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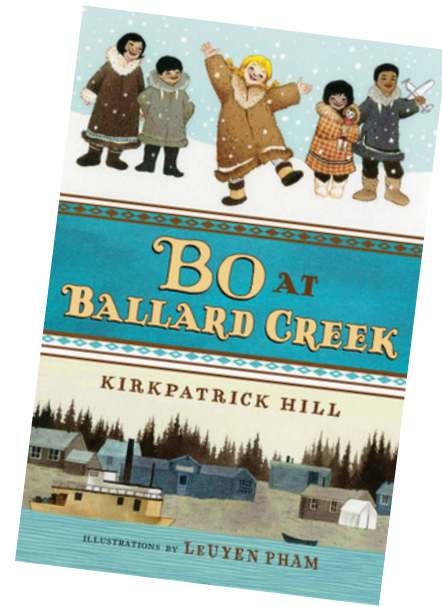
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Book Review

Title: Bo at Ballard Creek
Author: Kirkpatrick Hill
Illustrator: LeUyen Pham
Reviewer: Sydnee Burr
Publisher: Henry Holt and Company
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780805093513
Number of Pages: 279
Interest Level: Intermediate
Rating: Outstanding



Review

When Mean Millie asked a gold miner for a favor, he had no idea she would hand him a swaddled, blond haired, tiny bundle and recite the name of an Alaskan orphanage. Outside the orphanage gates, the two gold miners who agreed to the task fell in love with the baby's charm, were disappointed by the strict damp look of the place, and enthusiastically decided to raise the child themselves. They named her Bo, and set out on their way to raising a child on the Alaskan frontier.

In a Little House on the Prairie kind of way, Hill masterfully tells stories of Bo's childhood. With no strong plot line to follow, *Bo at Ballard Creek* takes on a historical memoir feeling and wins the hearts of readers as they discover what it might have been like to live with, cook for, and learn from a gold mining crew in the 1920's in the middle of Alaska.