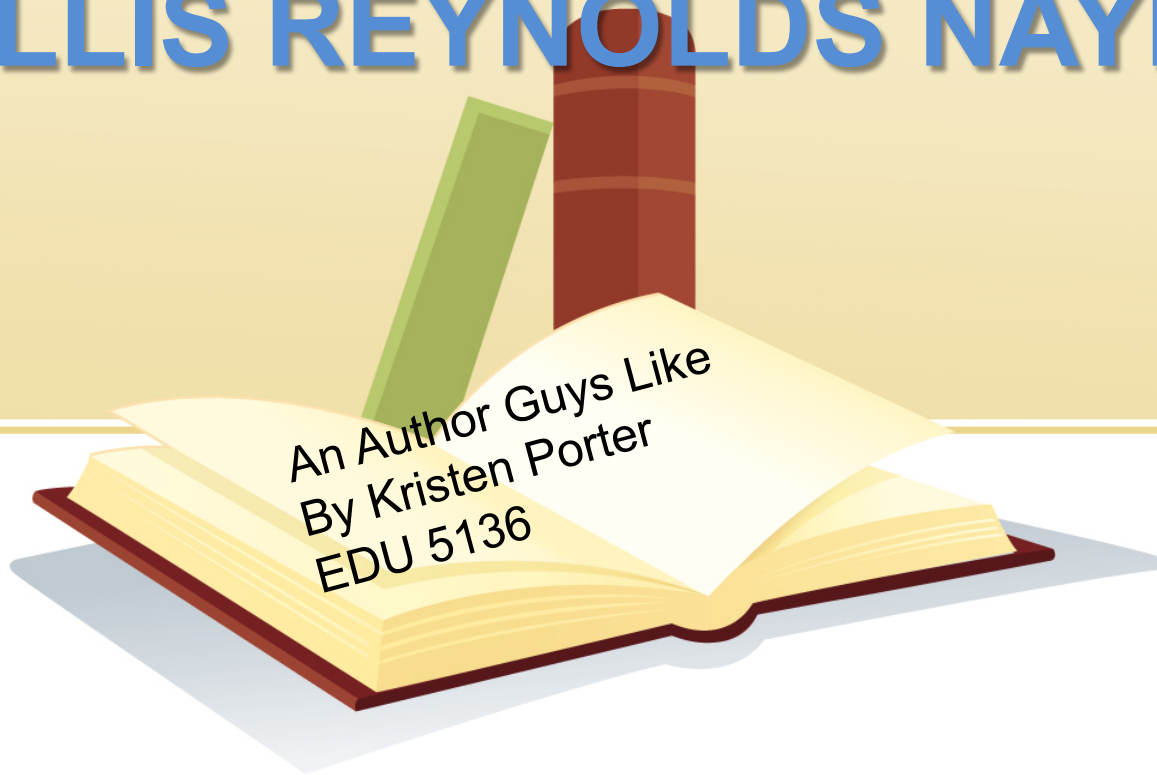


# Meet...

## PHYLLIS REYNOLDS NAYLOR



# Who is Phyllis Reynolds Naylor?



- ❖ Born in Anderson, Indiana
- ❖ 78 years old and still writing!
- ❖ Has written more than 100 books for children and young adults
- ❖ Resides in Maryland with her husband
- ❖ Best Seller, Newbery Award Author
- ❖ Writer of many series of books

