

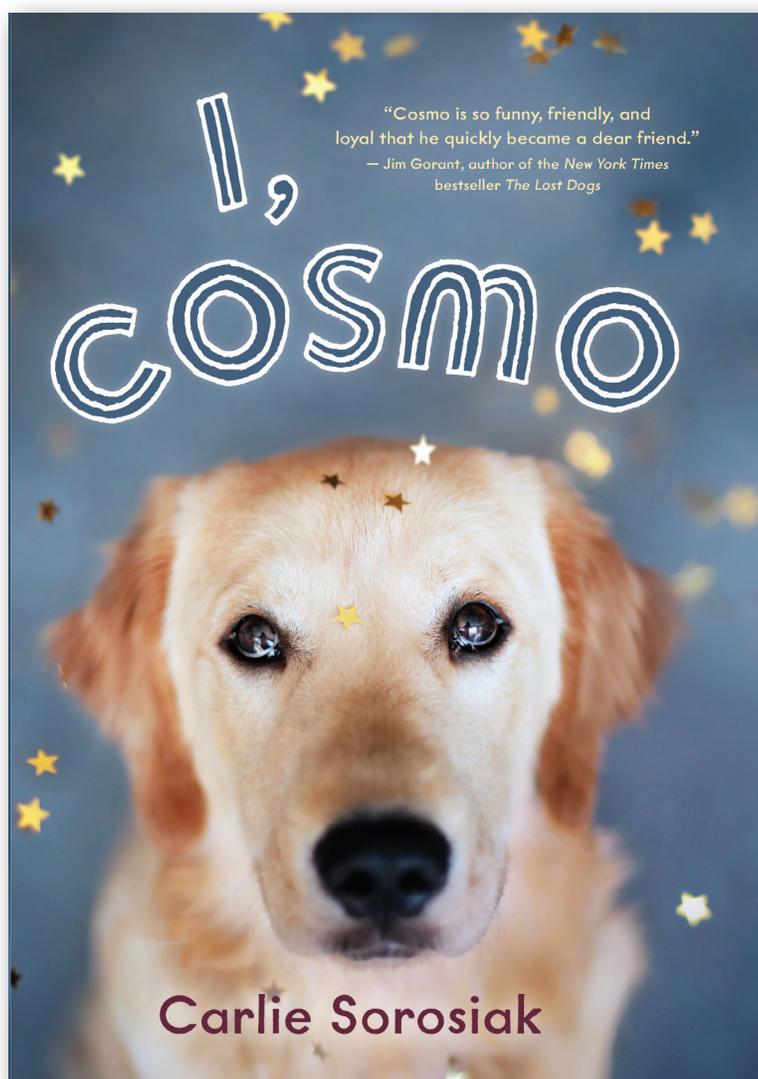
I, COSMO

CARLIE SOROSIAK

A golden retriever narrates a hilarious, heart-tugging tale of a dog and his humans as he tries to keep his family together while everything around them falls apart.

Ever since Cosmo became a big brother to Max ten years ago, he's known what his job is: to protect his boy and make him happy. Through many good years marked by tennis balls and pilfered turkey, torn-up toilet paper and fragrant goose poop, Cosmo has doggedly kept his vow. Until recently, his biggest problems were the evil tutu-wearing sheepdog he met on Halloween and the arthritis in his own joints. But now, with Dad-scented blankets appearing on the couch and arguing voices getting louder, Cosmo senses a tougher challenge ahead. When Max gets a crazy idea to teach them both a dance routine for a contest, how can Cosmo refuse, stiff hips or no? Max wants to remind his folks of all the great times they've had together dancing—and make them forget about the “d” word that's making them all cry. Told in the open, optimistic, unintentionally humorous voice of a golden retriever, *I, Cosmo* will grab readers from the first page—and remind them that love and loyalty transcend whatever life throws your way.

Media Contact: Anna Gjestebj Abell,
Marketing and Publicity Associate
anna.abell@candlewick.com • 617-588-4432



On sale December 24, 2019

HC: 978-1-5362-0769-9 • \$16.99 (\$22.99 CAN) • Ages 8–12 • 288 pages

Also available as an e-book

#icosmo


WALKER BOOKS US
A DIVISION OF CANDLEWICK PRESS



A NOTE

from CARLIE SOROSIAK

I have always wanted to write a book from a dog's perspective, because dogs have always been my closest friends. I could talk to them when it seemed like no one else was listening. Growing up, I had a golden retriever named Ralphie, who was part of the inspiration for Cosmo; he loved doggedly no matter what. Much like Cosmo and Max, Ralphie and I wandered the woods together, watched TV together, danced together across the living room floor. I owe so much to him—and to all the dogs who've irrevocably shaped my life. *I, Cosmo* is a love letter to the dirt-diggers, to the goose-chasers, to every dog who's looked at a couch and said, *Yes, I could sleep on that*. I don't know where I'd be without them.



Carlie Sorosiak is the author of two novels for young adults, *If Birds Fly Back* and *Wild Blue Wonder*. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.