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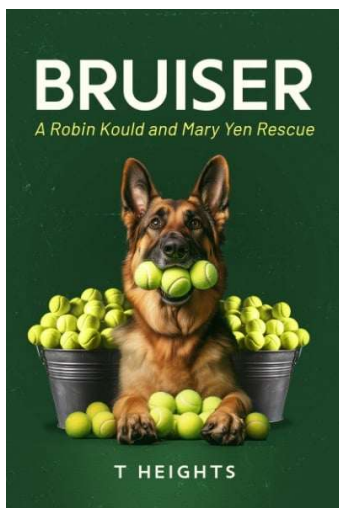
Ivy & Bruce

The contact person for the FlyBall Tournament at the Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, MN, never responded to my requests to sell any of the Robin Kould and Mary Yen Rescue Series at the tournament on June 7. It was the 40th anniversary for the Animal Inn team, so I like to think she was just too busy to return my calls rather than anything actually against the books.

I ended up spending most of the day hanging out with the Makin' Trax team. It was a member of this team who first introduced me to Flyball and many of the things that can go wrong (some of which I used in BRUISER). This time I learned more about the dogs that participate in the sport. A lot of them are "Rescues". This month's newsletter is a little longer than usual because I am including *two* of their stories here.

Becky fostered dogs, and had agreed to pick up a rat terrier from a shelter located on the far side of the Twin Cities. After fighting the traffic and road construction to get to there at the end of her workday, she was told that the rat terrier had just been taken, but they had another terrier that needed fostering. Her name was Penny, and she had anxiety issues around people. Becky took her home and while explaining everything to her husband, Penny took one gigantic leap to the back of the sofa where her husband was sitting and started licking the top of his head. Her husband quickly decided they had to keep her. (She had good taste.) They renamed her Ivy after a comic book character. Applause and lots of praise whenever she finished her turn at flyball or did anything else correctly helped her overcome her anxiety issues. She is now 15 and enjoying a life of retirement.

Becky also told me the story of how she got Bruce. She was working at a Doggie Day Care/Boarding Facility when a seedy looking guy brought in a 6-month old pit bull he said he'd found in the woods nearby. Becky didn't see or know of any nearby woods. It was close to closing time. There were no customers and co-workers around. She was alone, and the guy with the Pit bull gave her an uneasy feeling. She told him she'd take the dog and hurried him out the door. She knew the local laws about the required time a dog had to be kept before it could be given away or disposed of. She was getting married in two days. She wouldn't be there when the dog's time was up. She explained everything about this to her fiancé when she got home. He asked if the dog *had* to be housed at the boarding facility or if it could be kept elsewhere. As you can probably guess, they went and got the dog, advertised him as a stray that had been found, and ended up keeping him when no one claimed him. Bruce enjoyed a life of flyball, Frisbee, nose-work, and weight pulling (but only when there were children in his wagon—not cement blocks). And, incidentally, a woman identified him much later when he was in a parade float. After asking and hearing how and when Becky had come to get Bruce, she said she'd been dating a man who'd stolen the dog from her about that time. She'd broken up with him when she realized he had some issues she wasn't comfortable with. She was glad to learn he'd turned the dog in and that Bruce had wound up in good hands.



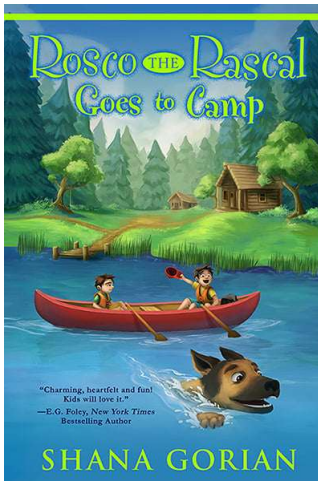
You can read about Bruiser and how he ***didn't*** become a flyball champion by clicking the picture or going to TheightsBooks.com and clicking on **Books**.

All profits from the sales of Robin Kould and Mary Yen Rescue books go to dog rescue.

Upcoming Events

Barnes & Noble Bookstore and [T Heights Books](https://TheightsBooks.com) are teaming up on August 9, 2025 to support the Animal Ark, a Minnesota-based animal welfare organization. Barnes & Noble will be donating a share of their net profits made at the event to Animal Ark in addition to all of the T Heights Books profits I will be donating to them. I will be at the Barnes & Noble – City Place Shopping Center, MN (375 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125) between 10 AM and 2 PM to sign any Robin Kould and Mary Yen Rescue books purchased. Some Animal Ark volunteers will also be there, providing information about their organization and other ways to help. So when considering gifts for upcoming birthdays, graduations, or any other occasion, give a book and increase the support for dog rescues.

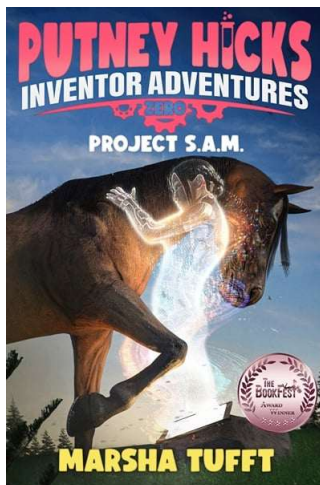
Below are some other middle grade books you might like to gift or read.



Outdoor summer camp adventure with a lovable dog!

A positive outlook on the value of summer camp and the great outdoors, this is the perfect book for the child dreaming of summer camp.

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Be careful what you wish for...

What would you do if you didn't have any arms or legs outside a special room?

Sam dreams of simple things... a real friend, the freedom to go on picnics on the moors in England. Just one problem—she doesn't have arms or legs, except in a special room where she can be projected as a 3D hologram, just like the holodeck on Star Trek.

Project S.A.M. is the thrilling short story prequel in the award-winning Putney Hicks Inventor Adventures middle grade series. If you want to learn how Sam became Putney's magic eyePad, then you'll love Marsha Tufft's quirky tale!

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