# WNC BOOK LISTS

## TOPIC CURATED TITLE SUGGESTIONS



# LGBTQIA+

# HOW TO USE
# THIS RESOURCE

In this resource you will find a curated list of books that touch on issues of gender, identity and sexuality as well as a variety of accompanying materials.

## How to Use This Resource

1. Choose a title from the animal main character list.
2. Scan the QR code to play the read-aloud video.
3. Students complete the response sheet while listening.
4. Students vote: Would you keep reading?
5. Display the book cover poster to build classroom book buzz.

## Classroom Use Ideas Quick List:

- First Chapter Friday
- Sub plans
- Book tasting stations
- Library preview lessons
- Early finisher reading activities

**To check the reading level, video length or to find a book purchasing link, look at this Google Doc that organizes ALL of my First Chapter Friday read aloud videos alphabetically.**

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** More resources will be added in the future including a Reading Round Up Video to briefly explain every video on this list and possibly even some thematic coloring sheets.
As always, please email me with any title requests or questions. (wordnerd@amandazieba.com)



HAPPY READING!

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# Word Nerd Daily

*an app from Amanda Zieba*



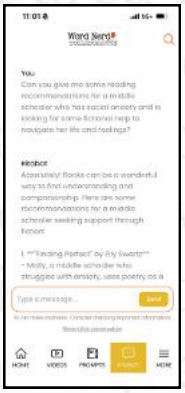
First Chapter Friday Videos



Writing Prompt Library



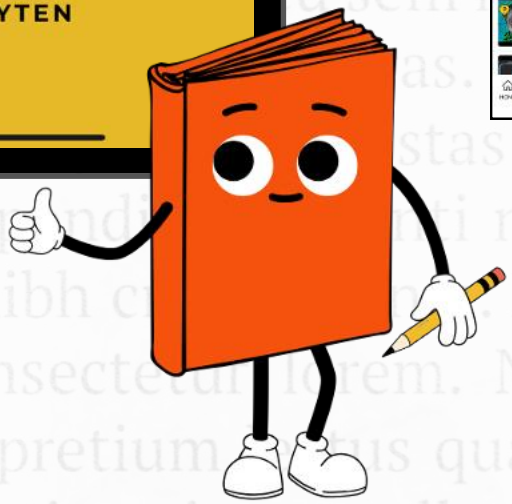

ChatBot for Reading Recs and Lesson Planning





Brain Break Videos





AVIALBLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES



# FIRST CHAPTER Friday Videos

## Not sure how First Chapter Friday works?

Check out this video for a full explanation and 4 implementation ideas.




If you prefer a written description in lieu of a video, click here.

Click here for a live, continually updated, Google Doc of the First Chapter Friday videos on my channel. Additionally you will find links to purchase the books and watch the read aloud videos, as well as book reading levels, genre/format, video length and more!

All my best,
Amanda Zieba

Teacher Planning Sheet

# First CHAPTER Friday



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# First Chapter Friday

## Books I've Tried...



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WNC BOOK LIST

# LGBTQIA+

The books on this list touch on issues of gender, identity and sexuality, but are absolutely age and school appropriate. More often than not, the "issue" of sexuality is a non-issue or important plot point, moreso, these books feature characters who identify as non-binary or are in same sex-relationships.

## When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

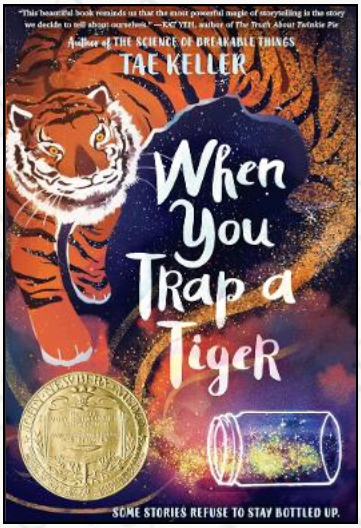
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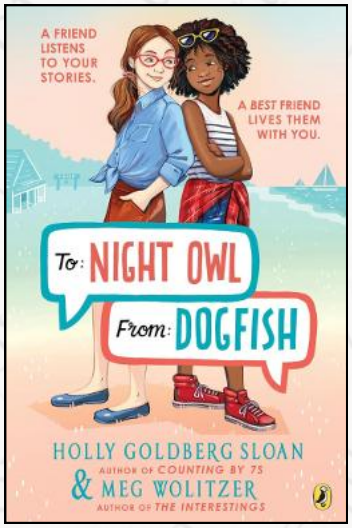
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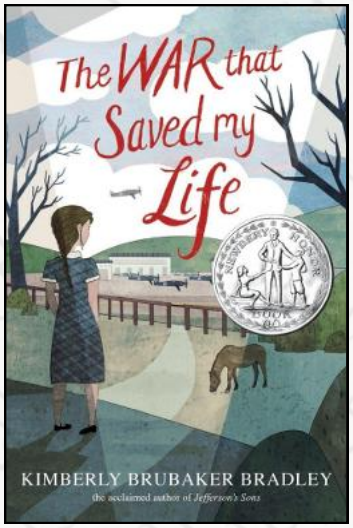
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## The War That Saved My Life

