



[**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise**](#) by Dan Gemeinhart

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*Age Range: 9-12 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 5-8 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Five years.

That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation.

It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash.

Coyote hasn't been home in all that time, but when she learns that the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished—the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box—she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it.

Along the way, they'll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers. Lester has a lady love to meet. Salvador and his mom are looking to start over. Val needs a safe place to be herself. And then there's Gladys...

Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all...but that with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her “once upon a time” into a “happily ever after.”

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Coyote’s bold, engaging voice pops off the page...Gemeinhart infuses the story with moments of lyrical writing and folksy wisdom served up with a dollop of girl power.” –[The New York Times](#)

★“Narrator Coyote is legendary: wise, thoughtful, and perceptive...The narrative is beautifully paced and ranges easily from comic to bittersweet.” –[Booklist](#), **starred review**

“Sincere friendships, inventive obstacles, and emotional depth propel the cross-country trip as the winning protagonist stakes a claim for her future by reclaiming the past.” –[Publishers Weekly](#)

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“This is not just a story about Coyote’s remarkable journey—this novel solidifies Gemeinhart as a remarkable children’s author.” –[BookPage](#)

“Gemeinhart has created a memorable voice in Coyote, a girl wise beyond her years, in this poignant tale of strangers becoming family and helping a grieving girl and her father come to terms with a terrible loss.” –[The Buffalo News](#)

“A rollicking, wonderful adventure.” –[The Young Folks](#)

"[Gemeinhart] tempers Coyote's grief with her triumphant growth from a girl whose sole purpose is keeping her father on an even keel to one who realizes that she alone must find, and even fight for, her own happiness." –*Horn Book*

“You’ll plain want to hug the world in the end.” –Paste Magazine

“There’s a lot of heart here.” –[Common Sense Media](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Junior Library Guild Selection
- A 2020 ILA Teachers’ Choice
- A 2019 Parents' Choice Award Gold Medal Winner
- Winner of the 2019 CYBILS Award for Middle Grade Fiction
- An Amazon Top 20 Children's Book of 2019
- [2022](#) William Allen White Children's Book Award Winner
- [2023](#) California Young Reader Gold Medal Winner
- Bank Street Books' Best Books of the Year
- Bookriot "25 Of The Best Middle School Books For Today's Readers" Pick
- *School Library Journal* Best Book of [2019](#)
- [2020](#) Lone Star Reading List Selection
- Book Riot “Best Middle School Books for Young Readers” Selection
- GoodReads “Best Middle Grade Books of 2019” Finalist
- Winner of the Illinois Rebecca Caudill Book Award in Illinois
- Winner of the South Dakota Teen Choice Book Award
- Winner of the North Dakota Flicker Tale Book Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Author Website](#)
- [Teacher’s Guide](#)
- [Pine Reads Interview](#)
- [KidLit411 Interview](#)
- [The Children’s Book Review Interview](#)
- [Publishers Weekly Interview](#)
- [Horn Book Magazine Interview](#)

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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