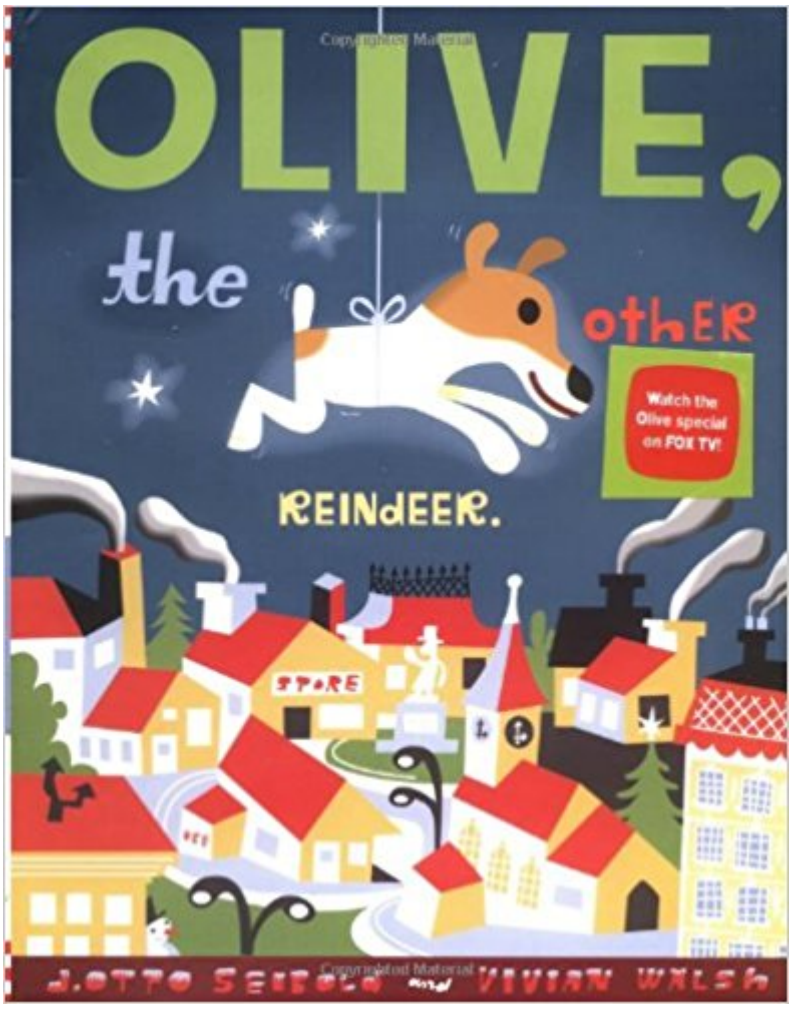
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Olive, The Other Reindeer



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Synopsis

Olive is merrily preparing for Christmas when suddenly she realizes "Olive... the other Reindeer... I thought I was a dog. Hmmm, I must be a Reindeer!" So she quickly hops aboard the polar express and heads to the North Pole. And while Santa and the other reindeer are a bit surprised that a dog wants to join the their team, in the end Olive and her unusual reindeer skills are just what Santa and his veteran reindeer team need. Colorful graphic illustrations accompany this zany dog story from the well-known author and artist team, Vivian and J.otto Seibold. Adorable Olive and her hilarious adventures are sure to make anyone’s Christmas merry.

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Customer Reviews

You won’t understand the premise of this book if you’ve never sung "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," so let’s start there. The carol begins, "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer / had a very shiny nose / and if you ever saw it, / You would even say it glows / All of the other reindeer / used to laugh and call him names / They never let poor Rudolph / join in any reindeer games." If you notice that "all of the other reindeer" sounds suspiciously like "Olive, the other reindeer," you’ve discovered the source of Olive’s adventures! Olive is a dog. But when she hears this holiday tune, a bit of an identity crisis sets in. She decides she must be a reindeer and heads to the North Pole to see if she

