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Max

by Jennifer Li Shotz

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What's It About?

When Justin's older brother, Kyle, is killed in Afghanistan, Justin can't believe that his brother is really gone. Except there's one thing that Kyle left behind.... Max is a highly trained military canine who has always protected his fellow soldiers. But when he loses his handler and best friend, Kyle, Max is traumatized and unable to remain in the service.
He is sent home to America, where the only human he connects with is Justin, and he is soon adopted by Kyle's family, essentially saving his life. At first Justin has no interest in taking care of his late brother's troubled dog. However, the two learn to trust each other, which helps the four-legged veteran become his heroic self once more. As the pair start to unravel the mystery of what really happened to Kyle, they find more excitement—and danger—than they bargained for. But they might also find an unlikely new best friend in each other.

Who Wrote It?

Jennifer Li Shotz is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Max: Best Friend. Hero. Marine., which has been made into a movie! She has also written Hero, Scout, and American Dog series. It's probably no surprise that Jennifer is a huge dog lover! Her own childhood dog, Mork, inspired her love of the special bond between kids and their pets. Today, her family includes Vida, a rescue dog from Puerto Rico. Jennifer loves writing stories about brave, loyal dogs and the kids whose lives they change. When she isn't writing books, she works on Scholastic Action, a news magazine created especially for young readers. Her advice for kids who want to become writers is simple: keep writing! She and



believes the world needs more stories more young voices. She lives with her family in Brooklyn, New York and loves chocolate chip cookies.

AR Reading Level: 4.9

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