



# Tell Me Everything

by Sarah Enni

## Booktalk!

Ivy is invisible to everyone at her high school except her BFF Harold. But ever since that moment they shared before he went off to camp, Harold hasn't been himself. Then, Ivy finds a new photo- and art-sharing site called VEIL. No one can see who the artists are behind the art, but she's still not sure she wants to post her own. Eventually, Ivy recognizes some VEIL users and shows them support, which gives her confidence a boost. She's also sure she's figured out Harold's secret and wants to use her artwork for a grand gesture. But will it rekindle their friendship or be a disaster?



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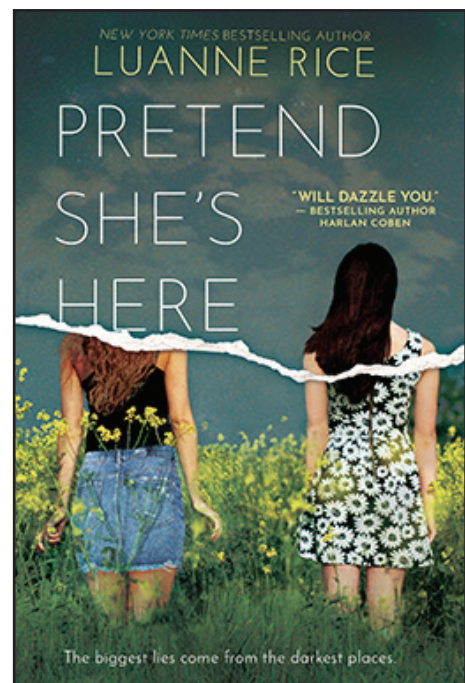


## Pretend She's Here

by Luanne Rice

### Booktalk!

**M**y name is Emily. I should never have climbed into that van, but it was Lizzie's family, and they are grieving for her just like me. It's been almost a year since Lizzie died. Now, I am imprisoned in this basement and forced to wear Lizzie's clothes and be a perfect Lizzie. If I don't do as they say, they are threatening to kill my family and even me! What has happened to Lizzie's once-sweet mom? Her grief has sent her over the edge. Is anyone looking for me? My name is Emily, not Lizzie.



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## **Brawler**

*by Neil Connelly*

### **Booktalk!**

Being a high school wrestler allows Eddie MacIntyre to forget that his childhood was a nightmare. Wrestling could be Eddie's passport to college and a better life. Known as "Brute Boy," he's channeled the rage he feels toward his imprisoned father to help him win over 100 matches. But when he faces possible criminal charges for attacking a referee, Eddie is considered the perfect candidate for Brawlers, an illegal underground fighting league run by criminals. Will Eddie accept an offer to go underground and fight illegally? Brawlers offers many rewards, but they have no rules.



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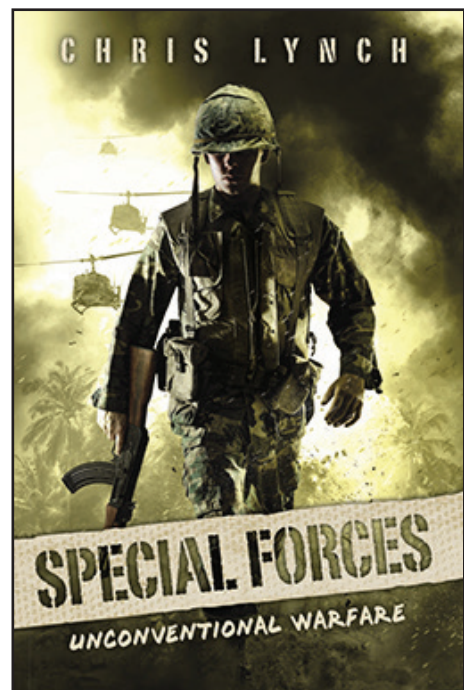
## Special Forces #1: Unconventional Warfare

by Chris Lynch

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### Booktalk!

“**F**ocus, Manion. No daydreaming. Focus — or die.” How did his high school wrestling coach become his commanding officer? Danny Manion is one tough kid and has been in trouble his entire life, but when his latest actions and smart mouth land him in front of a judge, Danny must choose between jail and the army. Now, secret missions on the Ho Chi Minh Trail have become a part of his everyday life. Not even his family knows where he is. Things that used to get him in trouble are now helpful and may even save his life. How did he get here and will he survive?



