

Winterset Middle School
Winterset, Iowa

Dear Pamela Curtis Swallow,

Your book, It Only Looks Easy, really surprised me in what happened like when Kat's dog, Cheddar, got hit by a car. Kat went through a lot during that period of time. It reminded me of when my dog, Oscar, got out of his kennel, got hit by a car, and died.

In your book, I can relate to Kat. In that if my dog ever got hurt like hers did, I don't know what I would do. Just like her, my dog, Zoey, is like my best friend. I talk to her about all my problems and she just seems to listen and understand. She also likes to eat cheese! If my dog ever got hurt, I probably wouldn't do the things Kat did, like steal a bike, but I would do anything to see my dog, just like she did.

It really surprised me when Kat agreed to see the person who hit Cheddar. I would be so mad at them, but I would feel bad just like she did. The lady who hit her, Mrs. Lawrence has Alzheimer's disease. She didn't know that she hit the dog. I felt guilty because I hadn't locked the kennel like I was supposed to much like Kat who called the dog across the street when the car was coming.

Your book helped me realize things about myself that I would never have known I hadn't read it. It helped me realize that there are worse things in life than having someone or something you love get hurt. Some people go through that every single day. It also helped me realize that I'm lucky to be me and not like the people who deal with problems every day. It taught me to be thankful for the things I have and not the things I wish I had. I'm really looking forward reading your next wonderful book.

Sincerely,

Casey Mohs