

## Sample Excerpts : The One and Only Ivan

- “Humans waste words. They toss them like banana peels and leave them to rot. Everyone knows the peels are the best part.”
- “Memories are precious...they help tell us who we are”
- “... a good zoo . . . is how humans make amends.”
- “I like colorful tales with black beginnings and stormy middles and cloudless blue-sky endings. But any story will do.”
- Here in my domain, there is no one to protect.”
- “When I'm drawing a picture, I feel...quiet inside.”
- “They think I'm too old to cause trouble. Old age is a powerful disguise.”
- “Homework, I have discovered, involves a sharp pencil and thick books and long sighs.”