

# Stephanie Tolan

Winner of the prestigious  
Newbery Honor Book Award...

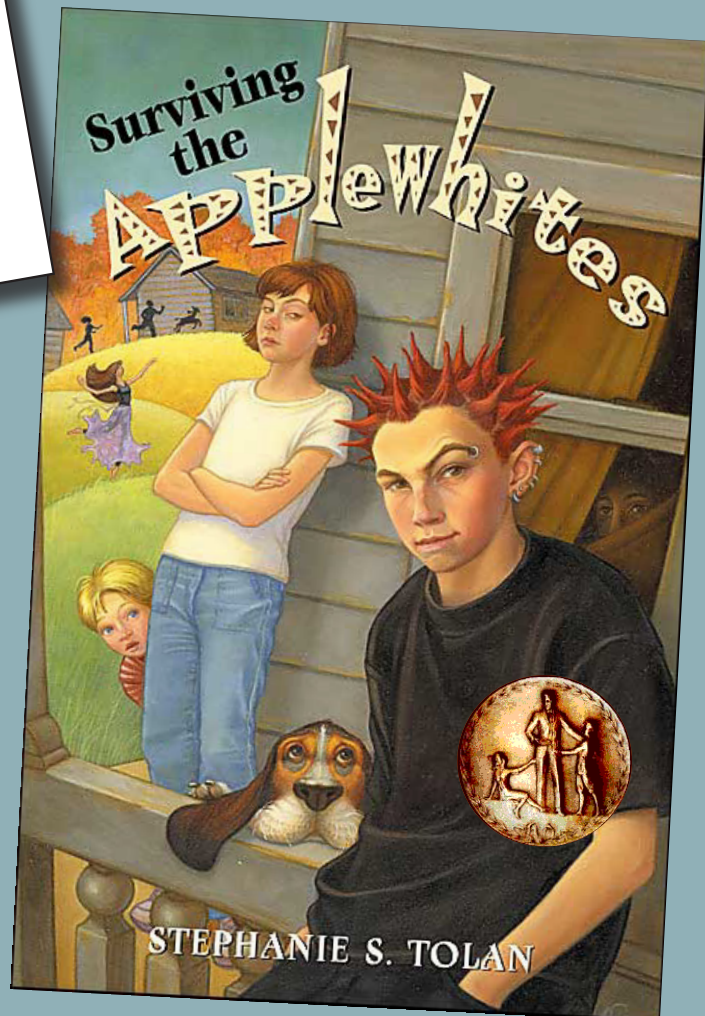


## Bookchat

“...that joy in reading made me want to be a writer, and from the time that I was nine years old, I never doubted that I would be one.”

“In this laugh-out-loud novel, a young teen on the fast track to the juvenile detention center suddenly finds himself living in rural North Carolina with the outrageously eccentric Applewhite clan. Jake Semple, 13, has been expelled from a long line of schools before coming to the Applewhites to be home-schooled. This extended family forms what a visiting reporter christens an “artistic dynasty,” with various creative endeavours absorbing the adults’ time and attention. Jake is left largely to his own devices, since the family doesn’t believe in telling their charges what or when to study. He develops a loyal following consisting of an active four-year-old and an overweight basset hound, and his transformation is complete once he becomes enmeshed in the family’s production of *The Sound of Music*... Running beneath the narrative that gently pokes fun at everything from sculpture to TV documentaries, though, is also the story of a boy allowing himself to belong and begin to discover his own potential. This has terrific booktalk and read-aloud potential, and will help fill the need for humorous contemporary fiction.”

- US School Library Journal



Belgrave Library Wednesday 9 April

TIME: 10.30 – 11.30am

COST: \$20.00

Stephanie Tolan will discuss her critically acclaimed novel which was a 2003 Newbery Honor book, and is now a play. Stephanie will also sign copies of her books which will be available to purchase.

Bookings Required:

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