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# The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto (Step-Into-Reading)





### Synopsis

It is one of the worst storms ever - the snow has not stopped for days and it is 30 degrees below zero. But somehow Balto must get through. He is the lead dog of his sled team. And he is carrying medicine to sick children miles away in Nome, Alaska. He is their only hope. Can Balto find his way through the terrible storm? Find out in this exciting true story!

#### **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 330L (What's this?) Paperback: 48 pages Publisher: Random House (October 17, 1989) Language: English ISBN-10: 0679880291 ISBN-13: 978-0679880295 ASIN: 0394896955 Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.2 x 9 inches Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) 340 customer reviews Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Best Sellers Rank: #2,208 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #8 inà Â Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Difficult Discussions > Illness #17 inà Â Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Historical Fiction > United States #19 inà Â Books > Children's Books > Animals > Dogs Age Range: 5 - 8 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

#### **Customer Reviews**

Grade 1-3-- A compelling account, told in easy-to-read format, of Balto, a sled dog who led his team through snow and ice over 53 miles of northern Alaska wilderness to deliver some medicine. The story is based on an actual event that occurred in 1925 during an outbreak of diptheria, when the closest medicine was 800 miles away in Anchorage. When the train bearing the important cargo became buried in the snow still 700 miles from its destination, a dog sled relay was used. Cook's softly colored illustrations are expressive and enhance the drama of the story--a proud and heroic story that young readers are sure to enjoy. --Sharron McElmeel, Cedar Rapids Community Schools, IACopyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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The True Story of Balto is about a courageous, intelligent, and heroic dog who transports medication to children in desperate need. He faces some of the worst winter conditions imaginable on his journey. I purchased the Kindle version of this book for a project my second grader has to complete. I love that the book is written in a manner that is easy-to-understand. The illustrations make it more engaging for young readers, while the chapter set up prepares them for the transition to full-blown chapter books. My son and I both loved this book. We're a dog-loving bunch here, so this book really captivated us and touched our hearts. We've spent quite a bit of time researching Balto since we finished the story, and my son has shown a keen interest in this wonderful canine hero. Tonight, we intend to watch the Balto animated children's movie together. Highly recommended for young readers.

My 7-yr old son requested this book when he was in the hospital for two weeks recovering from meningitis. It's the story of balto, a real life rescue husky, who goes on a mission to deliver life saving medicine to a sick little girl before it was too late. He accomplished the mission. The story is just right for little kids, esp those who need a bit of encouragement. I bought my son a stuffed husky to go with it, and we bought the complete set of Balto DVDs on to take to the hospital too. My little guy has recovered well and has very fond memories of Balto, and still enjoys the book and movies.

The true story of Balto, The Greatest Dog Ever has every element needed to keep children interested and entertained. Beginning readers will find this bit of history full of adventure. In Alaska during the 1925 blizzard, sled dogs are the only mode of transportation with a remote chance of getting the vaccine for an outbreak of diphtheria from Anchorage to Nome. The details regarding the care of sled dogs will interest readers. The danger of the elements and difficulty of the trip adds suspense. The ending is satisfying as Standiford shows how Balto saved day as well as how he is remembered with a statue of him in New York's Central Park.

It's a really good book. I liked that it's a true story about a dog. I'm seven and this book was easy to read.

my son doesn't love reading. i downloaded this book on my kindle and he was excited to read it. the story is compelling enough to keep a 6 year old boy's interest.

One of my favorite stories of all time. My kids learned the story of Balto, now I'm passing it on to their kids

My 7 year old granddaughter and I love to read this true story together.

My son liked it.. though never said he loved the story..so I am going on that review

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