***Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break***

***if You Want to Survive the School Bus***

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Kyle and his big brother James just moved. At their old home, James rode the bus to school while Kyle walked to his school with their mom, but now James can walk while Kyle must brave the bus alone for the first time in his life. To help out, James writes Kyle his list of Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break if You Want to Survive the School Bus.

1. Never sit in the first row
2. Never sit in the last row
3. Never, ever make yourself stand out in any way
4. Never make eye contact
5. Never touch anyone’s stuff
6. Never talk to big kids
7. Never talk to girls
8. Never mess with the bully
9. Never be the last one on the bus
10. Never, absolutely never, mess with the bus driver

Kyle tries to follow them, but once he walks past the first row, the only seat left is in the last, with the bully. Besides, the girl who speaks up for him seems so nice. By the time he’s ridden the bus home, Kyle has broken every one of the rules, but he’s also learned that his brother’s rules might not be so useful after all.

~ *Booktalk by Catherine Bascle*