# Series Writer at heart...

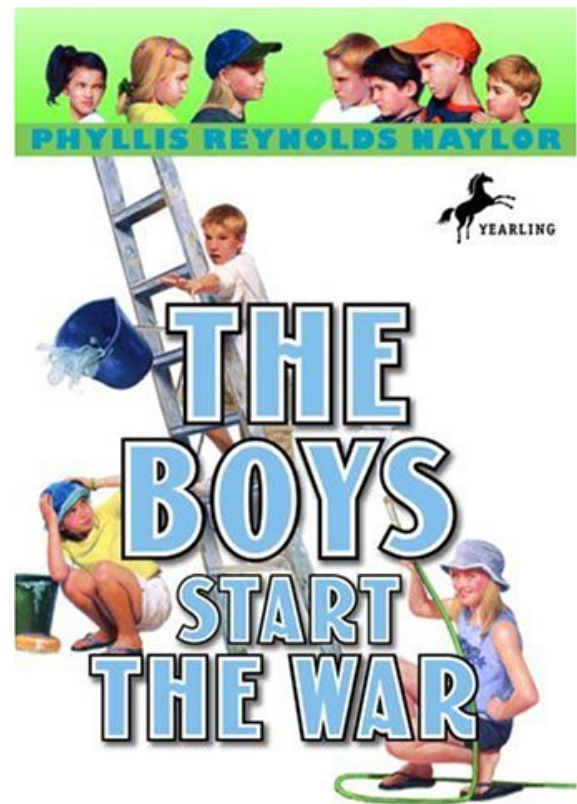
- Phyllis Naylor enjoys writing series of novels. One of her first series sets is of 12 novels about the rivalry between boys and girls. The series begins with *The Boys Start The War* and a neat personal connection is that this series takes place in my hometown of Buckhannon, WV. However, Naylor changed the name to “Buckman”, WV in the novel.
- Naylor wrote another series of three novels, one of which became a movie, entitled, *Shiloh*. Again, set in the mountains of West Virginia.
- Finally, Phyllis Naylor began a series, Alice, with, *The Agony of Alice*, which was one of her first novels published in 1985 and she has continued the series with her most recent Alice book, *Always Alice* to be published in 2013.

# The Boys Start The War

*The Boys Start the War* is the first book in the hilarious trilogy featuring the feuding Hatford and Malloy families. When a new family with three daughters moves into the neighborhood, the Hatford brothers decide to make Caroline and her sisters so miserable that they'll want to go back to Ohio.

- ❑ Topics of interest: friendship, conflict, families
- ❑ Interest Level- Grades 3-5
- ❑ Grade Equivalent- 4.8
- ❑ Lexile Score: 740L

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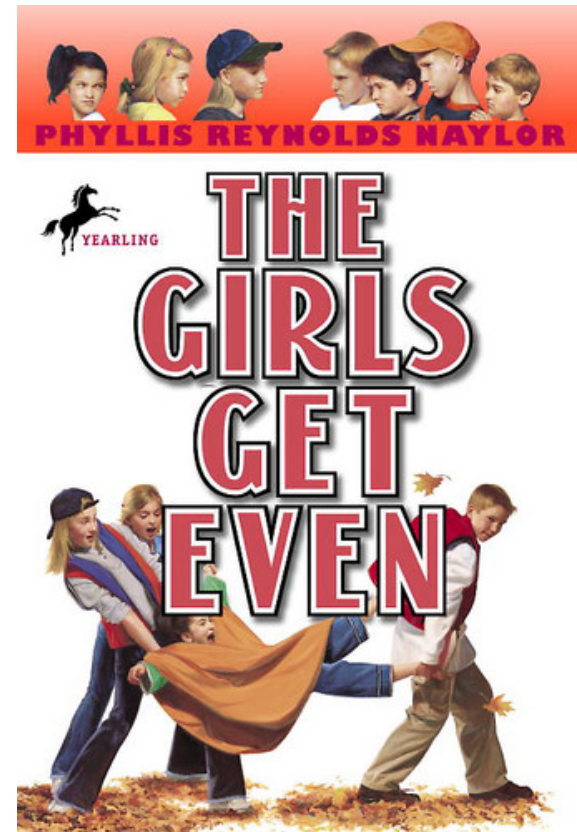
# The Girls Get Even



As Halloween approaches, the three Malloy sisters find themselves continually trying to get even with the four Hatford brothers, who have been playing tricks on them since the Malloys moved from Ohio to West Virginia. Sequel to *The Boys Start the War*.

- Topics of Interest: siblings, friendship, rivalry, conflict resolution
- Interest Level: Grades 3-5
- Grade Equivalent: 4.8
- Lexile Score: 750 L

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# Who Won The War

The Last in the Hartford/Malloy Series of  
12 novels!

