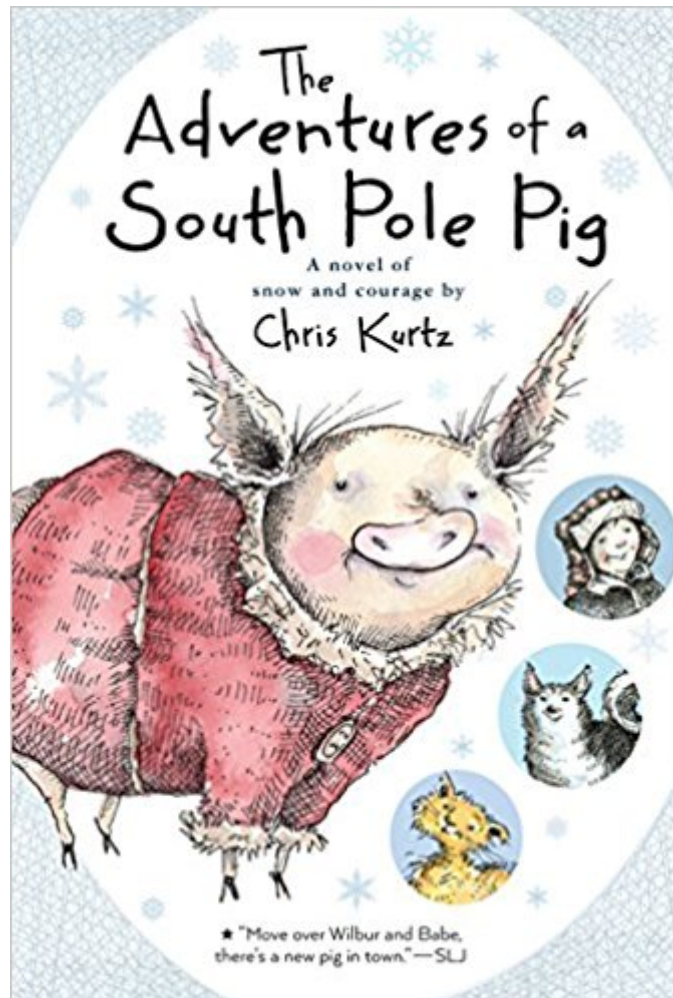




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The Adventures Of A South Pole Pig: A Novel Of Snow And Courage



Synopsis

Flora the pig was born for adventure: “If it’s unexplored and needs to get dug up, call me. I’m your pig,” she says. The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she’s on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating and dangerous adventure of her life. This poignant novel of a purposeful pig is sure to become a favorite with any young readers who have ever dreamed of exploring the great beyond.

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 4 “Her name is Flora, and she’s a pig. She’s curious and longs to explore beyond the perimeters of the pigpen. She dreams of going to Antarctica with the sled dogs on the farm and becoming a sled pig. When she is put in a crate onboard a ship, she sees the expedition as an opportunity while the crew views her as potential pork chops. Then they are shipwrecked and readers will root for spunky Flora as she discovers just how brave and needed she can be. Simple black-line drawings add a welcoming charm. Told in the voice of a seasoned storyteller, this novel has chapters that will work perfectly for sharing aloud with younger children or as a read-alone for more competent readers. Flora will encourage every listener to dream of being their best self. Move over Wilbur and Babe, there’s a new pig in town.” —Helen Foster James, University of California at San Diego (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of

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Even as a piglet, plucky Flora knows that her destiny lies outside the pen. After watching sled dogs training, she dreams of joining a sled team. In this satisfying chapter book, one wildly improbable (but somehow convincing) event leads to another. Taken aboard a ship for some mysterious purpose, Flora befriends Oscar the sled dog and Aleric the cabin boy. She and Sophia the cat team up to kill off their common enemy: rats. Shipwrecked off Antarctica, Flora saves the captain's life (and her own bacon), but starvation looms and the crew's survival depends on an unlikely sled team: Flora, Oscar, Aleric, and Sophia. Reinhardt's spirited drawings, shaded with crosshatching, add considerably to the book's charm. Described as a teacher and a storyteller, Kurtz shows a good sense of pacing in his first novel. There's humor as well as heart, grit as well as tenderness, in the telling of this Antarctic adventure tale. Recommended for reading aloud. Grades 3-6. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

One of the best children's books I have ever read. As a grandparent, I truly hope children will read this book. It's adventurous as well as a teaching tool.

I'm an elementary school teacher. Since this was in the Bluestem award list this year and our school librarian recommended it as a great book for a read aloud, I purchased it for my class. They really enjoyed listening to this story! It was silly and thrilling and even tugs at your heartstrings sometimes.

What a pig! This book is one of the best books I have ever read. The friendship between the animals is amazing. This book also gives a lesson about never giving up on yourself and your dreams. I would recommend this book to people who are animal lovers, adventure lovers, and people who are not afraid to dream big. Ainsley age 10 Newfane Vermont

My 2nd grader girl loves this so much that she reads it every morning even only five minutes left to go to school. She tells me that how can this story so fascinating?

Great, imaginative! Am sharing with my American young friends. They love it. Wish I could share with others Chris and I know, but PIGS do not go over well in any dress with some of our young friends!

I give you 5 stars. I like all the details you gave and I like how you described flora, Oscar and Sophia. My favorite part was..... All of it! Nice job. Make a second book called flora returns. I'd like another one!

I thought this book was amazing. It has a lot of emotion. It is very detailed and the settings are magical. I thought this book was amazing and this book deserves this rating.

The book is action packed due to the leaping of scenarios like one minute pig pen next Antarctica but rate 4 if didn't leave cliff hangers all the time but is a must read

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