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Newbery Medalist Jean Craighead George lovingly tells the story of three wolf pups--from the moment they open their eyes to the time they lead the hunt. Lyrical passages in her wolf pup diary describe how the pups tumble and play and when they first learn to howl and talk wolk talk. Readers are reminded of the changes in nature that are happening in the lower 48 states as they "look to the north" to watch the wolf pups grow. Jean George's words and Lucia Washburn's breathtaking paintings give the reader a rare glimpse of one of nature's noblest creatures: the wolf.

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Oona says

a cute book that describes the life of a wolf cub; a nice introduction for children for them to see how non-fiction writing can be just as creative.

Nikki says

Summary- This book is a nonfiction story of the life cycle of a wolf from pup to adulthood. The first page starts with the birth of a wolf pup weighing about a pound. At ten days old their eyes will open and they will become more adventurous. At three weeks old they gain the ability to hear. By twelve weeks old a pup will have learned the packs wolf "talk". At around 16 weeks the pups will start their hunting training, which is more advanced than the playful games they have been playing up until this point. Till they are six months old and will join the pack on small hunting missions. At seven months old a wolf pup is full grown. At 10.5 months the females are ready to breed.

Reaction- My favorite part of this story is how the author added extra details to clarify the time line and where it is on the calendar due to the wolf's mating schedule. An example of this is "when the yellow warblers return from the south."

Sherri Anderson says

I loved this book. It is written so well and kids are going to love it. Not only that but it lets kids understand what is happening to wolves but other things they see and do throughout the year. Well done!

Bean says

This author is brilliant and we have since read more of her works, but this book started it all. The illustrations are majestic and extremely detailed. This story book follows 3 pups for almost their first year of life. I particularly appreciated how the development of wolf pups was related to other noticeable events, for example, "When the crickets are chirping, look to the north. Wolf pups are learning adult wolf talk."

Kya says

This was awesome! Beautiful scenery in the illustrations, super informational about the early life of a wolf, all tied together by things going on elsewhere! It relates what the kids do to what is happening to the wolves, which can create an understandable timeline.

Sheila says

Nora and I enjoyed this book about the first year of wolf pups.

Donna Mork says

Beautifully done book about wolves, told as if you are watching from down south. Ties it in with what is happening here, to what is happening up north with the wolf pups.

Robert Owens says

This informational narrative presents facts and information about wolves in the story of three wolf pups: Boulder, Scree, and Tallus. Wolves are born blind and deaf. They open their eyes at 10 days old and begin hearing at three weeks.

Each entry into the diary begins with a passage that connects the reader to the lives of the wolves. For instance, when the dandelions become silver, we are told to look to the north as that is when wolf pups are being born. While the reader may be unfamiliar with the tundra, he will be familiar with when dandelions seed in his area. It's an effective literary device.

The illustrations included are nice. I read this with my students each year. We learn about the hierarchy of the wolf pack with alphas and betas, the assistants, and yearlings.

Melissa says

Beautiful writing and gorgeous pictures! This is definitely at the top of my children's non-fiction list. I love how Jean Craighead George turned her time with wolves into a book kids can enjoy and learn from. Not only is Look to the North fast paced, but it's also very informative for curious readers. The book explains the different stages of the pups growing beautifully!

Cody says

Summary:

Look to the North A Wolf Pup Diary is a story about the lives of a young wolf growing up and what they go through to turn them into full grown wolves, 10 and a half months later. The story is that of three young pups, Boulder, Scree, and Talus, growing up and how the weather and Mother Nature tells us where the pups are in their growing up stages of life. The illustrations in this picture book are very well drawn and help tell the story for those children who cannot read very well.

Response:

“When firecrackers shoot skyward, look to the north. Wolf pups are learning wolf talk.”

I chose this quote, there are many others like it, because it helps students connect this book with their

personal life. Also it when they students notice the firecrackers in the sky, they will think back to this book and wonder what the wolfs are doing.

Classroom Connection:

The students could decorate their classrooms with pictures of wolf pups and what they are doing based upon the timing of the year and what is going on.

Text Complexity:

580L

Krista Liebrum says

I got this at a young age and just fell in love with it.

Heather says

We just received this in the mail today, and have read it 3 times. My 8-yr-old has carried it around with him all day, even taking it to Cub Scouts tonight.

Each 2 page spread has a lovely illustration of the pups (or parents) with some general information of what is happening in their development. It's told in story format, giving names to the 3 little wolves. It's sweet, gentle and informative. And my reluctant reader is poring over it....so I love it!

I hope to find other books similar to this. And in case you're wondering, Talus is the BEST of the wolf pups.

Kara Buchholz says

Summary

Look to the North is an informational narrative about pups. Their names are Boulder, Scree, and Tallus, they are used to tell different aspects of the growing life of the pups. There are certain times in the book where the author relates to real events that kids see every day and tell them to look to the North and then states the development of the pups.

The drawings went extremely well with the story and they were astounding in detail! The illustrations almost looked like real pictures taken with a camera!

Response

I gave this book a five star rating because I thought that even though this was an informational book it was extremely interesting and made it easy for younger readers to understand and find interesting as well. I think that children will also think that the pups are cute and when they see things such as dandelions they will look to the North and think of the pups and growing up!

Classroom Connection

The students can take the times through the book that author says to look the North and make a check list and every time that they find something they would look to the North they check it off! The teacher can also lead a lecture on pups growing up along with other baby animals!

Text Complexity

Lexile 580 L

I think the interest level would be 2-4

A.K. Klemm says

Fantastic storybook with facts that bring the tundra to tiny Texas girls. Delightful treasure to be read over and over again.

Melissa Housholder says

This book is about three wolf pups. This is a fictional story with non-fictional information. It goes through the lives of the three pups from the moment they are born. It also gives real life examples as to when these things are happening. Such as, "When you see dandelions turning silver, look to the north. Wolf pups are being born." That way the kids can see these things in their own backyard, park or wherever and put together what is going on with the wolf community. The illustrations in this book are simply amazing as well.
