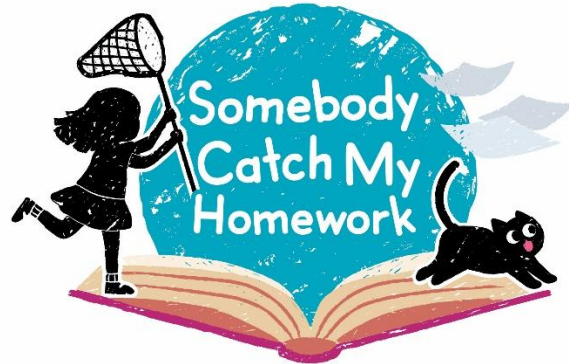




### **Plot Synopsis**

A light-hearted, high-energy look at one eventful day in the life of fourth-grader Samantha, the new girl in town, who has lost her beloved cat, Corky. At the bus stop, Samantha meets three wacky new friends who welcome her into their class, which just happens to be studying the animal kingdom. Their search for essay topics takes them from a dinner table's chicken thighs to the pasture of a bull not pleased to see visitors. A wayward wad of bubble gum, tuba practice and a sticky baby sister later, the busy day finally peaks with the rescue of Corky. Nineteen humorous—and sometimes serious—poems by David L. Harrison are woven into the script as dialogue. Instead of bursting into song, the characters break out into poetry!

### **Character Descriptions**

**Samantha:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, the new girl, quiet, bright, missing her lost cat (female presenting)

**Claire:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, friendly, outgoing teenybopper (female presenting)

**Bradley:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, bright, bookish, gentle (male presenting)

**Sidney:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, class clown (male presenting)

**Everyone Else:** this character plays multiple roles including parents, other students, Samantha's lost cat, and the teacher

**Swing:** can step into any role