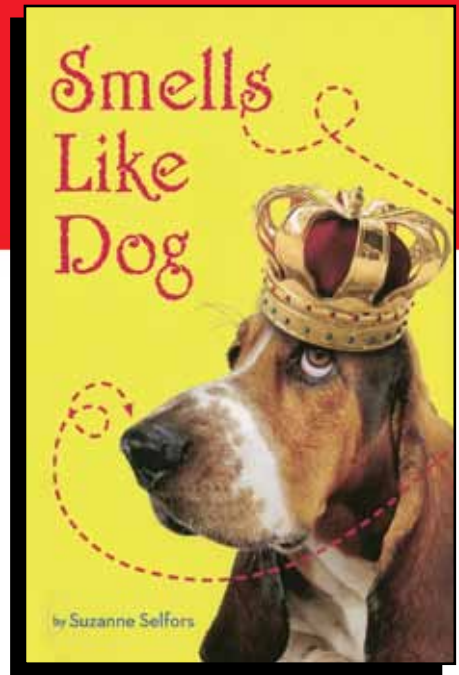


Booktalk!

Smells Like Dog Script

What you will need for this Book Talk:

- One volunteer
- A desk with a stack of papers and a pen
- A copy of *Smells Like Dog*
- A chair behind the desk for the “anchor person”



To do this book talk you need to use your best news anchor voice. If possible rotate your chair throughout the Book Talk to give the appearance of speaking into several different cameras. If available, have some taped music from a well-known news program playing in the background just before you speak.

This is a(n) (*insert school name here*) News Flash!

The famous treasure hunter, Drake Horatio Pudding, has died a very un-natural death! Police say he was eaten alive by a very large tortoise currently residing in City Park.

Furthermore, it seems that Mr. Pudding has bequeathed his most treasured possession to his nephew, Homer Pudding. Though lawyers involved in this case are baffled as to why a lazy, droopy dog named Dog would be considered a “treasured possession” (*point to the cover of the book with the dog’s picture*). Stranger still is Homer’s immediate disappearance from his farm in Milkydale with Dog and his sister Gwendolyn in tow.

Perhaps (*pause and raise one eyebrow*) Drake Horatio Pudding has also left behind a mystery....

For further details behind this strange case, check out the documented evidence (*hold up the book*) found at your local Book Fair!

(*Cue the news program music again to sign off*)

Thank you for joining our news broadcast and until next time – remember to avoid very large tortoises. Good night!