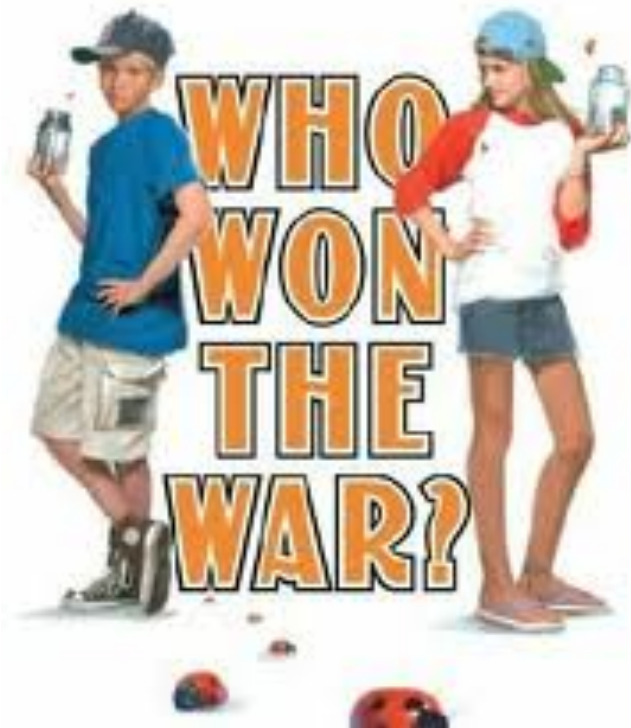
**Who will win as the curtain closes on the war  
between the girls and the boys?**

**Summer vacation is almost over and after one  
year in Buckman it looks like the Malloy girls will  
be going home to Ohio. The Hartford boys are  
relieved to finally be rid of Eddie, Beth and  
Caroline, also known as the Womper, the Weirdo  
and the Crazy.**

**As the clock ticks away at their final days, Jake  
and Eddie keep up the competing, tricking and  
scheming until Eddie puts Jake up to the biggest  
dare of the year. She wants to prove once and for  
all that the girls are in charge. Jake can't back  
away and let the girls declare victory. The wacky  
war that began the day the girls arrived isn't over  
yet!**

- Topics of Interest: humor, friendship**
- Interest Level: Grades 3-5**
- Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8**
- Lexile Score: 820L**

**(Scholastic, 2004)**



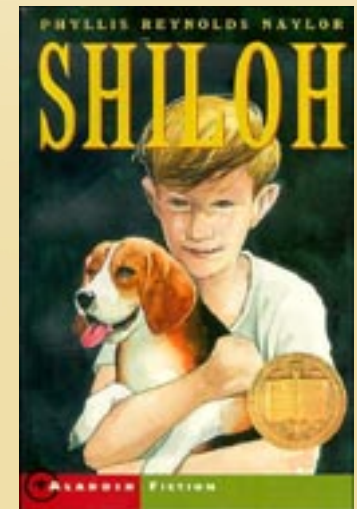
# Shiloh

- **Newbery Award Novel**

**When 11-year-old Marty Preston finds a young beagle up in the hills behind his home near Friendly, West Virginia, he is convinced that the poor pup is in trouble. Certain that the dog is being abused by his owner, Judd Travers, Marty names him "Shiloh" and immediately feels that he will do anything to save the dog from further harm. When the dog runs away from Judd to Marty's house, Marty is faced with a number of ethical dilemmas: Should he tell his parents? Should he return the dog to the abusive Judd? Should he steal food to feed the mistreated pup? Marty finds that there is a fine line between telling the truth and lying by omission. He struggles to stand on the principles he knows are right, even if they go against the law.**

- Topics of Interest:** equity, fairness, justice, courage
- Interest Level:** Grades 3-5
- Grade Level Equivalent:** 5.7
- Lexile Score:** 890L

