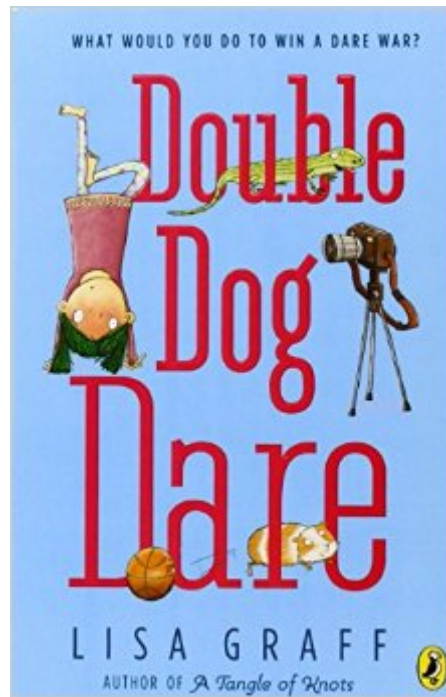


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# Double Dog Dare



## Synopsis

What would you do to win a dare war? In a humorous and insightful novel reminiscent of her award-winning titles *The Thing About Georgie* and *Umbrella Summer*, Lisa Graff tells the story of fourth-graders Kansas Bloom and Francine Halata, who start out as archenemies, until--in a battle of wits and willpower--they discover that they have a lot more in common than either would have guessed. This dual-perspective novel will appeal to girls and boys alike--and to anyone who has ever wanted anything so badly that they'd lick a lizard to get it.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

-----"Double Dog Dare"Written by Lisa Graff(Philomel, 2012)-----Two fourth-grade kids, brainy Francine Halata and newcomer Kansas Bloom, get into a "dare war" to see which one can win the coveted prize of being chosen as the news anchor for their school's closed-circuit TV broadcast, and -- egged on by their friends -- become bitter rivals despite having a lot in common. The dares are kind of funny (although the trouble they cause is not) and the drama is pretty compelling. The major focus of the story, though, is what Francine and Kansas unknowingly have in common, which is that both of them have parents who are going through divorces. Although her parents are pretty

amicable about it, Francine is ashamed of their divorce, and this causes friction between her and a best friend she keeps out of the loop. The plotline involving Kansas and his little sister is much darker, however, as his dad is unreliable and has deserted them several times before -- this theme makes this book a little heavier than some readers might be looking for, although it is handled with great tact and explores powerful emotions with great skill and tact. In addition to the divorce theme there's some pretty intense stuff with the kids getting into trouble with their school principal, who is played as a bit of a buffoon, but is also pretty hardcore and severe. Readers (and parents) should know up front that this is an "issue book" and not the comic romp you might have been expecting.

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