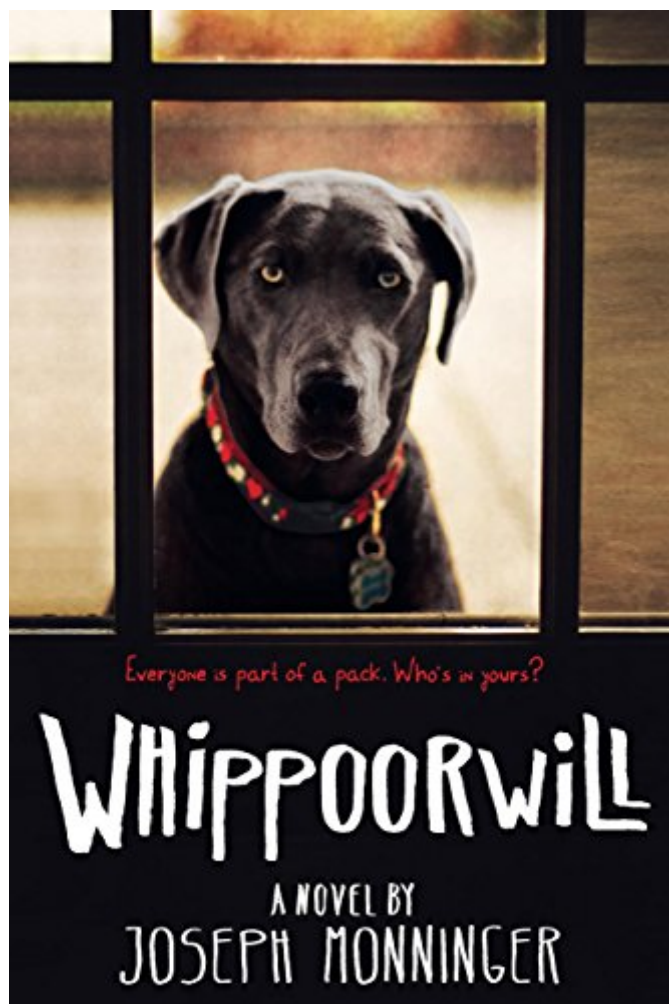


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# Whippoorwill



## Synopsis

Two New Hampshire teenagers fall into an unlikely relationship as they come together to save a mistreated dog. Whippoorwill is a deeply poignant story about the virulent nature of abuse and the power of human empathy.

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View larger [Protecting Our Four-Legged Friends: A Note From Author Joseph Monninger](#) If you've ever known a dog that deserved better treatment than it received, yet you failed to step in and help, then you understand my motivation for writing Whippoorwill. My next door neighbor in New Hampshire once had a German Shepherd on a chain in his backyard during the middle of winter, and every day and night I looked over and saw such misery that it pierced my heart. Neighbors, especially in the rural countryside I live in, can be a tricky business—even to the point of danger. I wanted to say something, and I did make a few slightly veiled comments when I ran into the dog's guardian, but I didn't stand foursquare and make difference in

that dog's life the way the main character, Clair, does in Whippoorwill. I hate that I didn't take a stronger stand, and I regret it to this day. In writing Whippoorwill, I was able to invent a character who did what I should have done all those years ago. It's my hope that perhaps one potential reader of Whippoorwill might remember this novel when it comes time to take a stand on behalf of our beloved canine companions. As the famous epigraph from Shakespeare states at the opening of the novel, The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes: Not only does the dog benefit, but you will benefit as well.

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