can join Santa’s reindeer team. Olive gets to the North Pole just in time. Comet (the biggest reindeer) uses a piece of extra ribbon to tie Olive to the reindeers’ elaborate harness system. As the sleigh rose high in the sky, "Olive was surprised it was so easy to fly." (The sight of a dog dangling beneath Santa’s sleigh will reduce readers to charmed giggles.) Despite Olive’s lack of flying ability and the unfortunate mishap caused by the reindeers’ distraction, she, in her inherent dogginess, proves to be useful as both a flute retriever and a cookie smeller. J. otto Seibold and Vivian Walsh have written and illustrated four splendid books for children: Mr. Lunch Takes a Plane Ride, Mr. Lunch Borrows a Canoe, Monkey Business, and Free Lunch. Publisher’s Weekly’s assessment of the creators’ work in Free Lunch also rings true for Olive, the Other Reindeer: "Seibold and Walsh specialize in street-smart art and convoluted story-lines ... Seibold’s illustration style [is] a sort of cubism for the ’90s. His computer-generated, airbrush-smooth characters resemble digital icons, but their asymmetrical quality lends them a hand-drawn warmth. The spreads are abuzz with comical details." This very silly, endearing book is sure to delight your favorite kids--and adults, too. (All ages)

Instead of the lyric, ``All of the other reindeer,'' Olive the pup hears something else on the radio: ``Olive, the other reindeer.'' She concludes that she is to be Santa’s canine helper, so heads up to the North Pole, to join the Christmas Eve flight. Dangling from a ribbon tied to Comet’s reins, Olive looks more like a stray ornament than a reindeer, but her doggy talents of chewing, sniffing, and fetching rescue Father Christmas from multiple mishaps. The story is as slight as they come, but the art sings a song all its own. Seibold’s gregarious cartoons create an avocado-and-tomato colored cartoon Christmas in which little details shine: In a scene of flutes falling out of the sky and into a snow bank, a cutaway shows a surprised bunny awaking to find its burrow pierced by a silver shaft. Children will like the sophisticated art, even without a tight storyline. (Picture book. 4-8) -- Copyright Ã Â©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

I love this story! "Olive, The Other Reindeer" is the story of a little dog named Olive who things she is a reindeer and goes off to the North Pole to help Santa and the reindeer at Christmas. Olive has quite an experience with Santa and the reindeer and ends up saving Christmas! We read this story as a family every Christmas, and I have given the book as a gift several times! This should be an instant classic!

This is a fun book with cute illustrations. St. Nicholas dropped it off at our house this year for my

6-year-old, but it had all my kids (who range in age from infant to 12 years) laughing throughout. Sweet Olive. Of course she would think she's a reindeer; the song repeatedly tells her so. We were glad she was able to help Santa after all (even if it was her presence that was the underlying cause for the troubles, to begin with!).

This is an absolutely adorable Christmas tale that is a must for every dog lover, child and adult alike!

I love this story! It's one of my favorite Christmas movies. Kinda bummed that the book isn't really close to the movie but I suppose that's how most books are. Gave it 4 stars because it was late arriving and also the paper cover was wrinkled at the top a bit. But over all I'm in love with it!

We bought these books for a new Christmas tradition with my kids, and have not been disappointed with these stories at all. Some of these were books that I had never even read before and now am so happy that I have had the opportunity. Perfect for 7-10 year olds.

My kids thought this book was both funny and cute. The little dog thinks he's a reindeer, after hearing the Rudolph song, because his name is Olive and he hears "olive the other reindeer"...really cute and my kids loved that the dog gets to help Santa on Christmas Eve...I wasn't particularly thrilled or impressed with the illustrations, although the dog is very cute, but my kids liked all of them...

I truly love this little story. I remember when it first came out in 1997. I did buy the little dog tree ornament and still have that but I couldn't find my copy of the book. So I bought this one. So happy it appears to be brand new, but it is a library edition.

I bought this to go with the matching Advent Calendar. It was a gift for a 5 year old boy I am told he loves to have the book read to him this Christmas season and is enjoying the Calendar.

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