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When Kaya befriends a lone dog that has wandered near her camp, others in the village warn her to be careful. Dogs don't usually live by themselves, and some people think the lone dog is not to be trusted. But Kaya brings the dog food and can feel her gratefulness. After Lone Dog gives birth to pups, she lets Kaya be a part of her new family. When Kaya looks into Lone Dog's eyes, it's as if the dog is speaking to her. Kaya's grandmother tells her that if an animal speaks to her, she needs to listen. But as the pups grow older, Lone Dog has something else to say -- something that Kaya doesn't want to hear.

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### **Marian says**

Oddly enough, I think this is the one that made me tear up most, simply because when you look at it, up til this point everything Kaya loves seems to disappear. So it makes sense that she'd want something as close to permanent as a pet would be.

And of course, since she's Kaya, it doesn't work out quite as well as she'd hoped.

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### **Danae says**

I'm a sucker for animals. I enjoyed the dogs in this one.

That's all I've got. Sorry I forgot to write this review sooner!

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### **Leona Carstairs says**

I really like how she befriends a lone dog. Kaya continues to mature and grow and try to better herself and fix her faults. A very good role model and a series I would really recommend for both boys and girls at the ages of 8, 9 and 10. Or even a bit younger.

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### **Tara says**

9/7/12 - Got this today at a sale up by mom \$0.30.

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### **Bree says**

This review is from the perspective of a mother - Kaya's fourth book focuses on Kaya's love of animals, and hints at her special skills in this area.

Kaya continues to be a bit impetuous, but she is showing development and more thoughtfulness. She remembers a previous vow and helps a pregnant wolf/dog hybrid, even though her family cautions that it could be dangerous to her and others. I'm not sure how I feel about the ending to this book, as a parent. Kaya takes big risks with Lone Dog, and the consequences end up being emotional (she loses another animal), rather than the more likely outcome of a person being hurt. The good news is that for once, Kaya gets to keep something!

One of the more realistic things about the Kaya series is that she does continue to grieve the people and animals she has lost.

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### **Rachel says**

Kaya is really starting to mature, she is making decisions based on how they will affect those around her. I'm really glad this series is showing some real maturing and positive changes for a girl, it's the kind of thing we want girls today to do as well.

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### **Aj says**

I like it.

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### **Angie says**

While the literary merit is not the highest, there is some good vocabulary here. What I appreciate most about this book - and others in the series - is that it takes a girl with childish flaws and shows her developing self-mastery and growth as she works to become the person she wants to be, which is a great example for girls of this age who are going through the same things. As usual, I love the section at the end of the book that gives us some history and information about the Nez Perce people, their lifestyle, and traditions.

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### **Melissa says**

Kaya and Lone Dog was a great addition to the series. It picks up not long after the last book. Kaya is dealing with the lingering effects of being kidnapped and feels sad about possibly seeing her new friend leave with his people. It was interesting to watch Kaya earn Lone Dog's trust and watch a friendship begin. The rest of Kaya's people accept Lone Dog after her daring rescue and Kaya has to come to terms with Lone Dog's decision about staying with them. After Kaya's story you will learn about Nez Perce childhood and vision quests. The loyalty of dogs and close proximity of horses is also touched upon.

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### **Lindsay says**

This is lovely story about a little girl named Kaya. She finds a lone dog near her village. There are something that happen and tell you have they become friends.

It also tell you a little about Native American back in 1764. It quite a quick read but there some historical history about that time. There unique friendship that bonds. Things Kaya need to learn along with Lone dog need to learn. There something Kaya learns while taking care of Lone Dog. To find out more about them pick up the book.

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### **Cherie Durbin says**

Kaya befriends Lone Dog, a starving dog that Snow Paws-the village pack leader-will not let into the village. Kaya's grandmother, Kautsa, warns Kaya to be wary of Lone Dog. Still, Kaya keeps feeding Lone Dog in hopes that one day she will return the village with her and be her faithful companion.

The American Girls Kaya books are excellent tools for teaching children Native American culture. Kaya and Lone Dog is an engaging, fast-paced read. It includes "A Peek into the Past"-a short study on Nez Perce culture in the year 1764.

