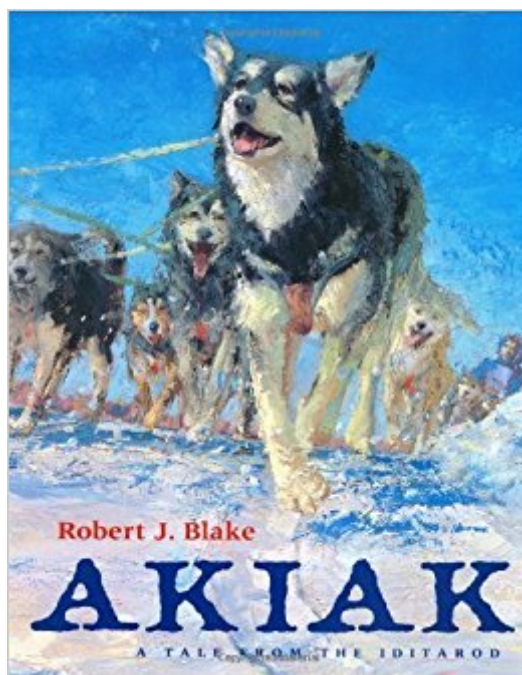


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# Akiak : A Tale From The Iditarod By Robert J. Blake (1997-09-22)



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My two year old twins are really into sled dogs so this was a good story for them. They sit through the length of text on the page without a problem. The pictures are nice but a little repetitive so they start to get bored with the pictures by the end. That is the only reason I took off one star.

A beautiful malamute named Akiak is featured in this book about Alaskan sled dog runs. The story of the old malamute who literally ran herself into the snow, when she reached a point where she could not "run on that paw," Akiak is taken to a dog drop off place. The malamute's indomitable spirit shows through. Instead of waiting for the little puddle jumper plane to fly her out of the area, the curly tailed dog escapes and rejoins her team, even though the team has a lead of several hours on her. The spirited malamute brings to mind MacFadden & Whitehead's 1979 classic, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now." There ain't no stopping Akiak now - she won't give up! Readers not only race with the mushers, they run with the malamute who would not give up. Her travels and travails become those of the readers; her success will leave readers cheering with delight. The drawings in this book are masterpiece paintings and readers will come away with a good understanding of dog racing and the rules and history of this sport. A trail map has been included along with some final

notes about the sport of dog racing. A masterpiece of a book!

Wonderful illustrations and a realistic story that give the feel of the Iditarod race and capture the nature of its canine competitors. The paintings of Mick, the woman musher, look like Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the Iditarod. Although the book is fiction, the story is very plausible and exciting. I read this to a class of kindergarteners and it held their interest. Read the Author's Note at the end for some interesting info about the rules of the Iditarod.

Prior to reading Akiak, I knew next to nothing about the Alaskan Iditarod. The book is such a thrilling tale that afterwards, my children and I were very motivated to learn more and we followed the 2011 race back in 2011. You will root for this incredible dog in her journey to catch up with her team. Her perseverance is impressive and incredibly moving. Donna[...]

Perfect as a part of my classroom reading program.

I love this book! It is such a touching story about never giving up!

Child enjoyed the book

Great story! My students loved it!

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