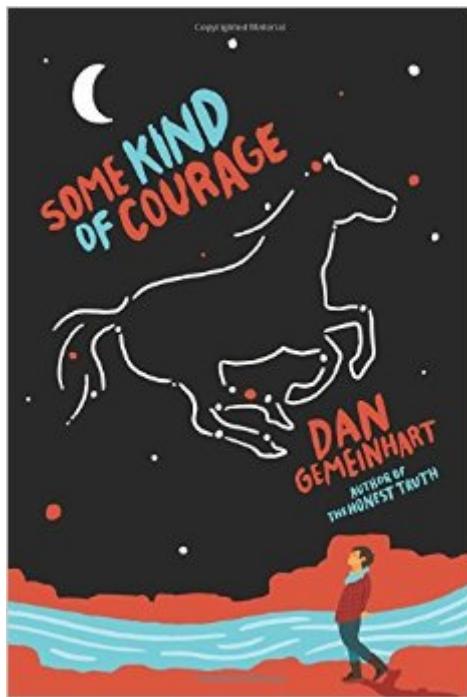


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# Some Kind Of Courage



## Synopsis

Joseph Johnson has lost just about everyone he's ever loved. He lost his pa in an accident. He lost his ma and his little sister to sickness. And now, he's lost his pony-fast, fierce, beautiful Sarah, taken away by a man who had no right to take her. Joseph can sure enough get her back, though. The odds are stacked against him, but he isn't about to give up. He will face down deadly animals, dangerous men, and the fury of nature itself on his quest to be reunited with the only family he has left. Because Joseph Johnson may have lost just about everything. But he hasn't lost hope. And he hasn't lost the fire in his belly that says he's getting his Sarah back-no matter what. The critically acclaimed author of *The Honest Truth* returns with a poignant, hopeful, and action-packed story about hearts that won't be tamed... and spirits that refuse to be broken.

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## Customer Reviews

Dan Gemeinhartâ™s "Some Kind of Courage" is an inspiring, uplifting novel. A courageous youth seeking to recover his beloved Indian paint horse "we shared a heart" She is his only link to his now deceased family; his personal mission to recover her provides a focal point for the novel. During his quest, he joins forces with and must learn to trust a young Chinese boy who speaks no English. The love of family, the courage to persevere against all odds, accepting others for who they are and not succumbing to prejudice, and the innate desire to do the right thing are the

messages this novel imparts to readers. The protagonist, Joseph Johnson narrates his own story. His longing for his family is palpable; his thoughts as he visits his father's grave for the last time are heartbreaking. "I could have had a forest of boards for carving [a grave marker] and not had enough space to say everything that was in my heart." Dan Gemeinhart uses the vernacular and syntax that are appropriate for the late nineteenth century, the educational level of the characters, and the western region of the United States. When Joseph just misses finding Sarah, his horse, he thinks "Disappointment hit my heart like a snakebite." Gemeinhart's knowledge of the area, its topography, and the natural surroundings enhance the novel and lend an authenticity to Joseph's story. Further, it is evident that Dan Gemeinhart is familiar with and knowledgeable about tweens, their emotions and their thoughts. Joseph's narrative seems authentic; each emotion real; and each reaction true-to-life. It is impossible to read "Some Kind of Courage" without becoming involved in the story and without experiencing the same heartaches and triumphs as the characters.

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