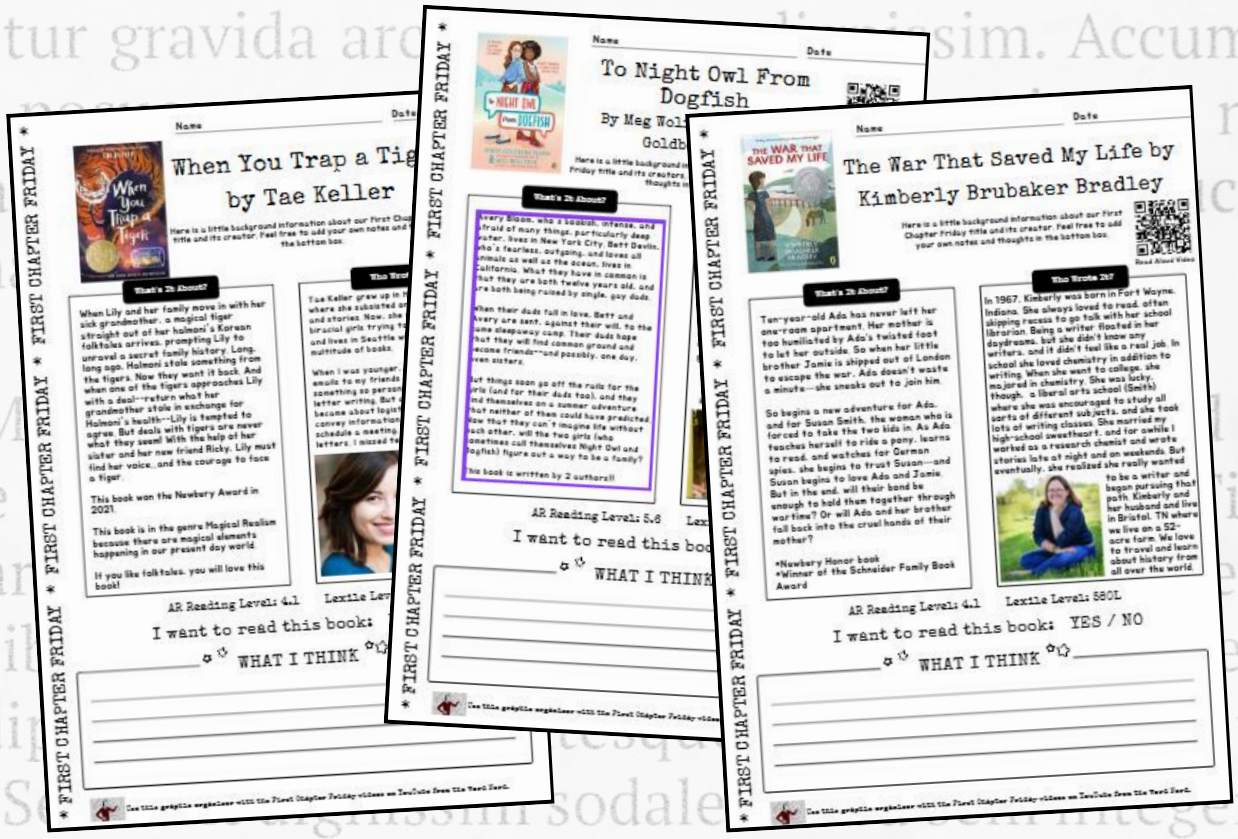
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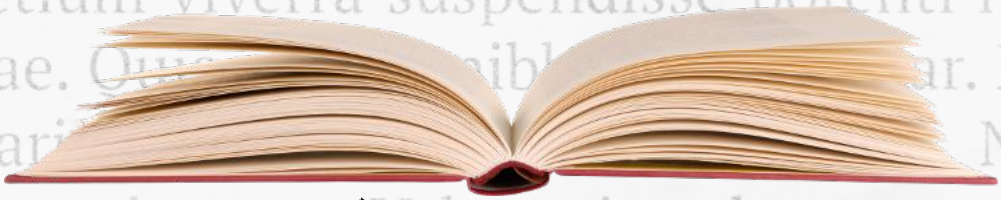


