



Timberwolf Chase

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About the Book

Johnny Maverick and his friends play for the Timberwolves peewee hockey team in the small town of Howling. Tom Morgan has just moved from Toronto and is a talented player. Tom is also very competitive and seems determined to pick on Stu Duncan, who is slightly overweight. Johnny suggests a race between Tom and Stu. Tom eagerly accepts; Stu is reluctant but Johnny convinces him to trust his best friend's advice. On race day Tom is surprised by both the race and its outcome and learns that teamwork pays off.

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

Ask students to consider what it would be like to move to a new town and a new school.

Classroom Discussion Questions and Activities

Tom Morgan is new to Howling, but he isn't very nice to Stu and calls him names. How does this affect Stu and how does Johnny deal with Tom's negative comments?

In small groups of four students, read chapter three aloud as a play. There are enough parts for Stu, Johnny, Tom and a narrator. Discuss the characters' reactions and the effects of insults, teasing and name-calling.

Brainstorm with students about the idea of "teamwork."

Other Titles and Websites of Interest

Timberwolf Trap

Timberwolf Revenge

Timberwolf Hunt

Timberwolf Tracks

Timberwolf Challenge

Other Books by the Author from Orca Book Publishers

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

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*