

# Booktalk!



## Champ

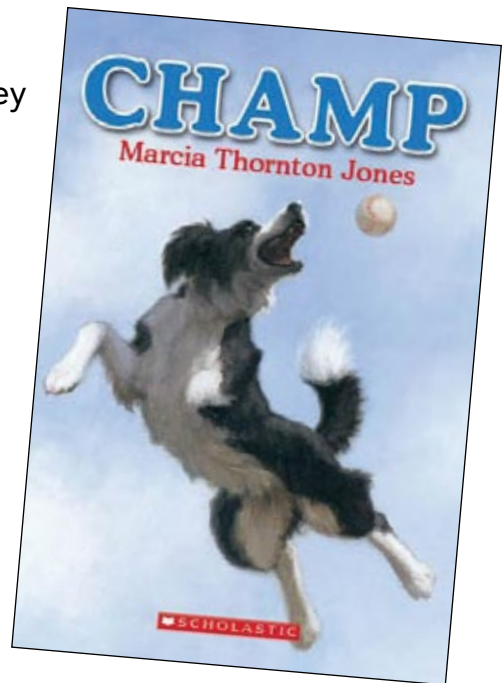
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Fifth grader Riley stinks at sports. There's no other way to say it. He can't hit, can't throw, can't really run. His dad, a former athlete, thinks Riley's a quitter who won't try. When the boy accidentally causes a valuable border collie to lose a leg, he adopts the dog. With the help of a nosey neighbor and his entire baseball team, Riley trains Champ to compete in an obstacle course race. Riley wants to prove to the dog's former owner that a three-legged animal is worth something. And he wants to prove to his dad that a kid who stinks at sports is worth something, too.

Now hear this: In this sensational story about a dog, the dog DOES NOT DIE. How great is that? *CHAMP* will keep you reading. You may even read under the covers with a flashlight after your mom has told you to turn out the light. And if you have a dog, let him read right along with you.



**Best for third grade and up.  
Excellent for reading aloud.**