

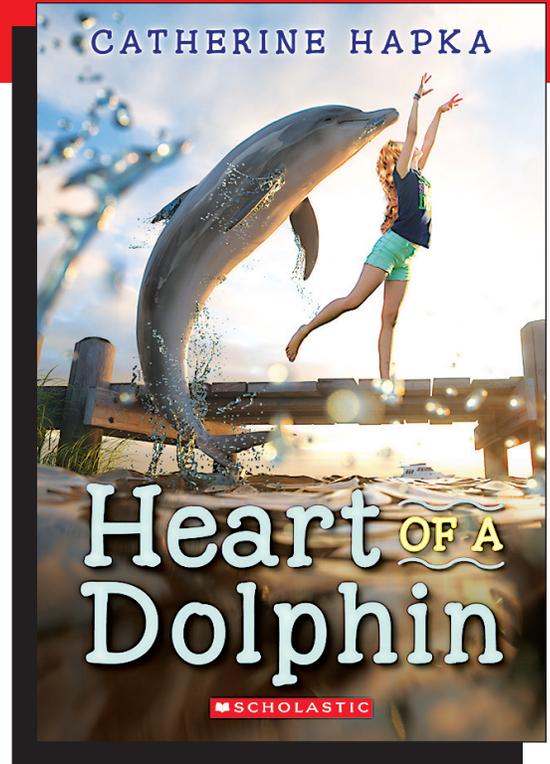
Booktalk!

Heart of a Dolphin Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- 2 actors (Annie, Emma)
- Annie: shorts, t-shirt, flip-flops or sandals
- Emma: shorts, t-shirt, flip-flops or sandals, sunglasses, magazine
- Additional props: reclining lawn chair, copy of *Heart of a Dolphin*

(scene opens with Emma lying on lawn chair in middle of stage, flipping through magazine)



- Annie:** *(running onstage, heading over to Emma & shouting)* I can't BELIEVE you!
- Emma:** *(sitting up, looking startled & pulling off sunglasses)* Annie?
- Annie:** *(still yelling)* How could you do it?
- Emma:** *(looking quizzical)* Do WHAT?
- Annie:** *(angrily)* You told Morgan about Squeak, after you promised not to!
- Emma:** *(looking down momentarily, twisting magazine uncomfortably between her hands)* I'm sorry... It was an accident.
- Annie:** *(glaring & pausing briefly)* An accident. *(raising her voice)* An ACCIDENT?! How can giving away a friend's secret be an accident!
- Emma:** *(looking upset)* I swear it was! Morgan wanted to take some pictures of my new haircut, but her camera battery was low. She used mine, and she was scrolling back through my pictures and saw the ones I took the other day.
- Annie:** *(accusingly)* And then you told her all about Squeak.
- Emma:** *(holding her arms out, palms up; still gripping magazine in one hand)* What was I supposed to do? You don't see that

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many dolphins around here, right? Anyway, Morgan emailed the pictures to herself before I could stop her.

Annie: *(disbelievingly)* Whatever. *(walking around the stage, kicking imaginary sand every now & then)* If you hadn't invited her to a sleepover in the first place, it wouldn't have happened.

Emma: *(nodding as if suddenly realizing something)* Is that what this is about? *(tossing magazine aside and standing up)* Look, Annie, there's no law that says I can't have other friends.

Annie: *(clenching teeth and fists)* I never said that. But why'd you have to pick Morgan?

Emma: *(Crossing arms)* Why not? She's a lot nicer than you think.

Annie: *(laughing sarcastically and waving hands in air)* Nice? Is that what you call nice – stealing someone's pictures? Well if that's the kind of friend you want, maybe we shouldn't be friends anymore.

Emma: *(raising voice)* Maybe we shouldn't. *(Annie storms offstage)*

Emma: *(bending down to pick up copy of Heart of a Dolphin, then turning to audience)*

Why's Annie so protective of Squeak? And will the two of us ever be friends again? To see what happens next, *(holding up Heart of a Dolphin)* look for *Heart of a Dolphin* when you come to your Scholastic Book Fair.