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One-Dog Sleigh

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Book Review

Title: One-Dog Sleigh
Author: Mary Casanova
Illustrator: Ard Hoyt
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780374356392
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

When her dog wants to play, she decides to let him come along in an adventure in a one-dog sleigh. As they start off on their journey, a squirrel wants to join and jumps into the sleigh. Soon they are also joined by Owl, Lynx, Deer, Bear, Mouse, and Moose in the sleigh to form a one-pony, one-mouse, one-bear, one-deer, one-lynx, one-owl, one-squirrel, one-dog sleigh. Their new friends help the girl and her dog get home before a blizzard.

The girl and her dog learn that there is always room for one more and that teamwork can accomplish great things in this poetic winter story. The way animals slowly get added on can help teach kids rhythm and repetition. The illustrations are sweet and fun, making the book more charming than it would have been without them. This book would be a great addition to story time in the winter months or to teach words through repetition.