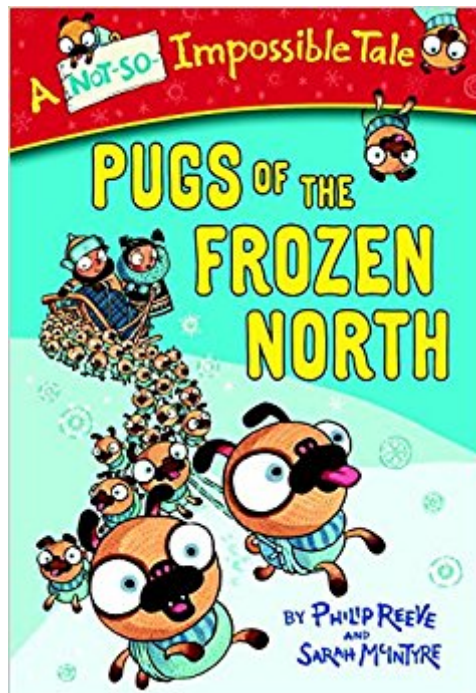




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# Pugs Of The Frozen North (A Not-So-Impossible Tale)



## Synopsis

Get ready for a ruff, ruff ride! For early chapter book readers who are ready for something longer, the Not-So-Impossible Tales are packed with humor, action, and illustrations on almost every page. Far away, in a winter wonderland, an amazing sled race is about to begin. The winner can make one wish, and it will magically come true! Two friends, Sika and Shen, want to win more than anything. But all they have is a pack of yappy, yippy, pug puppies. Ten pugs can't move their sled. Even with thirty, it doesn't budge. But what about . . . SIXTY-SIX? With a little bit of luck, anything is paws-ible. A madcap, magical blend of fluff and other good stuff. Kirkus Reviews, starred review Rich in humor and meaning both. Pug power! Booklist, starred review

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

"A madcap, magical blend of fluff and other good stuff." Kirkus Reviews starred review  
"With an offbeat approach and beautiful, evocative language, this unusual, fablelike novel will appeal to literary-minded teens." Booklist  
starred review  
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PHILIP REEVE is the acclaimed author of the Mortal Engines/Predator Cities series, the Fever

Crumb series, and the Carnegie Medal “winning” Here Lies Arthur. He was born and raised in the seaside town of Brighton and has been writing down adventures since he was five years old. You can learn more about Philip Reeve at [philip-reeve.com](http://philip-reeve.com) and follow him on Twitter at @philipreeve1. SARAH McINTYRE has written and illustrated several picture books and comics for children. Sarah’s delightfully over-the-top drawings and mischievous monkey illustrations brought her and Philip together for the Not-So-Impossible Tales. You can learn more about Sarah McIntyre at [jabberworks.co.uk](http://jabberworks.co.uk) and follow her at @jabberworks.

Philip Reeve’s “Not-So-Impossible Tales” are delightful adventures in imagination and absurdity. His most recent book, “Pugs of the Frozen North”, is slightly less comical and does address some serious topics. This story, like Reeve’s others, also place emphasis on self-reliance and the importance of friends and family. To lighten the tone of the story, it incorporates an imaginary character that will play a critical role in resolving Shen’s dilemma and some humorous secondary “reel” characters. When the “Lucky Star” becomes trapped in a frozen ocean, Captain Jeggings orders the crew to abandon ship. Ordered to save the cargo consisting of sixty-six pug dogs, Shen ultimately becomes responsible for their welfare. Abandoned by the Captain, Shen and the pugs traverse the frozen sea and eventually reach a village. There he meets Sika, a girl who tells him they are experiencing a magical “once-in-a-lifetime” winter. He learns of a race to the North Pole where the Snowfather lives. He will grant a wish to the winner; Sika wants to win so she can wish for her beloved grandfather to live and see another “once-in-a-lifetime” winter. Shen volunteers himself and the use of the sixty-six pugs so Sika may enter the race. Their adventures and the lessons they, along with the other race entrants, learn make this story entertaining while still teaching some valuable lessons. In “Pugs of the Frozen North”, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre have given readers a book filled with humor, exciting situations, and very relatable characters. The cartoon-like, but not cartoonish, illustrations add to the “Not-So-Impossible Tales” overall reading experience. Through use of the cartoon-style and a limited three-color format of the illustrations “green, black, and white” the fantasy aspect of the story becomes even stronger. The two have done an excellent job presenting situations and concerns many children experience. While fantasy and imaginative fictional characters fill “Pugs of the Frozen North”, the actual topics addressed are familiar and relevant. Fear of abandonment and disaster, and the need for family and friends are important to the target age group. Lessons involving cooperation and teamwork are presented

without becoming didactic. Pugs of the Frozen North is written so well that adults can enjoy the story and not find it cloying or juvenile. The language is not dumbed down, but neither is it so complex as to discourage young readers. The story and its plentiful pictures are engaging enough to interest preschoolers to whom parents read bedtime stories. This is another winner for Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.

I love it when a great author and a great illustrator come together! I bought this book on a whim because I thought my 9 year old would love a book about a bunch of pugs. It was easily one of the best books we ever read together and we've read A LOT of books. The illustrations are gorgeous... the writing is so incredibly creative. We read this one FAST even though it is about 211 pages. If your kids like adventure stories, ships, Krakens, Yetis, adorable pugs in sweaters... they will love this book.

Fun book to read before bed to my 6-year old. The characters are quirky and the story is easy for a young child to understand and enjoy.

A magical story that shows you the meaning of true winter and how you can do anything no matter what size you are.

This book is ADORABLE. My second graders absolutely loved it. I want to buy all the rest of the books.

My 9 y/o granddaughter gave this book a "10 out of 10" when I asked her how she liked the book. That rarely happens, and she's a voracious reader.

great book for entertain

My 6 year old LOVES this book! This is definitely a book we will keep and read again and again. Lots of adventure and fun characters, fun for me to read too! The illustrations are great and there are just enough to keep younger minds interested.

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