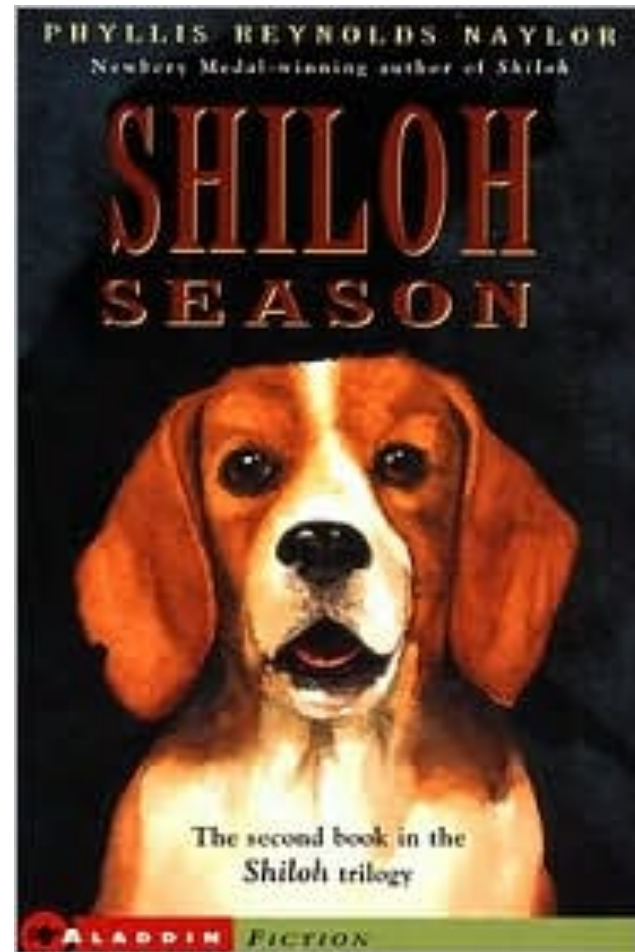
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# Shiloh Season

**With hunting season approaching, Judd Travers, Shiloh's abusive former owner, has started drinking again, and Judd Travers, beer, and a gun are a dangerous combination. What if Judd tries to hurt Shiloh? What if he tries to hurt Marty or someone in Marty's family? Marty knows something about Judd no one else does, and if anything terrible happens, the secret bargain Marty struck with Judd could make it Marty's fault. Is it time for Marty to speak up? And can he find the courage to do so?**

- ❑ Topics of Interest: adventure, friendship, conflict resolution
- ❑ Interest Level: Grades 6-8
- ❑ Grade Equivalent: 5.9
- ❑ Lexile Score: 860L  
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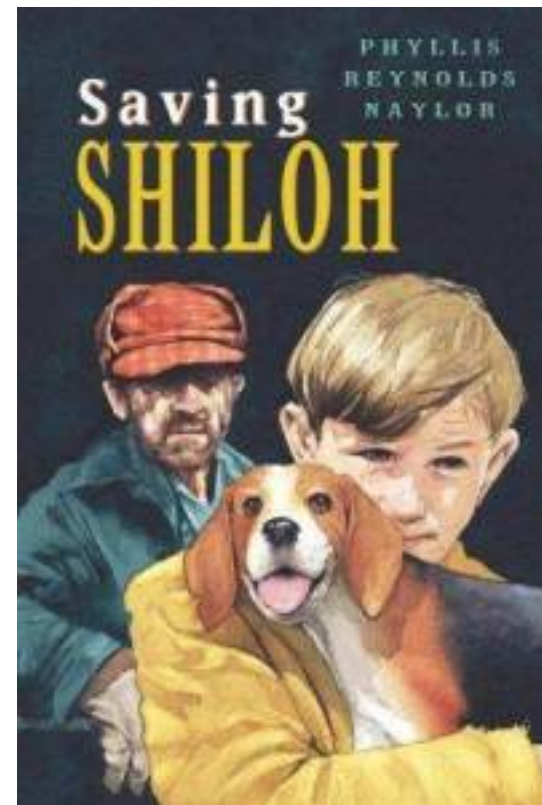