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## City of Ghosts

by Victoria Schwab

### Booktalk!

Cassidy doesn't know how long her best friend Jacob has been dead. He won't talk about it, and she doesn't ask. She realizes that ghosts don't only appear at night or in old houses, and just because people don't see them doesn't mean they aren't there! When she learns that her parents are filming a show about famous ghosts, Cassidy reluctantly accompanies them to Scotland — and so does Jacob! While there, they meet many ghosts, and the dark secret about how Jacob once saved Cassidy's life might be revealed.



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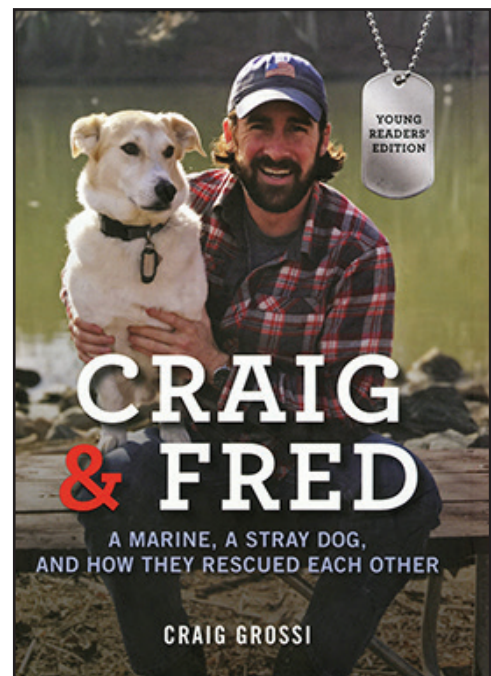
# Craig & Fred: A Marine, a Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other

by Craig Grossi

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## Booktalk!

From the second that Craig, a U. S. Marine in Afghanistan, saw the goofy-looking little dog, he knew it was different. The dog was alone, and he didn't run in a pack like most strays. Craig was certain that making friends with a dog was off-limits. Some carried rabies, and many were put to death, but this dog had a stubbornly positive attitude. He named him Fred, and other soldiers made friends with him, too. Fred gave them something to smile about when facing danger. But in order to save Fred's life, Craig had to find a way to bring him home — back to the United States.



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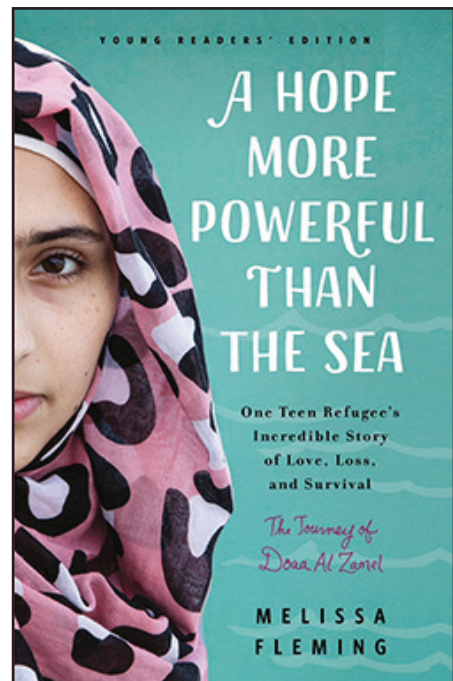
## A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea

by *Melissa Fleming*

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### Booktalk!

When Doaa was born in Syria, a family friend declared that “this one is special.” Boys were considered more valuable than girls, but from an early age, Doaa was resourceful and independent. Although shy as a young child, her ferocious stubbornness protected her. And as a teenager, Doaa saw the flames of revolt spread across the Middle East. She began to participate in secret demonstrations, but when Doaa saw her government shooting its own people, would she agree to flee Syria with her family?



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## Quarantine: A Love Story

by Katie Cicatelli-Kuc

### Booktalk!

Airports and flying don't seem so scary to Oliver when he learns that the girl who smiled at him in security is on his flight. Oliver finds out her name is Flora, and she is also flying home to New York. When they land for a flight change, passengers are told that they could have been infected with an unknown virus. Anyone running a fever must be closely monitored! So, why does Flora suddenly fake a fever and kiss Oliver? Together they must be immediately transported to a hospital and be quarantined for a month!



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## Devils Unto Dust

*by Emma Berquist*

### Booktalk!

If an infected creature, known as a shake, bites or scratches anyone, it's only a matter of time before the victim gets sick and dies. At least shakes can be easily identified. Their faces are burned, and their snarling teeth are blackened with dried blood. Only a small amount of skin clings to their thin arms. Daisy Wilcox, known as Willie, feels trapped by the dust and death in her desert town. When her mother dies from a shake attack, Willie vows to find her missing father. But when she becomes terribly ill, Willie wonders if the trip is worth it.



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