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Zoomer's Out-of-This-World Christmas

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Book Review

Title: Zoomer's Out-of-This-World Christmas

Author: Ned Young

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Publisher: HarperCollins

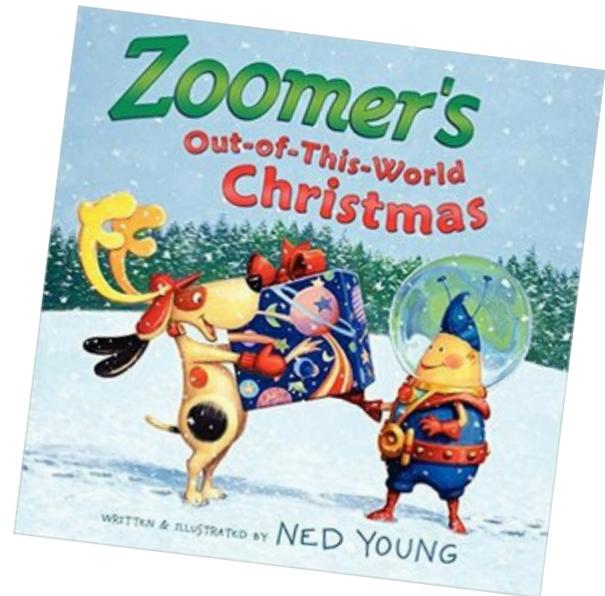
Publication Year: 2013

ISBN: 9780061999598

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Dependable



Review

On Christmas Eve, Hooper, Cooper, and Zoomer are looking for flying reindeer when something lands in their backyard. At first they think it is Santa, but they soon find out that it is a spaceship instead with a family from outer space. The space family invites Zoomer and his brothers to have a picnic of their favorite space foods and then to play a new sport. While at first everyone has a great time, they learn that the saucer was damaged and the only way to fix it so they can get home in time for Santa's visit is to give up his favorite toy. Lucky for Zoomer, Santa is going to make sure that he's not without his favorite toy forever.

This book is quite a bit different from most Christmas books, featuring a dog and his brothers interacting with a family from space, but it still has a good holiday message about giving up what you want to be able to help others. There are many unexplained parts of the story, such as why the alien family comes and why they are so willing to let Zoomer and his brothers spend time with them all day and have activities and food for them, but children who love outer space will enjoy having their favorite topic to read about in their collection of holiday books.