# INDIVIDUAL BOOK SHEETS

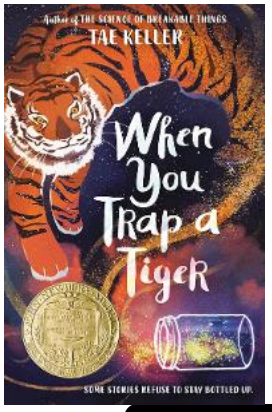


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# When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Read Aloud Video

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## What's It About?

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

This book won the Newbery Award in 2021.

This book is in the genre Magical Realism because there are magical elements happening in our present day world.

If you like folktales, you will love this book!

## Who Wrote It?

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books.

When I was younger, I loved sending long emails to my friends and family. There was something so personal, so safe about letter writing. But as I got older, email became about logistics—a quick way to convey information, make a request, schedule a meeting. I missed the love letters. I missed telling stories.



If you want to read Tae's letters, you can sign up for her eNewsletter (and also learn more about her cool books!) on her website @ www.taekeller.com.

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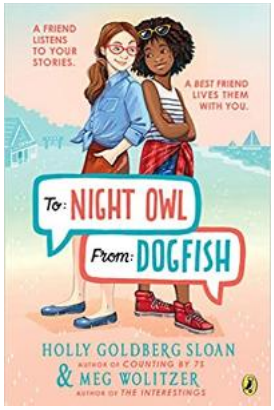
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# To Night Owl From Dogfish

## By Meg Wolitzer and Holly Goldberg Sloan

Read Aloud Video

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### What's It About?

Avery Bloom, who's bookish, intense, and afraid of many things, particularly deep water, lives in New York City. Bett Devlin, who's fearless, outgoing, and loves all animals as well as the ocean, lives in California. What they have in common is that they are both twelve years old, and are both being raised by single, gay dads.

When their dads fall in love, Bett and Avery are sent, against their will, to the same sleepaway camp. Their dads hope that they will find common ground and become friends--and possibly, one day, even sisters.

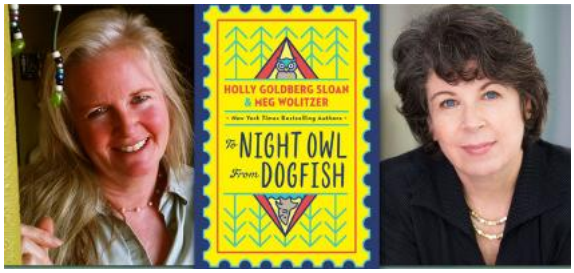
But things soon go off the rails for the girls (and for their dads too), and they find themselves on a summer adventure that neither of them could have predicted. Now that they can't imagine life without each other, will the two girls (who sometimes call themselves Night Owl and Dogfish) figure out a way to be a family?

This book is written by 2 authors!!

### Who Wrote It?

I loved the idea of asking you a question and then waiting to get an answer back. Because that is essentially how we wrote To Night Owl From Dogfish. One of us wrote an email in the voice of one of our two main characters and sent it to the other person; and then that person responded in the voice of the other main character. And so we went back and forth, and that's the way the book got written.

Read the rest of the interview here: https://www.readbrightly.com/holly-goldberg-sloan-meg-wolitzer-interview/




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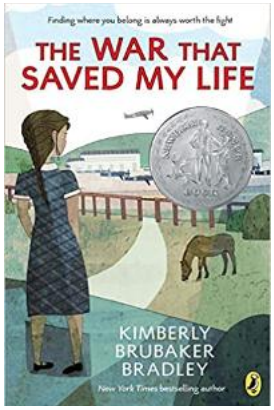
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# The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

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Read Aloud Video

## What's It About?

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

*Newbery Honor book
*Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award

## Who Wrote It?

In 1967, Kimberly was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She always loved to read, often skipping recess to go talk with her school librarian. Being a writer floated in her daydreams, but she didn't know any writers, and it didn't feel like a real job. In school she loved chemistry in addition to writing. When she went to college, she majored in chemistry. She was lucky, though, a liberal arts school (Smith) where she was encouraged to study all sorts of different subjects, and she took lots of writing classes. She married my high-school sweetheart, and for awhile I worked as a research chemist and wrote stories late at night and on weekends. But eventually, she realized she really wanted to be a writer and began pursuing that path. Kimberly and her husband and live in Bristol, TN where we live on a 52-acre farm. We love to travel and learn about history from all over the world.



