



## Timberwolf Challenge

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### About the Book

Johnny Maverick has come up with an idea to win a fundraising contest for the Howling Timberwolves hockey team. It seems fun, until a girl visits Howling—and starts to win challenges against Johnny. The entire town finds it funny; even worse, his friends Tom and Stu like what’s happening.

### About the Author

**Sigmund Brouwer** is the best-selling 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.

With close to three million books in print, Sigmund Brouwer writes for both children and adults. In the last ten years, he has given writing workshops to students in schools from the Arctic Circle to inner-city Los Angeles. His most recent books for children are *Sewer Rats*, *Wired* (Orca Currents for reluctant middle-school readers), *Thunderbird Spirit*, *Maverick Mania* and *Absolute Pressure* (Orca Sports for reluctant readers ages 10+) and *Timberwolf Tracks* (Orca Echoes).

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

Think about what it means to be a “good sport.”

### Classroom Discussion Questions and Activities

On page 46, Johnny’s dad tells Johnny he needs to be at the video presentation in order to show everyone that he is a “good sport.” Discuss with students what the phrase “good sport” means in this instance and why it is such an important part of being on a team.

Make a list of good sportsmanlike behavior. Discuss what nonpartisan-like behavior is, and if possible, have students give examples from their own team experiences.

### Other Titles and Websites of Interest

*Timberwolf Chase*

*Timberwolf Revenge*

*Timberwolf Hunt*

*Timberwolf Tracks*

*Timberwolf Trap*

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

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

Orca Currents: *Sewer Rats*, *Wired*

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

### Reviews

“Brouwer illustrates his moral with physical humor and one-liners that have proven appeal with children. Recommended.”  
—*CM Magazine*

“...will appeal to young hockey players who enjoyed the first two books in the series.”  
—*Resource Links*