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The Christmas Wish



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Synopsis

This New York Times bestselling Nordic tale in the tradition of The Snowman,Ã Â The Polar Express, and the many books of Jan Brett will have readers of all ages believing in the magic of Christmas. This is one to pull out every year and savor!Long ago, a brave little girl named Anja wanted to be one of Santa's elves.Ã Â So she leaves a note for her family and helps her elderly neighbor prepare for the holiday, then she straps on her skis, and heads out into the snowy landscape. From a red bird to a polar bear to a reindeer, a menagerie of winter animals help Anja make her way to Santa. A generous trim-size, matte cover, extraordinary photographs, and foiled title make this a special book for the holiday season.And don't miss the other "Wish" books:The Reindeer WishThe Tiny WishThe Brave Little PuppyÃ Â The Puppy's Wish -- coming soon!

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1-Anja longs to be one of Santa's elves. Dressed in full Nordic regalia complete with red gnomic hat, she certainly looks the part. A thoughtful and helpful child, she acts the part as well. When she skis off in her quest to find Santa, a bird, horse, musk ox, polar bear, and reindeer show her the way. The full-page photographs look like they could be movie stills, so sharp and seamless are the figures that Anja and the animals cut against the winter landscape of Northern lights, glaciers, and snowy pine trees. While the scenes of Anja offering an apple to the reindeer or curled

up next to the sleeping polar bear are whimsical and look unaltered, other images are obviously manipulated. Further, the story reads as if it were written around the pictures, rather than the other way around. Nonetheless, the striking winter visuals and the adorable heroine carry the day.-Joanna Fabicon, Los Angeles Public Library Ã Â (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

"A captivating Christmas story with a magic all its own.Ã¢â ¬Â• --Starred, Kirkus Reviews"Ã¢â ¬Â¦rosy-cheeked Anja looks like sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s stepped out of a fairy tale, and BreiehagenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s delicious (and, necessarily, digitally altered) photographs of her riding on the back of a polar bear and meeting Santa amid the snowy pines of the North Pole create the sense that magic is very real." -- Starred, Publishers Weekly"[The Christmas Wish] points to both the timelessness and the otherworldliness of a child's Christmastime wonder." --The Horn Book"Ã¢â ¬Â¦this cozy Nordic tale filled with extraordinary photographs will have readers of all ages believing in the magic of Christmas. This is one to pull out every year and savor." --The Children's Book Review"Dreams have never been so photogenic." --USA Today

An adorable little girl, gorgeous winter landscapes, and instantly familiar animals, all gloriously put together by a superbly talented photographer.Norway has rich traditions in handcrafts, architecture, and particularly in fairy tales. If you have even a passing familiarity with Scandinavia, you'll appreciate rich but subtle references in Anja's finely handcrafted Norwegian clothing and accessories, the iconicaÃƒâ ¦Ã â ly Norwegian farm buildings, and various cultural and literary references in the story itself. If such wonders are unfamiliar to you, you've been missing out and this book will be the perfect introduction.This is a simple but magical book and an instant classic.

This is a remarkable book! I bought it for my 3 yr. old Granddaughter and it arrived today. It FAR exceeded my expectations! Although the draw for me was our Norwegian ancestry and the beautiful photographs (and the fact that Anja and our Granddaughter could be twins), the message wins the prize. This is a must Christmas book for every family, and not just one with young children. I am ordering 2 more just because I know I'll give them away. Should get some sort of prize!

This is precious tale. The story has an old message told in a magical way. The child is kind and brave. She is a rare girl. The animals are beautiful and wise. The illustrations are stark with vivid splashes of color. This is a perfect gift to all. We will cherish this book,Christmas after Christmas...

The pictures alone are worth the price, but the story is also wonderful with its simple, and much needed message.

I read this story to students in grades K-5. All of the children loved the book. The older students loved the photographs along with the story. It is a wonderful book to read at Christmas! I was surprised but pleased that the older kids loved the story as much as the younger ones did.

This is even a lovely cofeetable book. All our three generation adore the story about Anya. The illustrations are simply charming.

What an adorable Story! No wonder the New York Times voted it best children's Christmas Book. It quickly sold out at all the majorbook stores and was a real treasure when I was able to order it on ....I bought several copies to give as special gifts. Adarling story but it's the photographs that grab your heart. The little girl's father took the photos of his daughter and the mother madethe Christmas Story to go with....don't miss this one.

I Purchased this book for my grandsons to read before Christmas. It is a beautifully illustrated book with a lovely story. My grandsons loved it and wanted to have it read to them again and again. Looking forward to the release of her next book.

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