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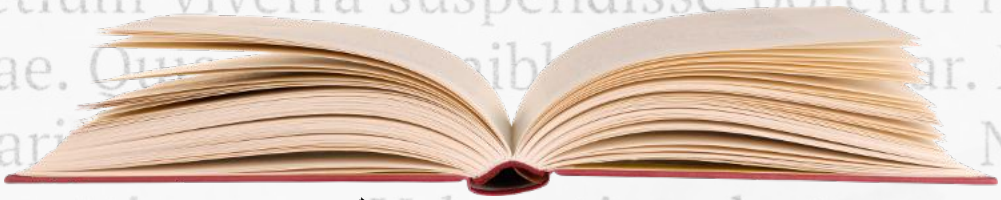
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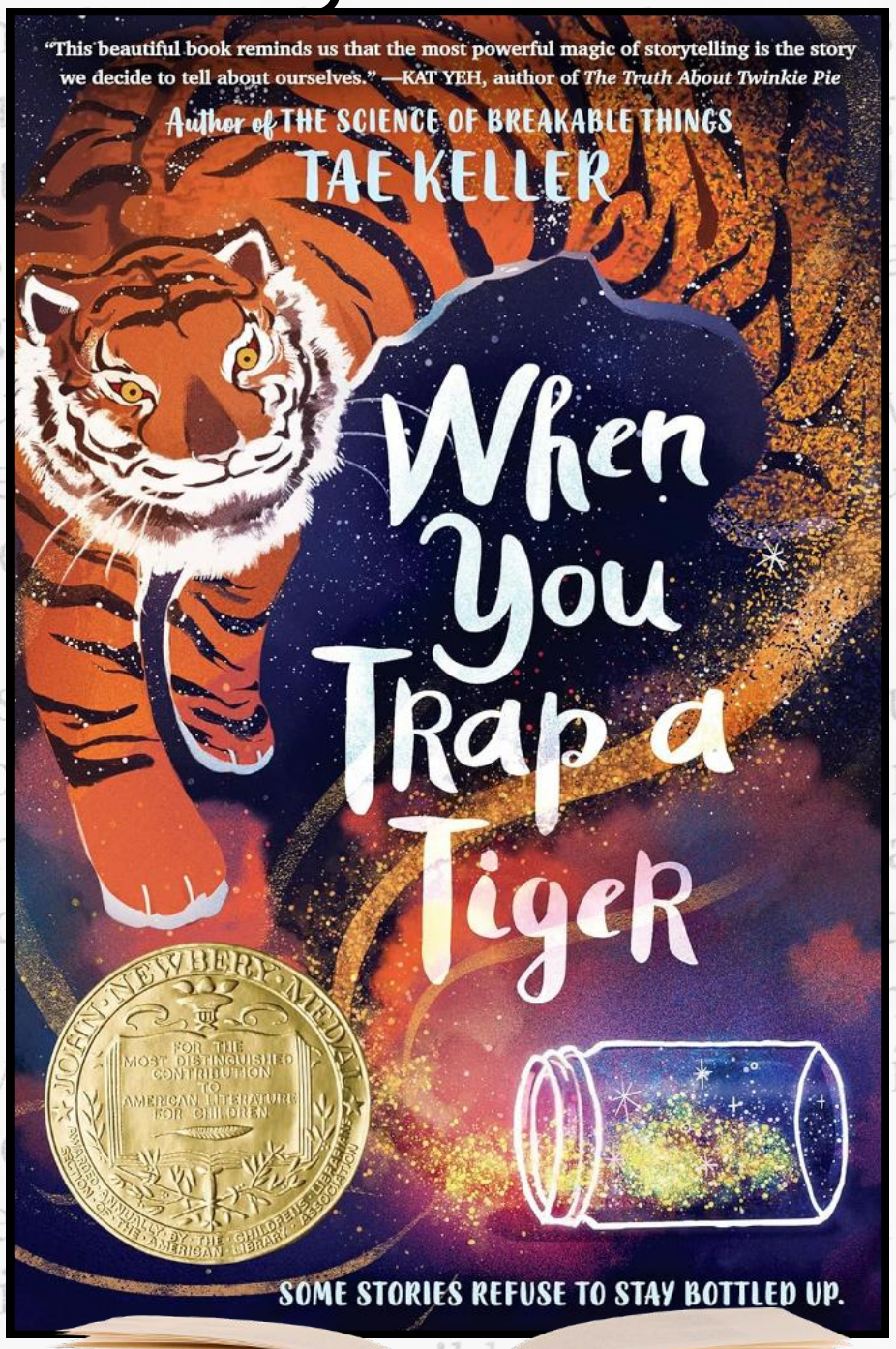


