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Joseph can sure enough get her back, though. The odds are stacked against him, but he isn't about to give up. He will face down deadly animals, dangerous men, and the fury of nature itself on his quest to be reunited with the only family he has left.

Because Joseph Johnson may have lost just about everything. But he hasn't lost hope. And he hasn't lost the fire in his belly that says he's getting his Sarah back- no matter what.

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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—Joseph Johnson prepares to leave the abusive man who took him in when his pa died, taking money that was owed him, his pa's gun, and little else, then sets out on foot for the larger city of Wenatchee, WA. Though Joseph's parents died too soon owing to frontier hardships, their teachings about kindness and fair play guide him as he hurries to reclaim his sweet Sarah, the pony that is one of his only ties to his family. Joseph befriends a Chinese boy, despite widespread prejudice against Chinese immigrants working on the railroads, and together they tackle the challenges of navigating the 1890s Washington State wilderness, including bears, lost Wenatchi children, and raging rivers. Narrator Andrew Eiden's voice makes the dialect on the written page ("gonna," "gotta," "yammering," "ain't") flow smoothly to the ear. Joseph moves from one hair-raising adventure to the next, and (luckily for him) his kind and honest decisions consistently pay off. Everything resolves neatly in the end, and many readers will feel that Joseph earned every scrap of happiness that comes his way. VERDICT A straightforward choice for schools looking to add historical fiction with a rural, rustic, and Western feel. ["Gemeinhart's riveting tale of grit and grief is equally tragic and triumphant": SLJ 11/15 review of the Scholastic book.]—Maggie Knapp, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX

### Review

\* "[T]his is true adventure with strong underpinnings of moral courage and love. Poignant and real." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

\* "Exhilarating and enthralling, *Some Kind of Courage* promises even the most reluctant readers a breakneck adventure that will keep them turning the pages with utter devotion." -- *Booklist*, starred review

### Praise for *The Honest Truth*:

An Amazon.com Best Book of the Month (February)

A Kids' Indie Next Pick (Winter '14-'15)

\*"An emotionally hard-hitting survival story... a gripping page-turner." -- *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"A heartbreaking, moving novel that makes you want to embrace the boy at its center and hold him close." -- Holly Goldberg Sloan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Counting by 7s*

"Debut author Gemeinhart has pulled off an impressive combination of suspenseful adventure thriller and cancer narrative... Touching but unsentimental, this is a deeply moving adventure." -- *Booklist*

"Gemeinhart presents a rousingly riveting two-hanky read." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"Writer/librarian Dan Gemeinhart has taken great care to craft a believable and poignant tale of steely resolve and undying friendship. Reluctant readers will especially enjoy the forward-moving adventure, and dog lovers will be thrilled with this truly magnificent tale of "boy loves dog" (and vice versa)... an outstanding debut novel." -- *Bookpage*

"Gemeinhart... has crafted an extraordinary story about savoring life and exploring the meanings of strength." -- *Alaska Airlines Magazine*

#### About the Author

Dan Gemeinhart is a teacher-librarian and father of three daughters. His debut novel, *The Honest Truth*, was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice selection, an Amazon.com Best Book of the Month, and an Indie Next List pick. His follow up, *Some Kind of Courage*, was met with critical acclaim, garnering two starred reviews. Dan lives with his family in Cashmere, Washington. Visit him at [www.dangemeinhart.com](http://www.dangemeinhart.com).

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