

# ***Pugs of the Frozen North***

by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

## **Annotation**

The ship “Lucky Star” becomes trapped in the frozen ocean on the first day of True Winter. Captain Jeggings and crew decide to abandon ship. Ordered to save the cargo consisting of sixty-six pug dogs, Shen also earns the responsibility for their safety when left behind by the crew of the “Lucky Star”. Shen and the pugs travel over the frozen environment and reach a village Shen calls “Po of Ice”. There he meets Sika, a girl around his age, who tells him of the magical “once-in-a-lifetime” winter and of a race to the North Pole where the Snowfather lives. Snowfather will grant a wish to the winner, and Sika would like to win in order to wish for her beloved grandfather to live long enough to see another “once-in-a-lifetime” winter. Shen volunteers himself and the (66) pug dogs so Sika may enter the race and possibly grant her grandfather’s wish.

## **Book Talk**

Shen and a team of 66 pugs enter a race across the frozen north in order to win a wish for his new friend Sika. On the way the adventurers encounter unusual teams of others who desire their own wishes granted. Full of ice caves, sinister plotters, Yeti’s who offer endless amounts of spaghetti, 50 kinds of magical snow, the great Karaken- and more - make this a chilly adventure not to be missed. 66 adorable pug dogs star in this fun, sweet story.

## **Book Trailers**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GVpXSnzQE4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-dDX02904k>

## **Author on the Internet**

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- <http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/books/>
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- Tumblr: philipreeve A Dartmoor Sketchbook
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- Blog: philipreeve.blogspot.com

## **Items to use in a library display**

- Pug pictures/stuffed animals
- Frozen tundra decorations, including snowflakes, sleds, etc.
- Yeti Spaghetti (Noodles)
- Artic Animals

## **Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics**

- Discuss why Sika wants to win the race; why does Shen want to win the race?
- Why would it take 66 Pug dogs to pull the sled?
- What is a frozen tundra like
- Discuss the genre of this book - is it fantasy, adventure, realistic - why?

### **First Line of the Book:**

- “Winter came in the night, like a white sheet laid over the world.”

### **Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

- *Pugs (Complete Pet Owner's Manual)* by Phil Maggitti
- *The North and South Pole? : K12 Life Science Series* by Baby Professor
- *Looking for Bigfoot (Step into Reading)* by Bonnie Worth (Author), Jim Nelson (Illustrator)

### **What to Read Next**

- *The Mystery on Alaska's Iditarod Trail (Real Kids, Real Places)* by Carole Marsh
- *Dog Diaries #4: Togo* by Kate Klimo and Tim Jessell

### **Other Books by this Author:**

- *Cakes in Space*
- *Oliver and the Seawigs*
- *Railhead*
- *Mortal Engines*
- *Jinks and O'Hare funfair Repair*
- *Here lies Arthur*
- *Goblins*

### **Additional Resources**

- Art/craft activity: make snowflakes, a dog harness for a pug, make yetti spaghetti out of clay, or yarn
- Interview with the author:  
<http://howlingturtle-pdx.blogspot.co.uk/2011/10/author-interview-philip-reeve.html>
- Interview with the author:  
<http://bookengine.blogspot.co.uk/2012/10/interview-11-philip-reeve.html>
- Interview with the author:  
[http://www.teenink.com/nonfiction/celebrity\\_interviews/article/238457/Author-Philip-Reeve/](http://www.teenink.com/nonfiction/celebrity_interviews/article/238457/Author-Philip-Reeve/)
- Lesson ideas: Frozen Tundra biome studies, Artic Animals, Winter Sports