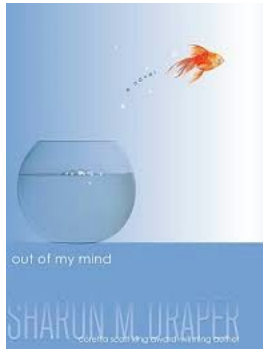


## *Out of My Mind*

by Sharon Draper

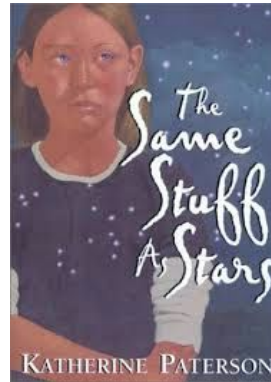


Melody has cerebral palsy. Melody is very smart. For example, she became a contestant for a quiz show. My favorite part was when Melody makes her goal. This is a chapter book. There

are parts of the book that will make you cry on the inside, especially how her quiz team treats her. Readers that have a soft heart will love this book.

## *The Same Stuff As Stars*

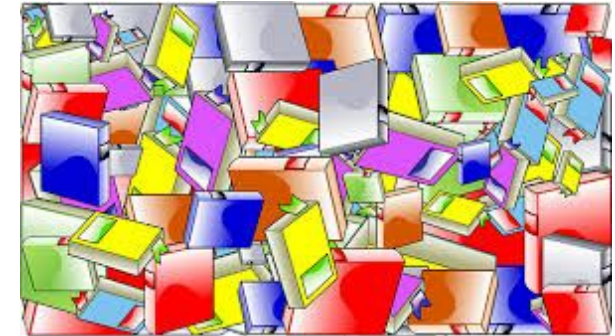
by Katherine Paterson



Angel's dad is in jail and her mom is crazy. Her mom abandons Angel and her brother, Bernie, with their great grandmother who they hardly even know. She is so old, she can barely care for

herself! Angel worries about everything - her brother, her father, her great grandmother and even her mother. She has to take care of everyone except... the Star Man. This story is about family, hope and forgiving.

# Wellwood Middle School 5th Grade Book Reviews



# Summer 2015 Realistic Fiction Fantasy

## ***Rain Reign***

**by Ann M. Martin**



Rose Howard, the homonym-lover, gets a dog. My favorite part of the book is when Rose's dad gets her a dog and it follows her into school. The kids are jealous and happy. It was the

same way that my friends feel about me and my dog. There are some parts of the story that are really funny and some that are very sad. This book makes you think, have you ever loved something so much you had to let it go? Animal lovers would love this book.

## ***Three Bird Summer***

**by Sarah Antoine**

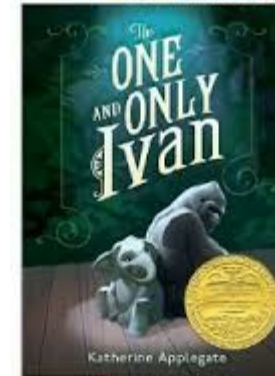
Adam goes to his grandma's lake house. He thinks that he hates girls until he meets one, Alex. Alex is very different from all the other girls he knows.

My favorite part is when Alex and Adam go on a treasure hunt to find his Grandma's treasure, a gift from her past. It's a book for people who love nature, mystery and with a friendship twist. Some parts make the book sad and others happy. People who would like this book are readers who love nature and other friendly things.



## ***The One and Only Ivan***

**by Katherine Applegate**



This story is about Ivan, a gorilla, and his friends feeling alone, sad, sometimes happy, and caring for each other. Stella, the elephant, is kind and a good friend to Ivan. Bob is another friend to Ivan. He is

a dog that is tough and thinks he can do everything by himself. It's a story about friendship and how we can help one another get by when we are lonely. This chapter book is a fantasy and has some artwork. I did cry when Stella was mistreated. If you like animals and friendship, you will love this book.