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Brooke says

Charles wants to find a wish tree. His brother and sister don't believe there is such a thing, but his trusty companion Boggan is ready to join Charles on a journey to find out. And along the way, they discover that wishes can come true in the most unexpected ways.

The colors used in this book was my favorite! The light wintery tones of purples, blues, and reds were gorgeous! Any books illustrated with foxes--send my way, they are the cutest animals! I enjoyed this sweet story as well and I liked that his friend was a red sled. Highly recommend!

Susan says

Young Charles and Boggan head out in search of a wish tree. His siblings say there is no such thing, but Charles believes. They scour the country side, helping squirrels, beavers and many others along the way. As nightfall nears, Charles becomes tired and Charles can no longer search. Boggan carries him, while the animals pull them along. Snow appears, and so does a wish tree!

An imaginative story of a boy who believes and perseveres on his quest to find a wish tree. It's filled with delightful word plays and repetitions. Boggan is Charles' toboggan and everywhere it goes, it sings, "Whishhhhh." Children will delight in figuring out, "Where Charles went Boggan followed. Where Boggan went Charles followed." A great adventure for a snowy day read.

Samantha says

Charles is on a mission to find the wish tree even though his brother and sister both doubt one exists. He spends the day outside with his toboggan helping forest animals carry various loads of materials and just when he runs out of energy to finish his quest, he finds that the forest animals return the many favors Charles did them by pulling his toboggan to the wish tree and preparing a feast for all to share.

A sweet story with a lovely ending all imagined in delightfully snowy digital illustrations. PreK-2.

Devon Ashby says

I love all books that end with a surprise party especially when it involves forest creatures. Also loved the maplike, scrolling lines the toboggan made in the snow and liked its name was Boggan.

Noelia Alonso says

The artwork is what made me buy this. It is beautifully delicate.

Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says

~ review copy

THE WISH TREE is the type of book I would share with young children at reading time. You should note though that it is written at the middle-**2nd Grade** reading level and there is also a AR test available for it. So it can be used as a practice reader. [Accelerated Reader 2.4 --Quiz #186017]

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I thought this was a very attractive book. The cover is lovely and the inside art features adorable animals. There's red squirrels, bear and cub, beaver, birds, foxes, owls, and mice and they are so darn cute.

The story isn't precisely clear which is part of the fun. It starts with a little boy named Charles. He wants to find a wishing tree so he asks his sister and brother. The two older siblings just brush him off, saying there is no such thing. That's when he asks his toboggan what it thinks. You can tell that the young boy has a working and friendly relationship with 'Boggan' because it says that surely there must be such a thing. And so they set out.

They climb hills and then slide down. They are looking for the Wish Tree as they go, but they get distracted by the needs of others. The red squirrel, for example, needs help to get its nuts to the tree and we see Boggan loaded with nuts and the resulting happy squirrels nestled in their tree with plenty of treats.

Boggan and Boy continue to help animals until it starts to get dark, then they head home. Before they get there, the boy falls asleep and the animals appear. It's not entirely clear whether the events that follow are dream or not. I'd be tempted to spin the story one way or another at different times to see what children think.

Older children can, of course, be urged to give their own interpretations and you can then look to see if there are clues in the artwork.

Lovely sweet sentiment. If you need a set and clear story this might be a book better found at the library. The artwork though is very appealing, and there is a chance to use it as a practice reader so for the right audience it might suit for home or classroom shelves.

Lola says

L'ARBRE DES SOUHAITS m'a énormément charmé.

Les illustrations sont, bien sûr, jolies tant elles sont colorées et même assez... douces. Cependant, c'est réellement l'histoire et le personnage principal qui ont fait rebondir mon cœur.

Alors voilà ce qui se produit: Charles veut trouver un arbre de souhaits. Tout son entourage lui dit que, franchement, ça n'existe pas ces choses. Mais Charles persiste, et donc, son traîneau et lui vont dans la forêt

afin de chercher ce bel arbre.

