



## ***Timberwolf Rivals***

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### **About the Book**

Johnny Maverick and his friends Tom and Stu want to win the prizes donated to their hockey team's fundraiser—a Valentine's Day dance contest. Whoever wins the dance contest takes home all the prizes, one of which is a graphite hockey stick. When the boys learn that Connie, the new girl in Howling, is a good dancer, they each want her as their partner. But, as usual, things don't turn out as planned for Johnny and his friends.

### **About the Author**

With close to three million books in print, **Sigmund Brouwer** is the bestselling author of many books for children and young adults. In addition to several titles in the Orca Echoes series, he has contributed two titles to the Orca Currents series and over a dozen titles to the Orca Sports series. In the last ten years, he has given writing workshops to students in schools from the Arctic Circle to inner-city Los Angeles. One of his latest novels, *The Last Disciple*, earned Sigmund an appearance on ABC's *Good Morning America*. Sigmund and his family live half the year in Nashville, Tennessee, and half the year in Red Deer, Alberta.

**Teaching Ideas—Curriculum Connections*****Prereading Idea***

Connie decides to ask Eldridge to the Valentine's Day dance. Could Johnny and his friends have done anything differently so that Connie would have thought to ask them to the dance instead? Has there ever been a time when you weren't chosen for something? How did this make you feel?

***Classroom Discussion Questions***

1. Discuss how Stu tricks both Tom and Johnny into competing with each other for Connie's attention.
2. At the end of the book, Connie explains to Johnny and his friends why she asked Eldridge to the dance. How did Johnny's, Stu's and Tom's behavior toward Connie differ from Eldridge's behavior? What makes Eldridge's actions sincere and Johnny's and his friends' behavior insincere?

**Other Titles of Interest**

*Timberwolf Challenge*

*Timberwolf Chase*

*Timberwolf Hunt*

*Timberwolf Revenge*

*Timberwolf Tracks*

*Timberwolf Trap*

**Other Books by the Author from Orca Book Publishers**

Orca Echoes: *Timberwolf Challenge*, *Timberwolf Chase*, *Timberwolf Hunt*, *Timberwolf Revenge*, *Timberwolf Tracks* and *Timberwolf Trap*

Orca Currents: *Sewer Rats*, *Wired*

Orca Sports: *All-Star Pride*, *Blazer Drive*, *Chief Honor*, *Cobra Strike*, *Hitmen Triumph*, *Hurricane Power*, *Maverick Mania*, *Rebel Glory*, *Scarlet Thunder*, *Thunderbird Spirit*, *Tiger Threat*, *Titan Clash* and *Winter Hawk Star*

**Reviews**

*Timberwolf Tracks*

“Practical jokes, ketchup and some mysterious hi-jinks—what more could a fun-loving boy want? ...Recommended.” —*CM Magazine*

“A nice little ‘sports’ book about hockey and being a good sport...It is an exciting little story for boys with fun and lessons—good family interaction.”

—*Southwestern Ohio Young Adult Materials Review Group*

*Timberwolf Trap*

“Young readers who play hockey will enjoy the action on the ice as they read through the story...Teamwork especially is emphasized.” —*Resource Links*