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Bird & Squirrel On Ice





Synopsis

Bird and Squirrel are back and ready for adventure!After Bird and Squirrel crash land in the South Pole during a raging blizzard, a penguin named Sakari thinks Bird has come to rid her village of a hungry Killer Whale. But when Squirrel finds out that Bird will actually be fed to the Killer Whale as a sacrifice, they hatch a crazy plan to escape. With a good timing, a little luck, and help from Sakari, they just might make it out alive. Or they might end up as whale food!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

For those of you ancient enough to remember the old Bob Hope and Bing Crosby "Road To ..." movies, here's a book that honors that old buddy comedy formula in a fresh and amusing fashion. You get the quips and silliness of Bob Hope/Bird and the more grown up deadpan of Bing Crosby/Squirrel, and they even get to be rescued from a complicated tight fix by the smart and resourceful heroine, Dorothy Lamour/Sakari.Just like those old movies, and every road comedy since, this book works on many levels. There is broad humor, some snappy dialogue, some wry throwaway lines, and lots of good natured kidding of our oblivious hero and his nervous sidekick. To keep it all going there is a plot of sorts that actually builds to a satisfying conclusion and a rewarding ending. This strikes me as a great read to, (or early reader for a confident youngster), and the tone is consistently, and reliably good humored. If you like messages, well this tale turns on friendship, courage, resourcefulness and duty, with a side of fishcakes and snocones, so you even have that going for you. The drawings deserve particular mention. There are some big pieces that set the scenes, and they are detailed, sharp, colorful and clear. There is action without extraneous business. The drawings always capture and express the mood of the narrative and the forward movement of the story. And, considering these are animal figures, there is tremendous personality drawn into each panel and the individual characters shine through. It's pretty rare to get a book like this - with engaging characters, a coherent story, drawings that advance the story, and deep good humor - and it struck me as a very good find. Please note that I received a free advance ecopy of this book in exchange for a candid review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

'Bird & Squirrel on Ice' is the second volume in the series. I haven't read the first volume, but this one was great. So far, I've been very impressed with the Scholastic Graphix line of books for young readers.Bird and Squirrel find themselves crash landing in the South Pole. A young penguin named Sakari is convinced that Bird is the chosen one and takes her back to her village. Bird thinks this is pretty great and lets it go to his head. Squirrel is concerned that his friend is over his head and wants to stop him while he can. Sakari is out to prove her independence to her father. There is plenty of humor and adventure to go around.I loved the Sakari character for her bravery. Bird and Squirrel show that friendship is important. There is lots to laugh at here and James Burks' story and art are perfect for younger readers.I received a review copy of this graphic novel from Scholastic Graphix and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this fun graphic novel.

Excellent fun book for my 4 year old. This book is nicely illustrated with a good fun story. It's definitely child appropriate. My son loves to sit with it and go through all the pages on his own. He's starting to ask about the words and is now interested in learning how to read. Amazing for a rambunctious child who can't sit still.

This is a great book about two friends with two different personalities. One is cautious the other carefree, both are funny and my 8 year old wants to read it again for the 3rd time. I use it to talk to her about her approach if she was in those scenarios and its helped make her more aware of how she approaches situations. Thanks James Burks for a great series...please write more!

Another great Bird & Squirrel book! I love these two characters; they are like a modern day Frog and Toad. Two friends with different personalities who end up making the best of every situation. The book starts where we left them in the first one, flying seawards onto a new adventure. "...On Ice" has them landing in the antarctic where the flightless penguins think Bird is the Chosen One who will set them free from the Big Whale. I didn't find this quite as funny as the first book but it still has a great sense of humour that kids (and adults) will love. The art is enthralling and while Burks uses the same square-headed style, this is contrasted with one new character: a lone round-head. This makes her stand out as she looks very cute compared to the others. It's amazing how the illustrator does this but it both shows she is a girl and that she is much younger (a little kid really). I'm grown quite fond of Bird & Squirrel and hope there will be another book as the ending suggests.

A comic book style story with delightful illustrations telling the adventures of Bird and Squirrel after they crash land in a blizzard. They meet a penguin who believes Bird is the 'Chosen One' who will rescue their village from the whale - and so the adventures begin! Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley for letting me read this fantastic book in exchange for this, an honest review. The story is well written and in a format that will appeal to children. It could easily be used by parents and teachers to show how it is important to know the whole picture and not just assume something great is going to happen. It also highlights that, working together, much more can be achieved. As a teacher, I could certainly imagine using this as a starter for PSHE work with children and think it well worth exploring. It is a lovely story with a great message that will certainly appeal to young readers. I'll certainly be on the look out for other books by this author in future!

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