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Olive, The Other Reindeer
Synopsis

Olive is merrily preparing for Christmas when suddenly she realizes "Olive... the other Reindeer... I thought I was a dog. Hmmm, I must be a Reindeer!" So she quickly hops aboard the polar express and heads to the North Pole. And while Santa and the other reindeer are a bit surprised that a dog wants to join their team, in the end Olive and her unusual reindeer skills are just what Santa and his veteran reindeer team need. Colorful graphic illustrations accompany this zany dog story from the well-known author and artist team, Vivian and J.otto Seibold. Adorable Olive and her hilarious adventures are sure to make anyone's Christmas merry.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 7

Customer Reviews

Cute, modern story about a dog named Olive who thinks he is "Olive the other reindeer" and thinks he should be up at the North Pole helping Santa. Story is short and innocent. This story is nothing like the video (see my separate review of that). There is no negativity in this book, no hurt feelings, no "bad guys", no threat of "no Christmas", (unlike the video). Olive saves the day: the problem is that there is a hole in Santa's sack and there are several times where toys or candy fell out of the sack and Olive helps retrieve them. A very happy little story. I recommend it for those looking for a cute, innocent modern story about Christmas. Illustrations are very unique and there is a lot going
on in the illustrations. If you love the book, please preview the video before buying the video as the video is very different. If you disliked the video, give the book a chance as it is different in content and tone.

Olive, the Other Reindeer is a very funny Christmas story suitable for young and older children too. As an elementary school teacher, I picked out this book to read to my class, because it has so many interesting elements, from its computer illustrations to the many sound words it contains. It's a wonderful lesson on how individual differences can be an asset, and dog-lovers in particular will chuckle all the way through.

Olive the so called raindeer is so cute. I'm eleven and I love that book! So did my mom! I love the pictures. No matter how old you are and if you like dogs you need to read this book.

What a pleasure to read a children's book that's as fun for the adults as it is for the children. The writing is superb and the illustrations are mod and colorful; my children clamor for this book to be read to them year round.

My children and I found the book very enjoyable. I am not sure what book the person giving it one star (and said that it was too confusing) referred to because the book I read was about a dog who thinks it is a reindeer and goes to help Santa because that is what reindeers do. There is no mention of a postman or villain in the story and no reindeer are disabled. It is just a cute and straight-forward story of a dog that Santa allows to go along with him on Christmas Eve (along with all of his reindeer) and how that dog ends up being very helpful when they encounter some minor problems along the way. My children (4 & 7) loved the story, and I am sure that yours will too. It is cute, colorful, and heartwarming.

This is a fun book with cute illustrations. St. Nicholas dropped it off at our house this year for my 6-year-old, but it had all my kids (who range in age from infant to 12 years) laughing throughout. Sweet Olive. Of course she would think she's a reindeer; the song repeatedly tells her so. We were glad she was able to help Santa after all (even if it was her presence that was the underlying cause for the troubles, to begin with!).

I love this book! It has a style and humor all its own. The pictures are wonderfully cartoonish and
child-like. The story is about a dog named Olive who hears a Christmas carol on the radio and thinks it is about him. I won't spoil the rest for you! Enjoy!

My daughter got this book and today and proceeded to read it to me. I can't resist it! Next thing I knew we were both on the floor, reading it together and laughing! The illustrations are colorful and amusing. The story line is clever and hilarious! What more could you ask for?

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