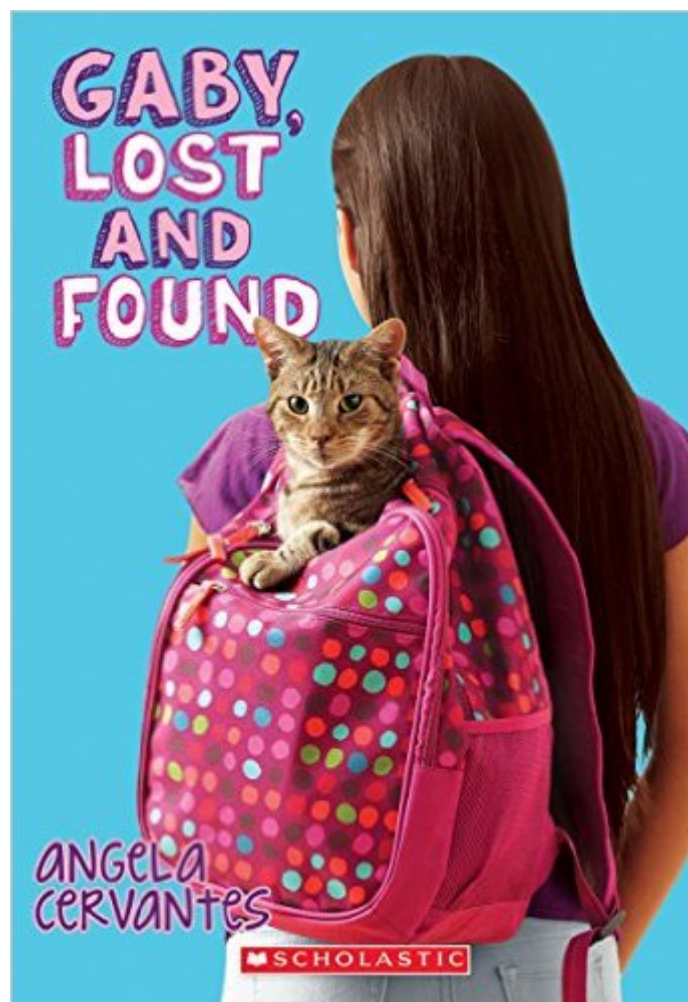


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# Gaby, Lost And Found



## Synopsis

Wanted: One amazing forever home for one amazing sixth grader. "My name is Gaby, and I'm looking for a home. Having the nicest clothes or cell phone isn't important, but I'd like to have a cat that I can talk to when I'm home alone." When Gaby Ramirez Howard starts volunteering at the local animal shelter, she takes special pride in writing adoption advertisements. Her flyers help the cats and dogs there find their forever homes: places where they'll be loved and cared for, no matter what. Gaby is in need of a forever home herself. Her mother has recently been deported to Honduras and Gaby doesn't know where to turn. Meanwhile, Gaby's favorite shelter cat, Feather, needs a new place to live. Gaby would love to adopt her-- but if Gaby doesn't have a place that feels like home to her, how can she help Feather?

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One night, Gaby Ramirez Howard dreamed that her mom was knocking on her front door, but when Gaby didn't hear her knocking, she left. Ever since that night, Gaby has been sleeping on the couch in her front room - and she tucks the home phone underneath her pillow, just in case her mom calls from Honduras, where she was deported three months ago. Without her mom around, the house just doesn't feel like home. Gaby's father, who split from her mom a few years back, re-entered the scene when her mom was taken away. He's no longer as happy nor as comforting as Gaby remembers him: now he's always grumpy, and when he's not at work, he's complaining about the

people at work. The following line is just one of many that nails Gaby's situation and will break your heart: Maybe once upon a time he had wanted a daughter, but now he looked at Gaby like she was just another job he wanted to quit. - Page 110

Lucky, Gaby finds solace in her best friend, Alma Gomez, and her family, who warmly and regularly welcome Gaby at their house. Bold, bossy Alma has no problem standing up to girls at school who make fun of Gaby's mom, and Alma's parents help keep Gaby fed and safe after school and on weekends, whenever she needs them. When her sixth-grade class begins volunteering at the local no-kill animal shelter, Gaby feels an immediate connection to Feather, a fragile little cat who was abandoned by her owners. Gaby considers herself to be a stray, just like Feather, in need of a stable home. She yearns to adopt the striped kitty, and though her mom would have allowed it, she knows her father won't. She becomes the "shelter scribe," writing personalized (purrsonalized!

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