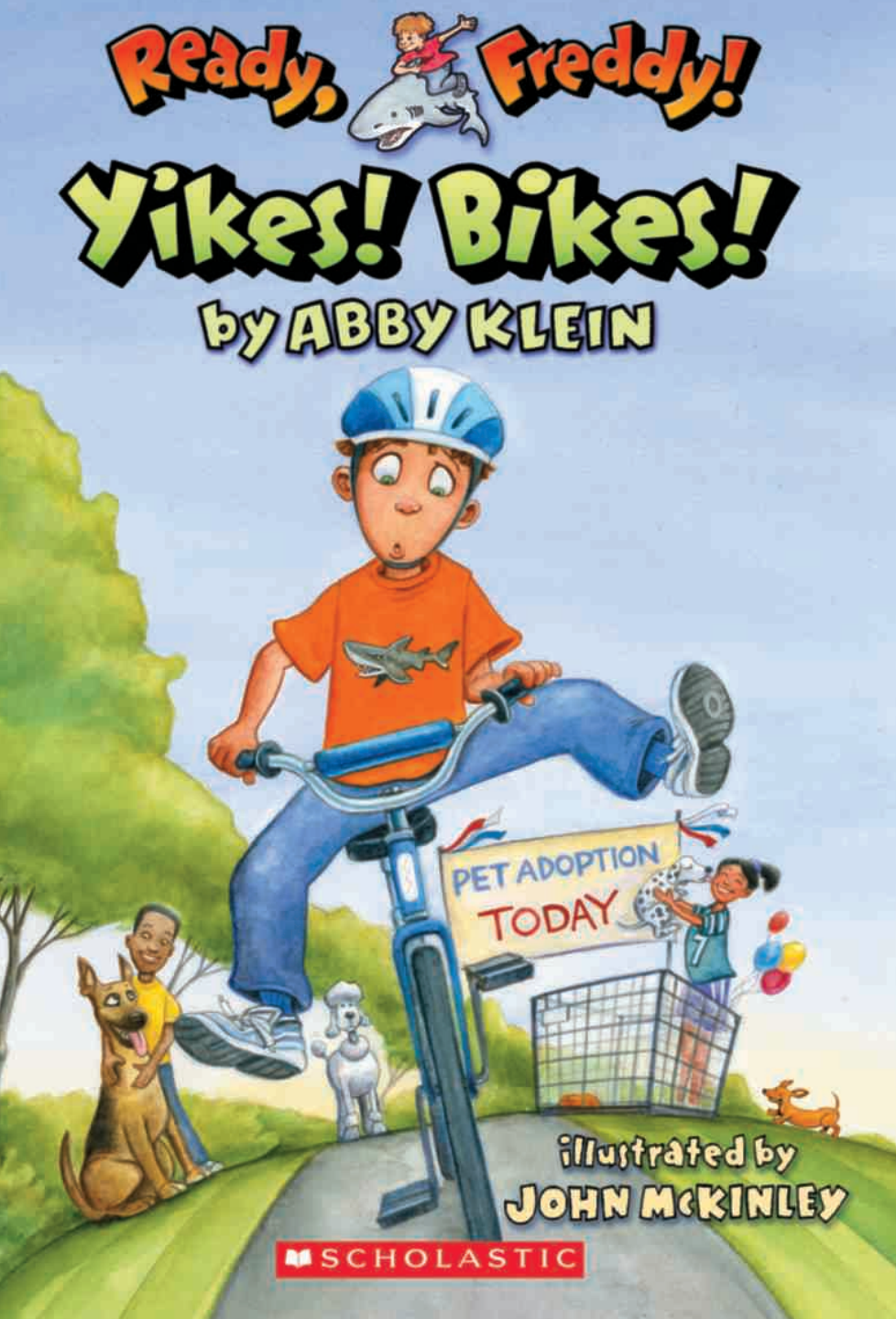
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—A. K.

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I have a problem.

A really, really, big problem.

I'm the only one in my class

who doesn't know how to ride

a two-wheeler, and I only have

two weeks to learn how!

Let me tell you about it.

CHAPTER 1

Doggy Days

"Boys and girls, I'd like to introduce you to Jo," said our teacher, Mrs. Wushy. "She works at the local animal shelter, and I invited her here today to talk to you about pet care. It looks like she brought along a furry friend of hers to meet you."

"Hello, everyone," said Jo. "My name is Jo, and this is Mickey. He's one of the dogs we have at the shelter right now who is

looking for a good home. The shelter is a place where we take care of animals who got lost, ran away, or whose owners didn't want them anymore. It's my job to find them a new home."

"Oh, he's cute," said Jessie. "I wish I could take him home, but I'm not allowed to have any pets in my apartment."

"I'm not allowed to have any either," I said. "I live in a house, but my mom's such a Neat Freak, she won't let me have any pets, except my goldfish, Mako."

"Well, pets are a big responsibility," said Jo. "They take a lot of work. Can anyone tell me one thing you have to do to take care of a dog like Mickey?"

Robbie was the first one to raise his hand.

Robbie is my best friend, and he knows

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