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### **Valerie says**

Kaya finds Lone Dog and wants to befriend her. She does, and finds out that the dog has given birth to four puppies. Lone Dog doesn't want to stick around with Kaya's Nez Perce tribe; however, her pups stay. One of the pups Kaya names Tatlo, because he reminds her of a ground squirrel.

At one point in the story, one of Kaya's younger brothers wants to visit the puppies, but a bear is there. Lone Dog chases the bear away, so that Kaya's brother doesn't get hurt.

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### **Sarah Crawford says**

In this story Kaya befriends a wild dog that is going to have puppies. Some others in her village warn her about how dangerous the animal could be, but it seems to talk to Kaya, in a way, and she has no problem around her.

Some young twins that Kaya is watching have not yet learned how to obey properly, and one of them ends up endangering himself when he sneaks off to visit the wild dog and her new pups, running instead into a large bear that was about to make the small pups its breakfast.

In the end, Kaya must also realize that not all wild animals can be domesticated to become part of village life, and that they need to be allowed to have their independence.

The historical section has a good explanation of the vision quest that young people went on to find their spirit helper.

Another good book in the series.

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### **Miri says**

Kaya is grieving the loss of her friend, her separation from Speaking Rain, when a lone dog starving and carrying pups wanders near to camp. Kaya decides to befriend the dog and feed her, her grandmother is wary

of the dog who could be dangerous, but Kaya feels she must stand by her promise to help the animal. When Lone Dog's pups are born Kaya visits them every day, but when her little brother Sparrow goes to see them an encounters a bear, both he and the pups are in danger and Lone Dog must save them. Soon Kaya must face that Lone Dog will be leaving her.

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### **Felicity The Magnificent says**

I gave this book four stars because once when Kaya was going to the stream to fetch a bucket of water, she saw a lone dog who needed food. The dog's name was Lone Dog. Kaya shooed the dog away, and the next day she felt sorry for what she had done. She went to look for Lone Dog again to give the dog some food. One day Lone Dog had puppies. Kaya named the biggest puppy Tatlo. When the puppies were bigger, Kaya brought them to her village. One day, Kaya could not find Lone Dog, but her pups were with Kaya. She had to leave that place soon, and she still hadn't found Lone Dog when she left, so she was sad. Luckily, she brought Tatlo along. *-by Felicity*

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### **Queenie says**

I like how she help out the lone dogs and how there is a problem she always go back to it.

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### **Brenna says**

Amazing story!

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### **Marya says**

Meh. Neither I nor my little one was that thrilled with this title. Maybe it's because we have a hard time feeling sympathy for a dog that we're supposed to equate with a kidnapped-into-slavery-younger-blind-sister. Yeesh!

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### **Christina says**

Finished this one with Isobel tonight. She is getting more and more out of the Kaya books as we go along, and she seemed to really follow this one well. I thought most of it was a little on the slow side, but I liked that Kaya was loyal to Lone Dog even though certain other influential characters expressed misgivings. It's an (unsubtle- these books can be fairly moralistic) message about doing what you know is right and explaining your position to authority figures. Nice alternative to clear-cut obedience.

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### **Alice says**

My kids' favorite Kaya book so far, maybe just because it has a dog in it. I am pleased with the things the kids and I are learning from these books. We know more about the Nez Perce, care more about the Nez Perce, and have even started saying "Katsee-yow-yow" (thank you) and "tawts" (good). The kids (6, 8, & 12) like to talk about Kaya, recognizing her mistakes, but also seeing how she tries hard to be good and wants to better herself (something to admire and emulate). I, as an adult, won't say that I find this riveting fiction, but I like it better than the predictable Magic Tree House books, and don't mind sitting through the whole series. I like that bad things do happen, and that there are consequences for being foolish or willful (unlike in MTH where Annie's foolish willfulness usually turns out just fine.) I really enjoy the history lessons at the end. When I ask the kids what they learned from the book, often they recall things from the last pages, not just the plot.

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