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The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis. But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled. Let the race begin!

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From Reader Review Pugs of the Frozen North for online ebook

Montzalee Wittmann says

Lol, pug pups pulling a sled

Pugs of the Frozen North is a cute story about a boy and 66 baby pugs that are stranded in the far north. They end up in a race, a great sled race but instead of big hairy dogs, he has little pugs in sweaters. It is a magical winter so they meet more than snow. Adorable illustrations!

Mathew says

Yet another wonderful addition to the Reeves and McIntyre duo and expelling the myth that 'there are no good books for younger children'. When Shen finds himself abandoned upon a frozen sea along with 66 pugs, he is unsure of his fate. Fortunately, he encounters Sika and her family. She agrees to look after the dogs so long as they can be part of a sledging competition in which the winner is granted their heart's desire. As always, these pages are packed with wonderful silliness, from sea monster to noodle-eating yetis. McIntyre and Reeve must work incredibly closely on this since all pages are a delight to look at and read. Credit must also go to shape, size and design. I love the fact that it feels like a thick, real book and those readers just taking flight will be enjoy their reading journey feeling like they have read a real novel. The ending is beautiful too.

Donalyn says

Read aloud with Emma and we both loved it. Surprisingly heart warming and clever. Great vocabulary!

juan carlos says

¿Para qué leer Pugs de los hielos del norte?

1. Por que es una hermosa aventura en un ambiente congelado, donde nuestros protagonistas serán aguerridos y muy divertidos.
2. Las situaciones son bastante imaginativas y graciosas. Los capítulos de los yetis come espaguetis lo ame con locura.
3. El final te deja un mensaje hermoso de seguir tu corazón y que a veces los deseos viven dentro de nosotros y no en objetos o diamantes. Las cosas bellas de la vida no tienen precio.
4. Los villanos de la historia cumplen bien su propósito sin perder la locura y las ocurrencias que te hacen sacar una sonrisa.
5. El imaginarte todos los momentos de acción con esos Pugs, hacen que suspires de la ternura que transmiten.
6. El desenlace puede sacarte una lagrima traicionera.

Susan says

Having read other books by Philip Reeve, my children were keen to review this latest – “Pugs of the Frozen North.” With fourteen chapters and just over 200 pages, this is probably best for more confident readers, aged approx 7+. However, it has lots of fantastic illustrations, which not only break up the text for the more reluctant reader, but also helps the story appeal to a younger audience, as well as being good to read aloud.

Shen is the cabin boy on the “Lucky Star” when the ship becomes trapped in ice. In the hold are sixty-six pugs, which Captain Jeggings had hoped to sell. When he needs to lighten the load though, it is the pugs he abandons and Shen ends up stranded with them. Looking for help, he finds Sika, who tells him about the Great North Run. The prize is “Your Heart’s Desire” and Shen and Sika decide to take part, with the pugs pulling the sleigh.

What follows is a really exciting adventure through a frozen world, inhabited with snow trolls, sea monsters, the Kraken, hungry yetis and fifty different kinds of snow. Rather like the “Wizard of Oz,” our heroes have to make their way to the icicle palace of the Snow father, who can grant wishes. Will they make it and will Shen find what he most desires?

This is a really exciting adventure story and the illustrations match the storyline perfectly. Many are dark, which captures the bleak, icy landscape. However, the illustrations are cute and appealing, rather than scary. This book will have appeal to both boys and girls and both my children look forward to reading more books by Philip Reeve.

Reading is my Escape says

Pugs of the Frozen North

Winter came in the night, like a white sheet laid over the world.

- first sentence

Shen is on a ship called the Lucky Star when all of the sudden winter comes, but not just any winter... it's a magical winter (True Winter). The ocean freezes and then Shen saves the cargo... 66 pugs. While Shen is trying to save the pugs, he gets left behind by his captain. He is alone, walking with the pugs across the frozen ocean. Then he gets to a Post Office (whose letters only say "Po Of ice". There he meets Sika, who ends up bringing him and the pugs, on an exciting adventure. Together, they enter the Great Nothern Race, and whoever wins gets a wish from the Snowfather.

This is a cute story. I read it in one sitting and liked it. There is a great deal of adventure and danger that Shen, Sika, and the pugs have to face. But, they do it together and help each other, and their competitors along the way.

The ending is pretty predictable, but the journey is still fun.

This book was nominated for a 2017-18 Sunshine State Young Readers Award in the 3-5 grade category. It's a quick read and fun. I think it will appeal to reluctant readers, and pug lovers of course! :)

Yael says

Though this book is not without its problems, it IS charming, funny and beautiful (gorgeous illustrations) overall.

Kate says

This book was hilarious and awesome. I wasn't sure what to expect, but it started right in with the adventure. Shen and Sika are great protagonists (and I coded Sika and her family as Inuit or some other northern indigenous people which is nice).

I really especially loved Helga Hammerfest, who has polar bears pull her sled and who is big and strong and owns the shit out of her fabulous beard.

"Most ladies don't care for beards, but I find mine helps to keep my chin warm in the frozen north. You should try growing yours, Miss Mitzi."

I can't even with this lady. She knows what she's into (polar bears, winter) and she just does her. <3

Here's a blog post from Sarah McIntyre, the illustrator, about Helga Hammerfest and the #nonidentikit challenge that she created to introduce more diversity into female characters! Love.

Ryan Sood says

I thought this book was very interesting. It is about two kids who have a sled pulled by 66 pugs and are trying to race to the top of the world. It was funny because of some of the strange things that happen. I would recommend this book.

Marie the Librarian says

Aw this was a cute and fun book about pugs, friendship and adventure!

Sara Gabai says

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I really enjoyed this book. It was a quick read and fun. I think it will appeal to reluctant readers, and pug lovers of course! :)

Gal says

Is there a Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre book that isn't hilarious, adorable, and perfect in every single way? Probably not.

Nostalgia Reader says

A whimsical and action packed adventure! The polar setting, the adorkable pugs, and the awesome cast of characters made this a very enjoyable read, something I know I would have enjoyed just as much when I was younger. Definitely recommended!

Sanna says

Antaisin vielä puolikkaan tähden tuohon päälle, ihan hauska tarina, joskin melko kliseiset hahmot: on ylimielistä aatelista, luonnonvoimia selittäviä alkuasukkaita ja orpopoika kaupanpäälle. Plussaa itsevarmasta, jääkarhujen vetämästä parrakkaasta Helgasta.

Kustantajalle vahvaa palautetta suomennoksen rivityksestä: rivit jatkuvat mielivaltaisti sivujen yli ja sanoja katkotaan aukeamien välillä. Ei näin, aikuisellakin on vaikeuksia seurata sanoja.

Christopher says

I picked this up initially because it looked ridiculous, but in the end I actually kind of enjoyed it. For it's intended audience, it's a quirky, comical adventure that I would definitely recommend. The 66 pugs and their names in the end of the book might be my favorite part.
