

## **Scumble**

**Ingrid Law**

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In Ingrid Law's novel, *Scumble*, the reader is not disappointed with a boring, anticlimactic story. In fact, it is quite the opposite: there is a sense of humor and story telling that makes *Scumble* a memorable read. *Scumble* is the second story of a series following *Savvy*, a novel about Ledge's cousin. In this book, however, the story starts out with a boy, Ledge, who is very good at ruining things. His savvy, or great ability, is making things fall apart. His mom decides to send him and his sister, Fedora, to his Aunt's place in Wyoming. It is here that the rest of the story unfolds.

Although Ledge's savvy has proven to be a disadvantage at home, he quickly learns to use it to his advantage in Wyoming. When Ledge meets a girl named Sarah Jane who has been snooping around the family farm, the reader observes the transformation that Ledge makes from a self-centered boy to an intelligent, confident young man. Sarah Jane is trying to uncover secrets and mysteries of the family, but Ledge gains power as he learns how to use his savvy to stop the secret reporter. The plot serves as a great basis for the reader to try to identify their own savvy, and their impact on events in their life.

The novel *Scumble* was definitely a book I would recommend to kids of many ages. Being 16, I was surprised to enjoy the story as much as I did. The author's ability to use creative language made this book appealing to me. Although full of hyperboles and metaphors, a younger teen would be drawn into the story of Ledge's adventures. This book may not be the best for young, beginner readers, but I say "enjoy" to all the rest!