



Wolf Girl Book 1: Into the Wild

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Synopsis

When disaster separates Gwen from her family, she must fend for herself, all alone in the wilderness.

Luckily, she's not alone for long... When a wolf puppy, a Labrador, a Chihuahua, and a greyhound want to make friends, Gwen discovers talents she didn't know she possessed.

It will take all her new skills and strength just to survive. Does Gwen have what it takes to be leader of the pack?

Author Bio

Anh Do is one of Australia's best-loved and bestselling writers for children. He is also an artist, an entrepreneur, a comedian, an actor, a TV personality, a producer and sought-after speaker.



In 2010 he released *The Happiest Refugee*, his enormously popular memoir detailing his journey from war-torn Vietnam to Australia. In 2016 he created *Anh's Brush with Fame* for the ABC, in which he interviews a celebrity while painting their portrait. He has twice been nominated for the Archibald Prize, and took out the People's Choice award 2017.

His junior fiction series *WeirDo*, *Hotdog!* and *Ninja Kid* are adored by millions of kids around the country. And in his amazing new series *Wolf Girl*, Anh brings his talent for breakneck plots and brilliant characters to a slightly older audience.

Curriculum Links

English Year 4 -

Examining Literature - Discuss how authors and illustrators make stories exciting, moving and absorbing and hold readers' interest by using various techniques, for example character development and plot tension ACELT1605

identifying pivotal points in the plot where characters are faced with choices and commenting on how the author makes us care about their decisions and consequences

Creating literature - Create literary texts that explore students' own experiences and imagining ACELT1607

Health and Physical Education Year 3/4

Describe and apply strategies that can be used in situations that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe ACPPS035

Themes

Adventure
 Courage
 Bravery

Survival
 Teamwork
 Leadership

Discussion Questions

The family have to flee their home in the middle of the night, but we're not told why.

**On page 2, Gwen's Mum says:
 'We have to move fast! They're coming!'**

- Who do you think is coming?
- What do you think happened?
- It could be a war, as a plane flies overhead, and there's an explosion.
- Every single person has disappeared. They could have died in the explosion, but there are no bodies.
- Discuss what you think has happened? Where did all of the people go?

Gwen survives for 4 years on her own in the wilderness, with only the dogs to help her. The abandoned cars provided her with many things:

- Food (at the start)
- Plenty of clothes, for all seasons, and different sizes as she gets older.
- Shelter

For 4 years Gwen stays within a close proximity to the cars, coming back every night to sleep. Eventually they manage to stay away for a couple of nights a time.

- What would you have done in Gwen's situation?
- Would you stay close to the cars?
- Or would you just start walking, and not go back, to see if you came to a town or a city where there might be more people?
- What kind of skills would you need to survive that long?

Health and Physical Education

At the end of the book, Gwen finally finds other people.

Two men, in the middle of the wilderness, digging holes.

Her body is giving her clues that it may not be the best decision to go with the men, a chill on her ears, heart pounding. The dogs too, were unsure, as they huddle close and growled at the men. But Gwen goes with the men anyway...

- What would you have done?
- We all know not to get into the car with strangers, but is it different in circumstances like this?
- Discuss.

English

**What do you think happens to Gwen?
 Do you think the men are good guys or bad guys?**

- Write the next chapter. Write what you think happens to Gwen.