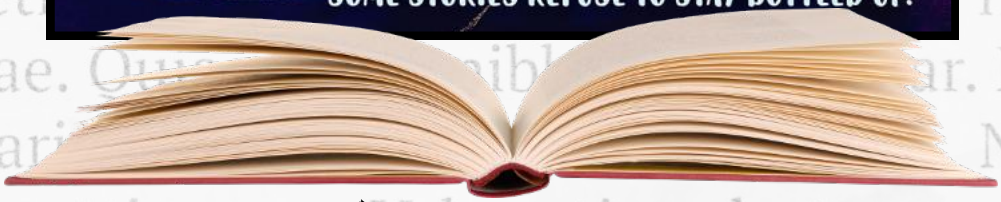



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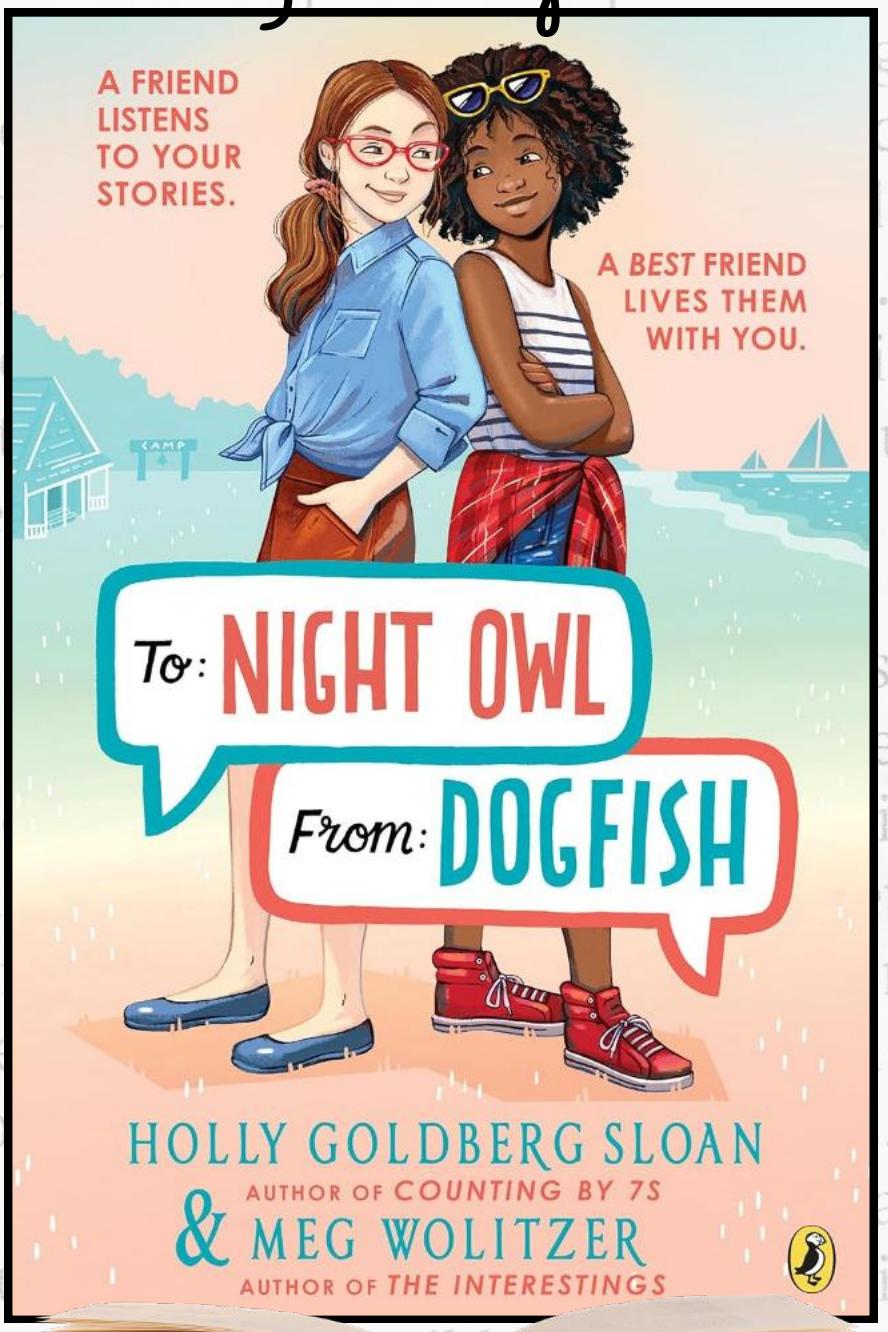


