

In "In life things don't always turn out well like in the movies or even books. People do try and try, but they don't always succeed because nothing in life is a guarantee. In both stories, Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend by Ann Cameron and Fox by Margaret Wild, deal with the theme that in order to make friends you have to take a risk. But Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend suggests that if you take a risk it will turn out in the end while Fox suggests it is important to take a risk, but you might not be happy in the end but perhaps wiser.

Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend taught me that to make friends you have to take risks. In Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend, Gloria wants to be friends with her new neighbor Julian. She could have just been safe and ~~waited~~ waited to see if he would come talk to her first, but that probably wouldn't have worked because he thought, "If you have a gun for a friend, people find out and tease you." So he probably would have just ignored her. But instead, she took risks. She started talking to him first, and then she showed him cartwheels. ~~And~~ And then she was the first one to say, "I wish you live here a long time." She took a risk by being the first one to talk to him when he could have ignored her. And then she took a risk by trusting him with her feelings when he might have been mean about them. But her risks worked, and they became ~~friends~~ best friends.

Fox taught me the same lesson, even though the story was very different. In Fox, Dog has to risk his life by running through hot ash to rescue Magpie before they become friends. Then to make friends with Fox, he risks letting Fox stay with him even though Magpie says, "He belongs nowhere" and "He loves no one". Like Gloria, Dog took a risk with Fox by trusting him, but the difference is that his risk didn't work. But he also had to take a risk with his body in order to become friends with Magpie, and that did work and got him his best friend. So even though some risks didn't work, it was still important that he took risks to make friends.

The character Gloria, the protagonist in the fiction story Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend by the author Ann Cameron and Dog, the protagonist in the fiction story, Fox by the author Margaret Wild, are stories that deal with the same theme that in order to make friends sometimes you have to take risks in life.