

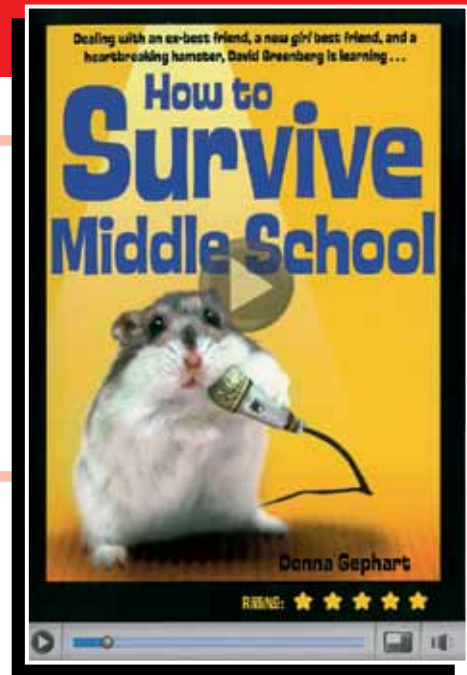
# Booktalk!

## How to Survive Middle School

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### About This Book

As a huge fan of comedic TV anchorman Jon Stewart, sixth-grader David Greenberg creates original Talk Time videos starring himself and his hamster, Hammy, and posts them on YouTube. His former friend, Elliott, used to collaborate on the videos, but now chooses to hang out with Tommy Murphy, an infamous bully who harasses David constantly. Although David is an easy target he simultaneously wins the friendship and loyalty of sweet Sophie. She tells all her friends to view his hilarious videos and post great comments. This brings good publicity to David, whose life-long dream is to become a famous talk-show host.

But when Hammy dies, and Tommy subjects David to the ultimate indignity (a swirlie) he wonders: what good is it to be famous online while still being called “Lameberg” at school? And school is only part of the problem. David’s mother has abandoned her family, he has insulted his sister live on the web, and Elliot doesn’t seem to be interested in being friends anymore. What (or who) will save the day?

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