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Editorial Review

Review

“The Applewhites remain humorous, heartwarming and devoted to their respective crafts and each other.”
(Kirkus Reviews)

“Props to Tolan for keeping the plates spinning and attempting what so few authors for young readers do: switching points of view. A fun time was had by all.” (Booklist)

“The endearing family of freewheeling artists from *Surviving the Applewhites* returns for an encore that is cleverly plotted, emotionally satisfying, and highly entertaining. Tolan handles the large cast of characters with élan. Themes of creativity, individuality, and cooperation are explored as the roller-coaster plot unfolds and humorous moments abound.” (School Library Journal)

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “Tolan has pulled off something special here.” (Booklist (starred review))

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “This has terrific booktalk and read-aloud potential, and will help fill the need for humorous contemporary fiction.” (School Library Journal (starred review))

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “Humor abounds in the ever-building chaos.” (Publishers Weekly)

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “The novel is pure fun.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (Starred Review))

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “Reminiscent of the loud, loving, eccentric family in Kaufman and Hart’s *You Can’t Take It With You*, the Applewhites are brilliantly talented and wildly adverse to mainstream mentality.” (Kirkus Reviews)

Praise for *SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES*: “An engaging, satisfying, and entertaining romp.” (KLIATT)

From the Back Cover

When the famously artistic Applewhites fall on hard times, they turn their sixteen-acre home, Wit's End, into *Eureka!*, a summer camp for creative children. It *seems* like a good idea. . . .

But amid the ordinary chaos of temperamental artists and headstrong campers, anonymous, threatening notes begin to appear in the Applewhites' mailbox. As the only two level-headed ones in the bunch, E.D. Applewhite and Jake Semple are determined to get to the bottom of things. Will they be able to save the camp—and the family—from disaster?

About the Author

Stephanie S. Tolan is the author of more than twenty-five books for young readers, including *Listen!*, which won the Christopher Award and the Henry Bergh ASPCA Award. Her *New York Times* bestselling novel

Surviving the Applewhites received a Newbery Honor and was named a Smithsonian Magazine Notable Book for Children, a *School Library Journal* Best Book, an ALA *Booklist* Editors' Choice, an American Library Association Notable Children's Book, and an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults. Tolan lives on a little lake in a big woods in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband (Bob), two dogs (Coyote—the real dog from *Listen!*—and Samantha), one cat (Puck), and plenty of outdoor creatures.

Users Review

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