Si je n'avais pas lu le livre pour enfants WISHTREE de Katherine Applegate, j'aurai cru que ces arbres n'existent vraiment pas et que tout ce qui se passe dans cette histoire provient uniquement de l'imagination de l'auteur.

Mais non, ces arbres sont réels dans certains endroits. Je n'en connais pas à Montréal ou dans mon coin, malheureusement, mais ce genre d'élément de la nature qui semble magique est mieux dans mes pensées de toute façon. Pour moi, c'est assez de savoir qu'ils sont réels quelque part sur la planète.

Alors sur son chemin, Charles rencontre des amis qu'il se fait un plaisir d'aider. En fait, il ne demande rien aux animaux en retour, alors qu'il aurait pu leur demander de l'aide lui aussi. Ses actions sont honorables.

Un très beau livre qui mérite d'être lu.

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Lata says

Sweet, quiet story of a young boy looking for a wish tree. Though he walks all day, he doesn't find it. He does, however, help a number of animals and their families haul berries and other forage home with his toboggan.

Ebony Rae says

The Wish Tree is Sweet and soothing , completely entrancing , and with a wonderful and subtle moral, about kindness and helping others. BEAUTIFUL illustrations that interact and balance perfectly with the words of the story <3 I got to read this story as a catch-up assignment with a student (I'm a TA:). A part of the project was a worksheet with comprehensive questions from the story. One question was "What do you think Charles (the protagonist) wished for?" my student was completely floored by this question and seemed to think it was irrelevant haha. Eventually, he came to the conclusion that he had wished for the wish tree (great answer, isnt it?!:) but we both agreed that perhaps what he got along the way (some great friends!) was even better than what he had wished for. <3

Relyn says

This was a super sweet little story with wonderful illustrations. I think it would be a hit with little listeners. I might try it as a read aloud with my Kindergarteners.

Calista says

I love stories like this.

1, it's set in a snow filled wonderland,
2 the protagonist declares they want something odd or strange that isn't tangible, in this case a Wish Tree,
3 the other people say you can't do that or it isn't there
4 most IMPORTANTLY, the character doesn't believe them and sets out anyway.
5 there is a journey, usually filled with Heart where they help others along the way,
6 all seems lost
7 The wish is granted.

I love the artwork in this book. I love that the child calls the sled Boggin and it has a bit of a name and that we can see the boys journey from the trail left in the snow. I love the animals that are meet in the woods. I adore the ending. This book touches that magic place inside me and my heart blooms.

The children can pick up the wonder and excitement in my voice as I'm reading the story and sometimes I think that helps to make a story better for them. They did enjoy the story. The niece appreciated the artwork and the nephew liked seeing the animals, but I don't think it touched the same place inside them as it did in me. It must have to do with my archetypes being different from theirs. The nephew gave this 3 stars while the niece gave it 4 stars - practically a rave review for her.

Amina says

Cute story, cute characters, cute illustrations!
All about this cute book is cute!

Kathryn says

the art work was lovely, delicate was used in a previous review and that word is perfect. I thought the story just a bit confusing close to the end. I adored how his friend was the toboggan.

Barbara says

With its delicate and intricate digital illustrations and tender message about believing in something when no one else seems to, this picture book just might steal its way into readers' hearts. During the winter, Charles is determined to find a wish tree, His siblings are disinterested and tell him there are no wish trees. With his reliable friend, Boggan, a toboggan, he sets forth on his quest anyway. As they wander through the woods, they offer help to various animals, who, in turn, bring him to the wish tree where his wish is granted, and the new friends have quite a feast. The story itself reminds readers about looking outside themselves and their own single-minded determination to reach goals. Sometimes the journey and what happens along the way is more important than getting there. Too bad Charles's siblings weren't believers in a little magic too.

Liz Todd says

A special, special book. Beautiful and genuine. What was his wish? I wonder!

