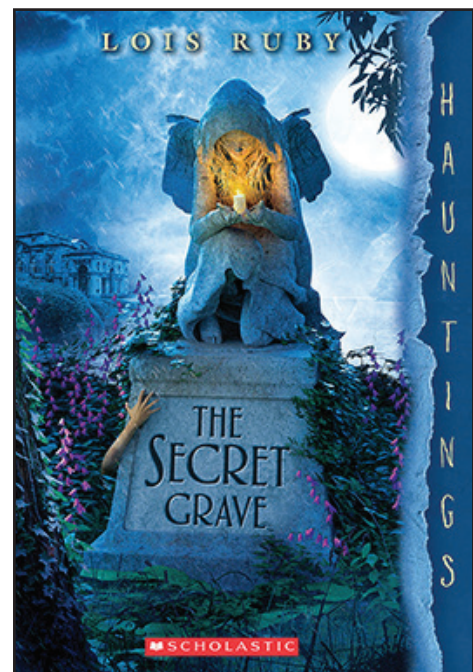


## The Secret Grave

by Lois Ruby

### Booktalk!

A sprawling 120-year-old mansion would be a great home for ghosts, right? That's exactly what 12-year-old Hannah Flynn is starting to think, especially when she finds an old trunk full of her great-grandparents' belongings in the creepy attic. Then Hannah meets Cady, a girl her age who has twigs in her hair and clothes from another century. Cady only appears when she wants to be seen, showing up without a sound and seemingly out of nowhere! Hannah wonders if she should tell her family about Cady, but when she finds the small graveyard in the woods, she's pretty sure she knows what to do.



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