# Shiloh Season

## The finale of the Shiloh Trilogy

- In this touching finale to Naylor's Shiloh trilogy, Judd Travers has stopped drinking, although everyone is still willing to think the worst of him. Marty Preston gives Judd the benefit of the doubt, and the man proves innocent of his crimes-and even saves Marty's dog, Shiloh, from drowning.
- ❑ **Topics of Interest:** dogs, character, values
  - ❑ **Interest Level:** Grades 6-8
  - ❑ **Grade Equivalent:** 5.5
  - ❑ **Lexile Score:** 1020L

(Scholastic, 2004)

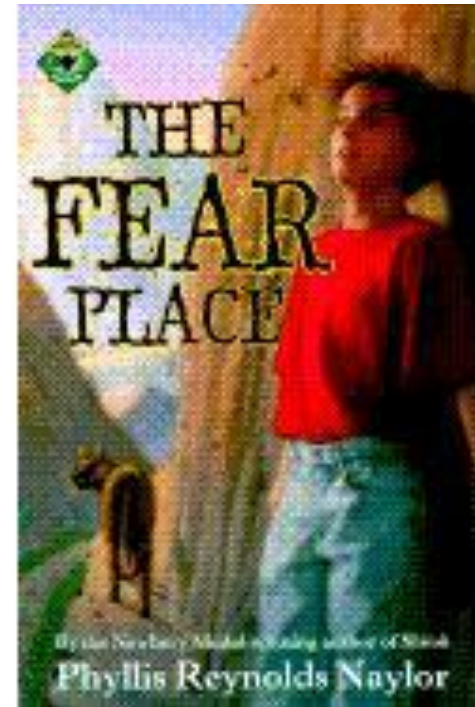


# The Fear Place

## Great Read for Middle School Boys

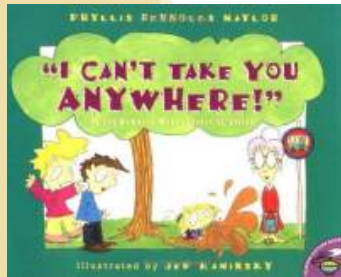
- When he and his older brother, Gordon, are left camping alone in the Rocky Mountains, a cougar helps twelve-year-old Doug face his fear of heights and his feelings about Gordon.
- ❑ Topics of Interest: adventure, siblings, friendship
- ❑ Interest Level: Grades 6-8
- ❑ Grade Equivalent: 5.9
- ❑ Lexile Score: 810L

(Scholastic, 2004)



# Naylor Writes Picture books too!

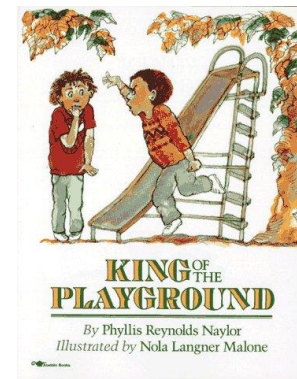
## *I Can't Take You Anywhere*



Amy Audrey Perkins has a problem; her family thinks that she is a klutz. Find out what happens when she attends her Aunt Linda's wedding.

- Topics of Interest: Culture and Diversity**
- Interest Level: K-2**
- Lexile Score: 540L**

Scholastic (2004)



## King of the Playground

Kevin wants to go to the playground, but Sammy is always there telling him to leave. Will Sammy really tie him up or put him into a hole like he says he will?

- Topics of Interest: friends, bullying**
- Interest Level: K-2**
- Lexile Score: 310L**

# Incorporating Naylor's Text into your classroom:

## Writer's Craft Ideas:

- Naylor's novels are great for teaching:
  - ✓ Characterization
  - ✓ Plot development
  - ✓ Climax
  - ✓ Descriptive settings



# Advice from Naylor about writing:

~“Write the story only you can write—something you can really love or feel.”

That’s what Naylor does, and it’s clearly a winning formula.

(Scholastic Teacher’s Guide, 2004)

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