

Subj: No More Dead Dogs booknotes
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NO MORE DEAD DOGS Gordon Korman

SETTING: Bedford Middle School

CHARACTERS:

The football players:

- *Wallace Wallace - hero, 8th grade, will not tell a lie,
- *Rick Falconi - quarterback,
- *Feather Wrigley - celery eater,
- *Steve Cavanaugh - ex-best friend, best player on team, explosive receiver, super long blond hair

The drama club:

- *Rachel Turner - actress, president of the drama club, writes to Julia Roberts

*Nathaniel Spitzner - insect

*Vito Brundia, Leticia Ogden, Leo Samuels, Everton Wu, Kelly Ramone - cast & crew

The adults:

- *Mr. Fogelman - director, young teacher, puts Wallace on detention
- *Coach Wrigley - football coach
- *Mrs. Wallace - Mom

And featuring:

- *Parker Schmidt - Porker Zit, reporter for the Bedford Middle School Weekly
- *Rory Piper - Rollerblading dogcatcher
- *Dylan Turner - Kid Brother
- *Laszlo Tamas - Road Rage - moved from Budapest to Bedford, rides a moped in the first act of the play
- *Special guests the Dead Mangoes... musical group

QUESTIONS:

- *... did a father invent stories to entertain his young son.
- *... did the more a father lied, the more his son told the truth?
- *... did the main character believe "honesty wasn't the best policy, it was the only one."
- *... did a teacher assign his class the book "Old Shep, My Pal"?
- *... did the main character help his football team to win the county championship with only three seconds to go in the game?
- *... does the main character convince his teammates to help him with work around the house?
- *... did the main character refuse to tell a little white lie?
- *... did a character frequently take two perfectly normal expressions and wind them together like a pretzel, getting them all mixed up?
- *... does a character write to Julia Roberts confiding the details of her life to the actress, and asking her advice?
who was actress that Rachel Turner wrote to
- *... is a teacher a professional writer who once had a play produced in New York?
in "No More Dead Dogs"

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- * ... could a student only leave detention when he had written a proper review of "Old Shep, My Pal"?
- * ... is it school policy that if you're on detention, you can't play on a team, join a club, or go on on a field trip - even on weekends?
- * ... is a character's bedroom referred to as "a chamber of horrors"?
- * ... does a character turn to the magazine "Teen Dazzle" for advice?
- * ... is their a middle school football team called the Giants?
- * ... would a character rather spend the rest of his life trapped under a fifty pound weight, then ask for help from he ex-best friend?
- * ... did someone spraypaint "Old Shep, Dead Mutt" on the Lamont house?
- * ... was a "pepper storm" created to distract and annoy cast members?
- * ... did a character go to a football game in disguise, with a muffler and hood to a windbreaker covering his identity?
- * ... did several friends come over to help fertilize the lawn?
- * ... did someone pour syrup onto a teacher's files?
- * ... did a boy quit the football team, to work on "Old Shep, My Pal."
- * ... is a character convinced that he has better friend in the drama group than on the football team?
- * ... did a group of kids come over and help to rake a friend's lawn?
 - * What story is this quote from, "If you force the students to fit into a play, it'll come out lifeless and boring. But if you mold the play to showcase the talents of the students, the sky's the limit."
 - * ... did someone shred the scripts to a play, and than distribute the shredded paper all over the gym floor?
 - * What was in the middle of the shredded paper? A football jersey with the name WALLACE.
- * ... did a boy have a poster of a young George Washington chopping down the cherry tree, in his room?
- * ... is Zack Paris, the name of the author who wrote the play that this story centers around?
- * ... did a character put a cherry bomb on Old Shep?
- * ... did a character tell a lie, after fourteen years of honesty?
- * ... did the school newspaper have the headlines "Touchdown, Stage Left"?
- * ... would a character rather choke down a dry taco, than look at another character?