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Synopsis

This is the true story about a very brave dog who, in 1925, led his team 700 miles through blinding snowdrifts, over a frozen river, and around cracking ice to save two diphtheria-stricken children.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3—Balto, a sled dog, and his team traverse 53 miles of ice and snow in the Alaskan wilderness to deliver medicine in this 48-page beginning reader by Natalie Standiford (Random, 1989). Donald Cook's full-color illustrations are expressive, and John Gabriel's narration is slow enough for students to follow along. Music and sound effects add to the overall appeal of this story that is based on an actual event. One track has page-turn signals. Ideal for classroom listening or independent reading.—Leigh Ann Rumsey, Penn Yan Academy, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"A compelling account, told in easy-to-read format, of a sled dog who led his team over 53 miles of Alaska wilderness to deliver medicine during an outbreak of diphtheria in 1925. Cook's softly colored illustrations enhance the drama of a proud and heroic story that young readers are sure to enjoy."--School Library Journal. From the Trade Paperback edition.

The True Story of Balto is about a courageous, intelligent, and heroic dog who transports medication to children in desperate need. He faces some of the worst winter conditions imaginable on his journey. I purchased the Kindle version of this book for a project my second grader has to complete. I love that the book is written in a manner that is easy-to-understand. The illustrations make it more engaging for young readers, while the chapter set up prepares them for the transition to full-blown chapter books. My son and I both loved this book. We're a dog-loving bunch here, so this book really captivated us and touched our hearts. We've spent quite a bit of time researching Balto since we finished the story, and my son has shown a keen interest in this wonderful canine hero. Tonight, we intend to watch the Balto animated children's movie together. Highly recommended for young readers.

My 7-yr old son requested this book when he was in the hospital for two weeks recovering from meningitis. It's the story of Balto, a real life rescue husky, who goes on a mission to deliver life saving medicine to a sick little girl before it was too late. He accomplished the mission. The story is just right for little kids, esp those who need a bit of encouragement. I bought my son a stuffed husky to go with it, and we bought the complete set of Balto DVDs on to take to the hospital too. My little guy has recovered well and has very fond memories of Balto, and still enjoys the book and movies.

The true story of Balto, The Greatest Dog Ever has every element needed to keep children interested and entertained. Beginning readers will find this bit of history full of adventure. In Alaska during the 1925 blizzard, sled dogs are the only mode of transportation with a remote chance of getting the vaccine for an outbreak of diphtheria from Anchorage to Nome. The details regarding the care of sled dogs will interest readers. The danger of the elements and difficulty of the trip adds suspense. The ending is satisfying as Standiford shows how Balto saved day as well as how he is remembered with a statue of him in New York's Central Park.

It's a really good book. I liked that it's a true story about a dog. I'm seven and this book was easy to read.

my son doesn't love reading. i downloaded this book on my kindle and he was excited to read it. the story is compelling enough to keep a 6 year old boy's interest.

One of my favorite stories of all time. My kids learned the story of Balto, now I'm passing it on to

their kids

My 7 year old granddaughter and I love to read this true story together.

My son liked it.. though never said he loved the story..so I am going on that review

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