



Avalanche Dog Heroes : Piper and Friends Learn to Search the Snow

Author: Elizabeth Rusch

Publisher: Little Bigfoots, an imprint of Sasquatch Books

Number of Pages: 47

Lexile: 840

Summary: Follow along with Piper, a friendly border collie who came to the mountain as a smart but timid shelter dog, terrified by everything, as she confidently heads off to school on a chairlift to meet her canine classmates. Over a season they romp together through the snow, learning and practicing the skills they need to be avalanche rescue dogs and earn their rescue certification. You'll also learn the warning signs and conditions that cause an avalanche, the types of avalanches and the basics of avalanche safety. ~from the Publisher

Hero

Author: Jennifer Li Shotz

Illustrator:

Publisher: HarperCollins

Number of Pages: 224

Lexile: 640L, interest: 8-12

Summary: Hero, a retired search-and-rescue dog, is not prepared for a stray puppy to come into his life. But when he and twelve-year-old Ben find Scout injured and afraid, the new addition leads them down an unexpected and dangerous path. When Scout goes missing, it's up to Hero to use his search-and-rescue skills to find Scout and bring him home. Get ready for a canine adventure full of danger, loyalty, and the unbreakable bond between a boy and his best friend. ~from the publisher
First of a series of 3!

Buddy: America's First Guide Dog

Author: Meish Goldish

Publisher: Bearport Publishing

Pages: 32

Lexile: 910L, interest 3-6

Summary: In 1928, a group of reporters watched as a young blind man named Morris Frank attempted to cross the busiest street in New York City with only the help of a dog. Cars and trucks zoomed by, horns blaring. Would the guide dog--a German shepherd named Buddy--be able to stay calm and lead Morris to safety? To the surprise of the onlookers, Buddy helped Morris make it across the dangerous road with ease. After their famous walk, Morris traveled with Buddy around the world, working hard to gain rights for all people with disabilities. In this inspiring book, young readers will learn about Buddy, as well as modern-day guide dogs. Students will be amazed at the teamwork between people living with disabilities and their dogs. With dramatic photos, this book is sure to warm the hearts of animal lovers everywhere. ~from the Publisher

Hero: Hurricane Rescue

Author: Jennifer Li Shotz

Illustrator:

Publisher: HarperCollins

Number of Pages: 192

Lexile: 650L, interest 8-12

Summary: When a dangerous hurricane strikes town and Jack and his puppy, Scout, go missing, retired search-and-rescue dog Hero is the only one who can track them down. Hero and his human, Ben set off into the woods, but when the storm surges out of control, the group is suddenly trapped with no way out. Now it's up to Hero to get everyone home safe and sound. Together, Hero and Ben fight for their lives—but can Hero battle his way past alligators, mudslides, and raging floods? Join Hero for another epic adventure and discover what a dog will do to save his best friend. ~from the publisher
Book 2 in the Hero Series!

Bomb-sniffing Dogs

Author: Meish Goldish

Illustrator: Jake Murray

Publisher: Bearport

Number of Pages: 32

Lexile: 890L, interest: 3-6

Summary: In March 2010, British soldiers in Afghanistan were on patrol with a Belgian Malinois named Chocolat. When they came to a row of empty shops, the dog entered one of the stores and wouldn't come out. Private Steve Purdy, Chocolat's handler, knew that the dog must have smelled explosives that were hidden inside the building. Would Chocolat be able to find the weapons before they could do any harm? Look inside to find out more about Chocolat and other bomb-sniffing dogs that have risked their lives to save troops from injuries and even death. ~Book jacket

Hero: Rescue Mission

Author: Jennifer Li Shotz

Illustrator:

Publisher: HarperCollins

Number of Pages: 192

Lexile: 690L, interest: 8-12

Summary: Ben and Hero, the incredible search-and-rescue dog, have saved the day before—but never like this. Ben's town is in trouble when two convicts escape from a nearby prison. His dad, a police officer, sets off to find the men and bring them to justice, but then Ben's dad disappears and the trail goes cold. Ben knows that it's up to him and Hero to solve the case. As they embark on their most dangerous mission yet, the two best friends must stock up on their bravery and courage in order to outwit the fugitives and bring Ben's dad home. Are the two heroes up to the challenge? Get ready for another canine adventure full of danger, loyalty, and the unbreakable bond between a boy and his best friend. ~from the publisher
Book 3 in the Hero series.

Disaster Search Dogs

Author: Melissa McDaniel

Publisher: Bearport

Number of Pages: 32

Lexile: 600L, Interest: 3-6

Summary: Presents the training and goals of dogs and their human partners, which breeds are chosen, and anecdotes of real dogs that serve in a disaster environment to find people under treacherous conditions, such as below fallen buildings or in flooded areas. ~from the publisher

GoPro Awards: Telluride Avalanche Dogs (YouTube Video)

Captured, edited and submitted by: Brett Schreckengost

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNOxRI48M_s

Summary: Take a behind the scenes look at the working dogs of the Telluride Ski Patrol on an avalanche rescue training mission in Colorado.

Snow Search Dogs

Author: Maida Silverman

Publisher: Bearport

Number of Pages: 32

Interest: 3-6

Summary: Avalanche! Trapped under mounds of snow! With time running out as the frigid snow turns to suffocating ice, the only hope for survival is snow search dogs. With these exciting stories of real dogs tirelessly searching for avalanche victims, readers will thrill to the adventures of dogs in action as they learn how dogs are trained to become snow rescue heroes. Students will meet many dogs, including Barry, a fearless St. Bernard who carried a young boy to safety nearly 200 years ago. Vivid, four-color photos and exciting narratives guarantee to capture readers' attention in these stories of man and dog working together. ~from the Publisher

Balto's Story (Dog Heroes)

Author: Kevin Blake

Illustrator:

Publisher: Bearport Publishing

Number of Pages: 32

Lexile: 880L, interest: 3-6

Summary: sudden death for musher Gunnar Kaasen and his lead sled dog, Balto. The temperature had dropped to -50°F. Fierce winds roared as snow pounded the sled. The blinding blizzard made it impossible to see. Waiting for the weather to change, however, wasn't an option. Fifty miles away in Nome, Alaska, dozens of the town's children were sick with diphtheria and near death. Gunnar and Balto carried the only medicine that could cure them! In this captivating book, young readers will meet an amazing Siberian husky named Balto, who bravely guided a team of sled dogs on a grueling trip through blinding snow, over a half-frozen river, and through a steep mountain pass to safely deliver medicine to children in need. Packed with adventure, true stories, and dramatic, full-color photos, this book is sure to inspire dog lovers everywhere. ~from the publisher

Fire Dogs

Author: Donna Latham

Publisher: Bearport

Number of Pages: 32

Lexile: 650L, Interest: 3-6

Summary: Meet Blaze, a devoted yellow Labrador retriever, who works alongside firemen and forensic experts to sniff out potential arson crimes. In Fire Dogs, young readers will learn the science of arson investigation, and discover how dogs like Blaze are trained to sniff for clues when all evidence has seemingly gone up in smoke. Packed with high-action narratives of real fire dogs in action, and gripping full-color photographs, Fire Dogs details how well-trained dogs are solving arson crimes—and proving once again that crime simply doesn't pay. ~from the Publisher