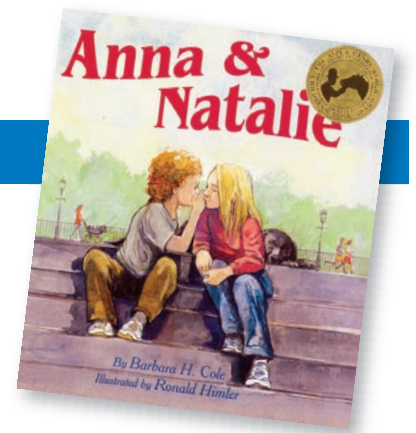


# Anna & Natalie



## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Overcoming Challenges, Service, Responsibility, People with Disabilities

**Grade Level:** 1st to 3rd grade

**Book Brief:** Anna is determined to win the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** Look at the picture on the cover. What do you think the girls are whispering about?

**While reading, make connections:** What does your child have in common with Anna? Is the classroom in the story anything like their classroom in real life?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ When did you realize Natalie was a dog? What hints did the author give that helped you?
- ◆ Why do you think Anna's letter was selected as the winner?
- ◆ How did the author describe Mrs. Randall? How would you describe your teacher?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### DOG MAGNETS

Materials: bone-shaped dog treat, felt, 2 wiggle eyes, 2 small black pompoms or round pieces of felt, glue, sticky magnet strips

Cut two ear-shaped pieces out of the felt. Glue them to one end of the dog biscuit. Glue on wiggle eyes. Under the wiggle eyes, glue two pompoms close together to make the nose. Stick the magnets on the back of the dog biscuit.

### OUT AND ABOUT

If you visit Washington, DC, go to Arlington National Cemetery to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You can take a virtual trip by watching this interview with a Tomb Guard from 2006: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiuZRB\\_4UU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiuZRB_4UU). (Watch out for foul language in the comments section.)

### BOW WOW COOKIES

Ingredients: slice and bake sugar cookies, dog-shaped cookie cutter *or* knife and cardboard template

Roll out dough. Cut cookies with cookie cutter. If no cookie cutter is available, draw a dog shape or a dog biscuit on cardboard. Cut out the shape. Place on dough and use a knife to trace and cut around the shape. Place cookies on a cookie sheet. Follow baking directions.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Texas Star* (1990), *Wash Day* (2004).



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