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DID YOU KNOW?

The state of Colorado has 241 public library locations compared to 95 bookstores.

QUOTE:

THE BOOKS YOU DIDN'T READ CAN'T HELP.

JIM ROHN

WHAT JAMIE SAW BY CAROLYN COMAN

Jamie had been asleep in his bed dreaming about Mrs. Durocher's third grade class. Suddenly he woke up. The crying had stopped. Then he saw it. He couldn't believe it. His baby sister, Nin, was flying through the air. Like a missile. Like she was shot out of a cannon. Miraculously his mother, Patty, came out of nowhere to catch her. Now there was a terrible silence.

Van, his step-father, slumped over the baby's crib. His mother stood very still with the baby in her arms. Then his mother saw Jamie and motioned him to come to her. His panic helped him run across the room and grab her around the waist. With a cold calm, his mother motioned Jamie to go through the front door into the cold New Hampshire winter. They headed for the old

rusty Buick in the driveway. His mother opened the door and put him in the freezing back seat. Suddenly, Jamie was aware of his frozen feet sticking out his thin pajamas and uncontrollable shaking. Patty put Nin in her car seat. Then she disappeared back into the house. Three times she made the trip. Jamie tried to imagine Van in the house but couldn't. Each time his mother came back there was more stuff. First there were blankets, then there were shoes and coats and then there were his toys in a pillow case.

As the car hurtled through the night with the heater blasting all Jamie could think of was his magic tools. Where were they? He needed them now!



WHAT JAMIE SAW

Carolyn Coman is one of the newest writers of young adult fiction. Her first novel, *Tell Me Everything*, received critical acclaim from many authors. *What Jamie Saw* was not only a Newbery Honor Book but was also a finalist for the National Book Award. She lives in Massachusetts.



How can you teach nearly 600 students about the struggle for equality in the United States and coordinate it with a community activity? Ask the Social Studies department. Over the past week, the Social Studies Department of **Mr. Slaby, Dr. Lamb, Mrs. Trujillo, and Mr.**

Rocha coordinated the showing of Media Center films, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Children's March*, and *Martin Luther King Jr.* to promote involvement in *The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday* and the Lafayette parade in his honor organized by Project Yes, a local community activist group.

This unit was a good example how flexible but careful planning can teach an important principle in the Angevine curriculum and also provide students with a community outlet to practice their knowledge and new awareness of what the struggle for equality means.

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