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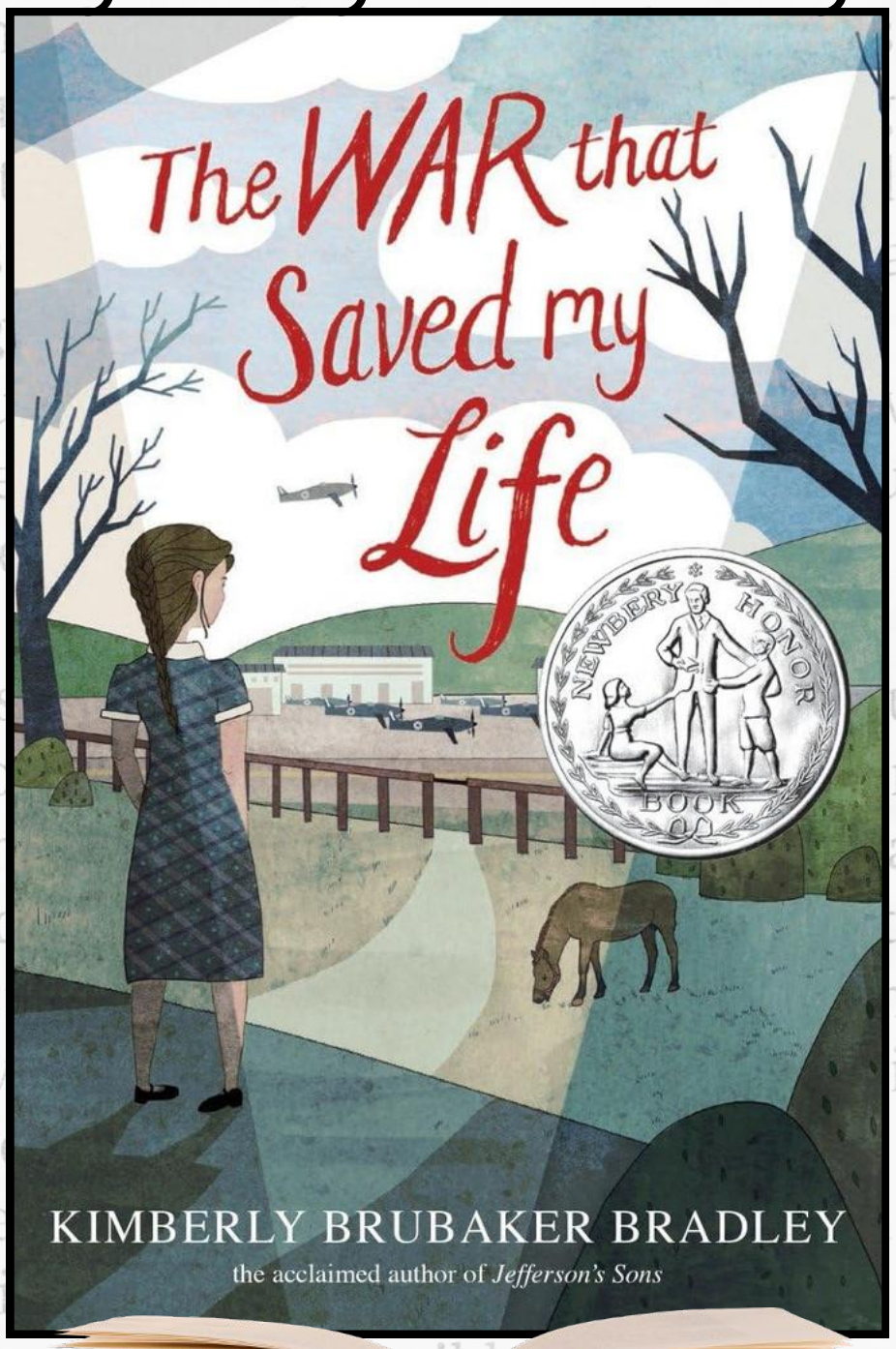
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