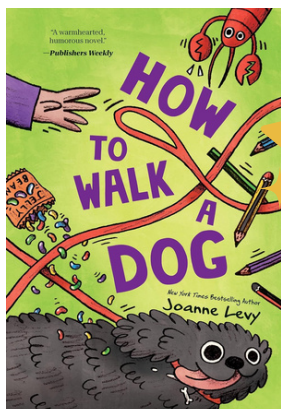


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How to Walk a Dog by Joanne Levy

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

Asher Abrams has his ADHD under control—most of the time—even if he asks a lot of questions, can be forgetful, and is often impulsive. But he's also creative and clever and fearless when it comes to standing up for the people he loves. Like his best friend, Gillian Benjamin. At least, she used to be his best friend until last summer when they had a huge fight, one that he's never quite understood. After he catches her shoplifting in the grocery store, Asher learns that Gilly's life has changed dramatically; her mom has disappeared, leaving her and her dad with nothing but a pile of debt. When Gilly's period arrives unexpectedly at school, she is bullied. Asher is determined to normalize periods so no one gets shamed about this natural part of life. It doesn't bother him that he's a boy talking about the stigma around periods—that's the whole point, isn't it? Asher convinces Gilly to help film a movie about periods for his school passion project. When their silly PSA goes viral will their newly healed friendship be able to handle the attention?

Who Wrote It?

Joanne Levy has loved books since she was little! Growing up as the youngest of four children—and the only girl—she often escaped to a quiet corner with a good story. Today, Joanne writes funny, heartfelt books for middle school readers, including *How to Walk a Dog*, *Sorry for Your Loss*, and *Small Medium at Large*. She lives in Ontario, Canada, with her husband and a collection of furry and feathered family members. When she isn't dreaming up characters or writing stories, Joanne loves camping and also enjoys working with wool to create adorable little felt creatures. She even has an Etsy shop where she sells her handmade creations! Joanne



bringing her younger self into her stories, proving that childhood memories can become great books. You can learn more about Joanne and her work at www.joannelevy.com/

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