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own at the lake, Coyote is hunting, eager to fill his empty belly. When winter ice crackles, springtime frogs warble, summer thunderclouds threaten, and autumn leaves tumble, Coyote searches for his next meal. He stalks voles, rabbits, snakes, and geese, but there's no guarantee he'll catch his dinner. If his stomach growls, he'll steal vegetables from a tidy garden or nibble snacks from a trash can, maybe even leftovers from a family's picnic. Coyotes live on the plains and in deserts, on farms and in woodlands; they even live in towns and cities.

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Cheryl Blackford is the author of three thirdgrade nonfiction books and the middle-grade novel Lizzie and the Stolen Baby.

Laurie Caple has created artwork for more than twenty books as well as the periodicals *American* Girl and Cricket.

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