***White Fur Flying***

**Grades 3-5**

By Patricia MacLachlan

**Annotation**

* Zoe lives happily with her story telling/writer sister Alice, their parents, and Great Pyrennes dogs that they rescue. Then a couple with a small nine year old boy named Philip moves into the neighborhood for the summer and all their lives change. Zoe and her family have lived together very happily and reach out to include Philip in some of their activities. To start with, Philip doesn’t talk to anyone, but then he speaks to one of the dogs, Kodi. During a night summer storm Philip and one of the rescue dogs disappear. Their rescue brings a happy ending to a great book.

**Book Talk**

* Zoe’s family rescues dogs and their house is filled with many of them. A new boy, Phillip moves across the way and has trouble communicating. Zoe tries to use her knowledge of caring for dogs to help him adjust to his new surroundings.

**Book Trailers**

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLyn1maYRSA>

**Author on the Internet**

* Author’s Simon & Schuster website: <http://authors.simonandschuster.com/Patricia-MacLachlan/38022587>
* Author’s Scholastic website: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/contributor/patricia-maclachlan>
* Author’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/public/Patricia-MacLachlan>
* Author’s Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pmaclachan1>

**Realia/Display Items**

* Chapter 1, Page 3 (HB).  Item: Stuffed white dog
* Chapter 2, Page 8 (HB) Item: Stuffed parrot

**Food**

* Create your own dog food: Allrecipes.com/recipe/puppy-chow

**Book Charm**

* Paw Print: <http://www.fitnessfinders.net/Paw-Print-p/159-pawprint.htm>



**Background Knowledge**

* <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/cyapodcast/id375600075?mt>...

**Book Club Discussion Questions**

[*https://emb143.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/****white****-****fur****-****flying****.pdf*](https://emb143.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/white-fur-flying.pdf)

**Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

* Ranch and farm dogs: herders and guards by Elizabeth Ring.
* Rescuing Rover: Saving America’s Dogs by Raymond Bial. AR: 7.6, Lexile 1230
* Cool Careers Without College for People Who Love Animals by Carol Hand.

**What to Read Next**

* *One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson. AR: 5.6, Lexile: 910
* *Straydog* by Kathe Koja. AR: 5.2, Lexile 970
* *Waiting for the Magic* by Patricia MacLachlan. AR: 3.0, Lexile 420

**Additional Resources**

* Curriculum Guide from Simon and Schuster: <http://d28hgpri8am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/14602/white%20fur%20flying_cg.pdf>
* White Fur Flying Tic-Tac-Toe: <http://byds.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/White-Fur-Flying-Tic-Tac-Toe-Board-and-Activities.pdf>
* Interview with the author: <http://www.mackin.com/LIBRARY/AUTHOR-INTERVIEWS-MACLACHLAN.aspx>