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To: Newbery Award Committee  
10 Literature Road  
New York, NY 12345

Re: Consideration for "Shiloh"

Dear Committee:

I am writing to you because my book "Shiloh" a coming of age novel has not won a Newbery Award. Shiloh reaches the hearts of many, at different levels.

The story is told from the point of view of an 11-year-old boy. His heart to save a beaten dog named Shiloh gives the reader a peek inside the long lost passions of boyhood. This novel contains the classic protagonist and antagonist, so many easily understand it. In this case the boy's passions try to change the antagonist when the boy does not even know it. Eventually he changes the antagonist while working for him.

The universal appeal of "Shiloh" is seen in the interactions between boy, dog, and man. As well the common desire among all cultures for love to prevail is the climax of this story. In this age when "tenderness" is usually reserved for female characters, "Shiloh" gives credit to new characters working through inter-personal problems.

Please consider "Shiloh" for its universal appeal, and literary substance.

Sincerely,

Daniel Lewis  
Author