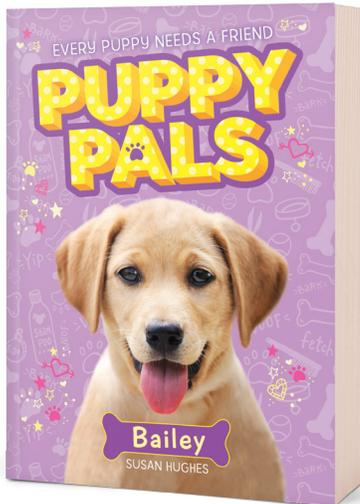


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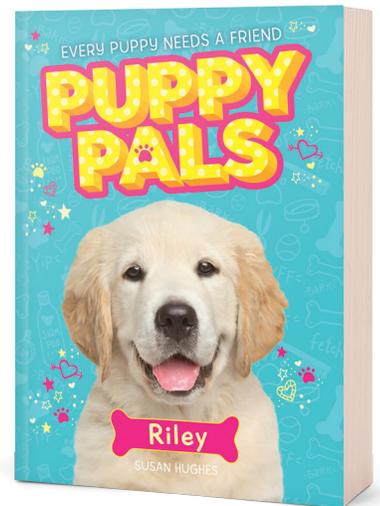
### Bailey: Book 1 • Ages 7+

It's a new school year, and things haven't been great for Kat so far. She's being teased, and her best friend, Maya, is in a different class. But things start to look up when her aunt Jenn opens a kennel and dog-grooming salon and the girls are allowed to help out with a puppy named Bailey! But is the responsibility of watching someone else's pup too much for Kat and Maya to handle?

### Riley: Book 2 • Ages 7+

When a sweet golden retriever puppy named Riley is boarded at the groomer, Kat and Maya couldn't be more excited! Riley is supersweet and friendly. But when a new girl named Grace shows up in Kat's class, she finds herself wishing Grace was as easy to get along with as Riley.

Kat is disappointed to find herself paired up with Grace, who can't seem to get that mean look off of her face! But is Grace unkind, or is she just lonely? Maybe Riley can help her figure it out!



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### Bailey (Book 1) Discussion Questions

1. Kat and Maya can't have their own dogs, but they find a wonderful way to spend time with puppies. What character trait does this show? What other character traits does Kat have? What other character traits does Maya have? Why do you think that?
2. Kat's aunt Jenn, starts her own business, Tails Up. Read the description of it, and then draw a floor plan or a picture of what her grooming salon looks like, inside and out.
3. Why did Kat and Maya decide to make the Puppy Collection scrapbook? What is in the scrapbook? Do you think you'd enjoy making one too? Whether you have your own dog or not, you can make your own Puppy Collection scrapbook. Just read carefully how Kat and Maya did it!
4. Why is it so important that Kat and Maya take good care of Bailey? How would you care for a puppy if you were looking after one?
5. Megan and Cora tease Kat. How does it make her feel? Think of something you'd say to tease a friend in a friendly way. How would your friend be able to tell that you weren't trying to be mean?

### Riley (Book 2) Discussion Questions

1. What is Kat's favorite daydream? What do you like to daydream about?
2. Kat and Maya are so happy to meet the golden retriever puppy Riley! How can the girls usually tell when a puppy is happy and wants to play? What clues do we use to figure out how people feel?
3. Kat felt uncomfortable when Ms. Mitchell put Grace in the desk beside her. Why? Have you ever felt that way about someone? Why? What did you do about it? If you could give advice to someone else in a similar situation, what would it be?
4. Kat and Maya were always in the same class—until this year. How do they feel about being in separate classes? Have you ever felt this way when you've been separated from your friends? What was something good that came as a result of this?
5. Why don't Kat and Maya want anyone else to find out about the Puppy Collection? Explain whether you'd feel the same way.
6. Kat loves telling jokes. In fact, she tells Maya one every day. Why do you think she does this? What are some of your favorite jokes?

