

## **Purple Trees and a Will to Believe:**

**Young Middle Grade Book (13 chapters; 15,939 words)**

### **Sixth Grade English Language Arts Common Core State Standards**

Reading: Literature

RL.6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.6.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

RL.6.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

RL. 6.5 Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

RL. 6.5 Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

## Language

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade six reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.6.1.E Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking. Identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.