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Star In The Storm (Aladdin Historical Fiction)



Synopsis

A RISKY SECRET All non-shepherding dogs have been outlawed from the rocky coastal village where Maggie lives. Unwilling to give up her beloved Newfoundland, Sirius, Maggie defies the law and hides Sirius away. But when a steamer crashes into the rocks during a violent storm and starts to sink with a hundred passengers on board, Maggie faces a difficult choice. She knows Sirius can help rescue the people trapped on the ship, but bringing him out of hiding would put his own life in jeopardy. Is Maggie's brave dog a big enough hero to save the desperate passengers -- and himself?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A Newfoundland dog becomes the focus of a rich man's plot to keep its owner in his employ. PW called the novel, set in 1912, "atmospheric and briskly paced." Ages 8-12. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-7-Harlow's descriptive prose clearly evokes images of the Newfoundland coast and life in 1912, and she carefully incorporates folklore of the region into her story. Maggie, 12, is determined to keep her beloved Newfoundland, Sirius, in spite of a new law that bans all but sheepdogs from

this sheep-raising community. The characters are drawn with a heavy hand and are either evil or good at the beginning. Maggie's determination makes her the most interesting and endearing character. Howard Rand, the wealthiest man in town, is the villain who champions the law that threatens Sirius's very existence. Obvious foreshadowing shows the canine's bravery and amazing abilities to perform rescues from raging sea conditions. How convenient that the dog is able to save Mr. Rand's older daughter and grandchild from almost certain death when the steamer they are on crashes into some rocks close to shore. At this point, Rand mellows, and he withdraws his opposition to Sirius. Even his nasty younger daughter, Maggie's nemesis, comes around in the end. It's unfortunate that the story and the changes in the mean characters are so predictable. Still, in spite of its shortcomings, the book will be a popular choice among readers who love dog stories. Renee Steinberg, Fieldstone Middle School, Montvale, NJ Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Great book for teens and their parents

I think this book is great because well I like dogs? Well I actually finished it so um yeah, ok

This is a great book ! It is sad at the end but so amazing. There is loving family and friends! I do recommend this book!

My 9 year old daughter says this is her favorite book ever.

You have to love this book. So, so charming. Loved the characters, story line, everything. Wish we had more from this author.

Wonderful, compelling, evocative story set in Newfoundland and featuring this amazing breed of dogs. Great characters. Highly recommended!

Great book and story. Some words are hard for a fourth graders but it was a good book. My daughter love it

Great book. Both of my kids loved it!

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