



Champ's Story: Dogs Get Cancer Too!

By Sherry North

Illustrated by Kathleen Rietz

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Helping Children Understand

Children facing cancer—whether their own, a family member’s, a friend’s, or even a pet’s—will find help in understanding the disease through this book. A young boy discovers his dog’s lump, which is then diagnosed with those dreaded words: “it’s cancer.” The boy becomes a loving caretaker to his dog, who undergoes the same types of treatments and many of the same reactions as a human under similar circumstances (transference). Medical writer and award-winning children’s author Sherry North shows children how they can be helpful and essential to a loved one with cancer. It also gives children with the disease a different perspective on their illness. North, with the help of illustrator Kathleen Rietz, artfully weaves the serious subject into an empathetic story that even young children can understand. A portion of the profits of this book are contributed to the ASCEND Foundation.



“A sincere, caring story, which includes extensive curriculum related back matter that will assist teachers and parents as they share this title with kids who have similar concerns.” -School Library Journal

“Highly recommended, especially for public library children’s collections.” - Midwest Book Review



ASCEND Foundation

Champ’s Story and an accompanying stuffed animal golden retriever are an educational and awareness initiative of the ASCEND Foundation, a non-profit organization, partnered with Arbordale Publishing. The ASCEND Foundation is a volunteer 501(c)(3) registered non-profit with a track record of initiatives designed to make a measurable difference in the battle against cancer. ASCEND will use all donations to fund “Champ the Cancer Companion” initiative with a vision to *“Change the future of Cancer One Child at a Time.”* If you or your organization would like to sponsor a “Cancer Companion” package for a child, a school, or for children’s cancer centers in your area, please go to <http://www.ascendfoundation.org> or contact the office directly at 843-225-4055.

The “For Creative Minds” educational section includes:

- Understanding Cancer
- Cancer True or False
- Coping with Cancer and Chemo
- Preventing Cancer When you Grow Up
- Find the Healthy Habits



There are also “**Related Websites**,” “**Interactive Quizzes**,” and “**Teaching Activities**” on Arbordale Publishing’s website, www.ArbordalePublishing.com, to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities! Thanks to Michael W. Smith, MD, Chief Medical Editor at WebMD, for verifying the information in this book.

About the Author and Illustrator



Sherry North is an award-winning children’s author and medical journalist. A former medical producer for CNN Headline News, Sherry has written and produced a number of award-winning medical documentaries for public television, and she currently contributes to WebMD. In addition to ***Champ’s Story: Dogs Get Cancer Too!***, she has written *Because You Are My Baby* (Winner of a 2008 NAPPA Gold Award), *Because I Am Your Daddy*, *Sailing Days*, and *The School that Sank*. Sherry presents at many preschools, elementary schools, and libraries. She lives in South Florida with her husband, son, daughter, dog, and cat.

A lifelong artist and art lover, **Kathleen Rietz** received her formal training from the American Academy of Art in Chicago. For nearly two decades she has worked as an illustrator, designer, and product developer. In addition to *Champ’s Story: Dogs Get Cancer Too!*, Kathleen’s illustrated books include *Little Black Ant on Park Street*, *The ABC’s of Yoga for Kids*, and *Prayers for Children*, as well as numerous Scholastic readers. She has taught art to children and adults at the Community School of the Arts at historic Wheaton College and through a home school program in her community.



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