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## **Two Wolves**

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of the Month**

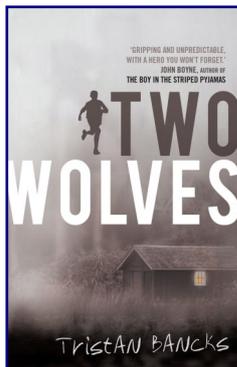
### *Blurb:*

An old man tells his grandson that there is a battle raging inside him, inside all of us. A terrible battle between two wolves. One wolf is bad – pride, jealousy, greed. The other wolf is good – kindness, hope, truth. The child asks, 'Who will win?' The grandfather answers simply, 'The one you feed.'

One afternoon, police officers show up at Ben Silver's front door. Minutes after they leave, his parents arrive home. Ben and his little sister Olive are bundled into the car and are told they're going on a holiday. But are they?

It doesn't take long for Ben to realise that his parents are in trouble. Ben's always dreamt of becoming a detective – his dad even calls him 'Cop'. Now Ben gathers evidence and tries to uncover what his parents have done.

The problem is, if he figures it out, what does he do? Tell someone? Or keep the secret and live life on the run?



### *Lamont Review:*

Thirteen year old Ben Silver faces some of life's biggest questions in this gripping action packed novel.

Ben is always asking questions - his father even calls him 'Cop' for his detective skills. Out of the blue, the police come knocking on Ben's front door. So when Ben's parents arrive home a few minutes later and tell Ben and his little sister to quickly pack for a surprise holiday, Ben's suspicions are aroused.

Over the course of the next few days many more things occur that confirm Ben's suspicions that all is not right in the world.

And therein lie the big questions:

Are we destined to become like our parents? What should you do if you uncover a crime? Can money buy happiness? Could you survive against the odds?

With these huge conversation starters and bonus teacher resources at the back of the book, this a wonderful class novel and English text for all secondary students. If not used in the classroom, it is a great and enlightening read anyway.

*Reviewed by Rob*