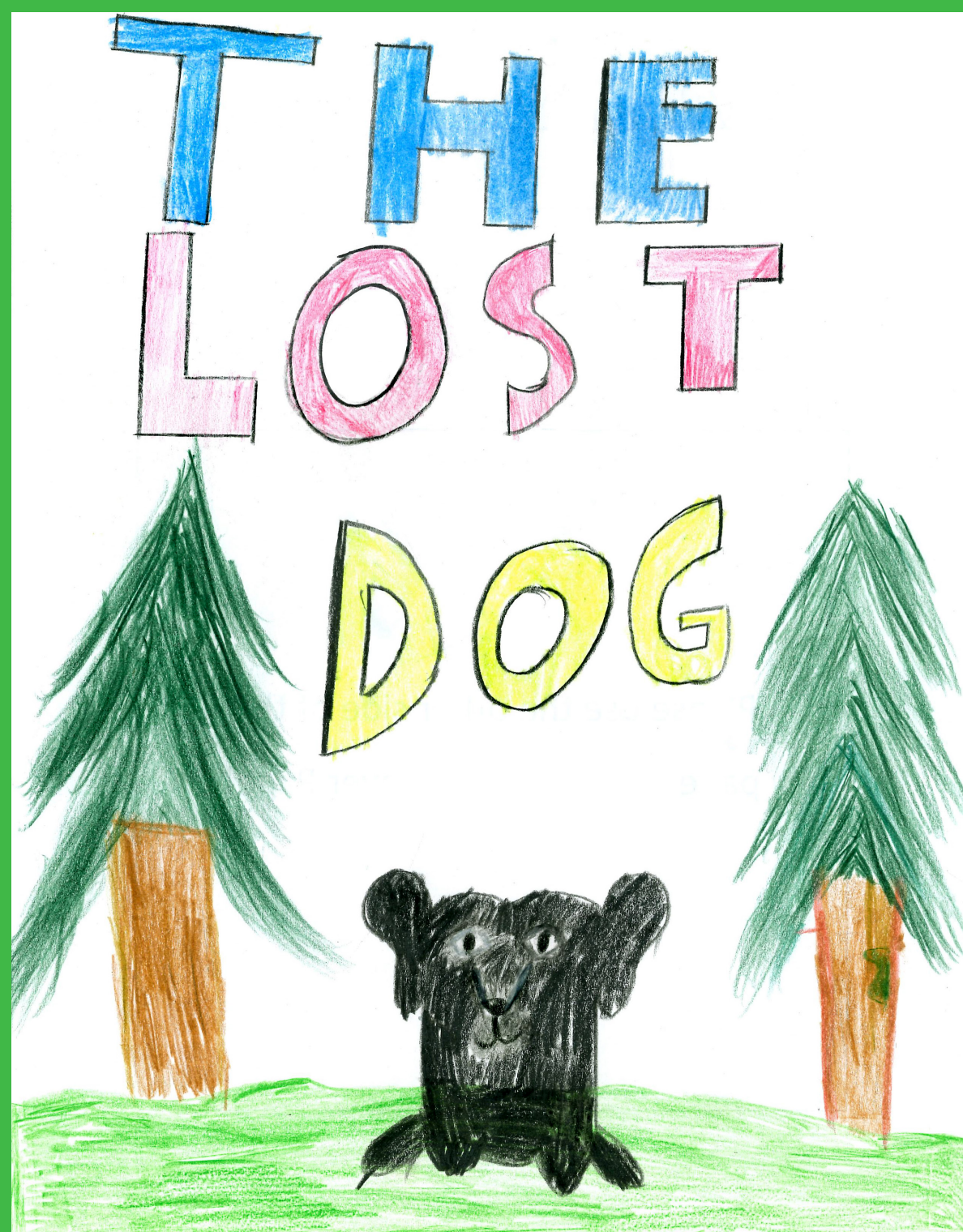# SECOND GRADE: 2nd Place

"The Lost Dog"
by Vilteya
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Woof Woof Woof! Hi, my name is Maya and I'm going to tell you my crazy adventure. Grab your leash and hold on tight, the story is about to begin.

I was walking with my owner when my leash came off of my collar because I felt loud music, so I ran away. Then, somehow I found myself in a forest. I was so scared. I heard some noises from the bushes, so I hid behind a tree and saw two big black animals that happened to be a fox and a bear. They looked so terrifying that I fainted.

When I woke up, I saw a wolf, then it tried to eat me. "Ahhh!" All of a sudden, the bear fought off the wolf and the fox picked me up and took me somewhere safe. The bear finally came back. I said wondering, "Where am I?"

They explained, "We saw you behind the tree looking frightened. We decided to protect you since we scared you. So how did you get in this forest?" asked the fox. I told them what happened and how I got separated from my owner, Vilteya. They wanted to help me find my way out of the forest so I could go home. We began on a journey leaving the forest. Once we saw a clear, open light, they pointed me to the neighborhood that I belonged to.

I saw my owner with tears in her eyes and holding my favorite leash. I ran to Vilteya, knocked her over, and licked her face. Then, I ran back to the fox and the bear to say, "Thank you so much for helping me home!" Maya and Vilteya lived happily ever after with two friends in the forest, I bet you can guess who!