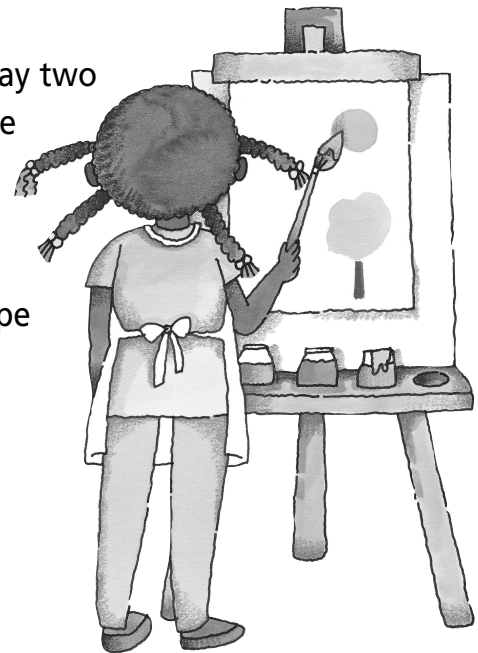


Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Iditarod Trail

Bring It To Life!

1. Write about it! Pretend you are a sled dog that is part of a team in the Iditarod race. Write a story about some adventures you might have during the race. Describe how it feels to run in the bitter cold, day after day, pulling hundred of pounds behind you!
2. Create an Iditarod race game! Use a poster board or a big piece of cardboard for your game board. Draw a path from the beginning of the race to the grand prize at the end. Add obstacles along the way to make it challenging. Here's an example: GO BACK TWO SPACES. YOUR LEAD DOG IS SICK. Decorate your game board with Alaska pictures you find in magazines or on the Internet. Also, make some cool game pieces!
3. Build an igloo with marshmallows! Freeze your igloo to make it stick together better. Add details like an Inuit family made of mini-marshmallows, a mountain of whipped cream, and a frozen lake with gummy fish.
4. Make your own dog sled out of popsicle sticks! First, lay two sticks down for runners. Cut two sticks in half and glue the halves on the runners, one on each end. Glue four more sticks in the middle of the runners as a flat base. Use the rest of the popsicle sticks to make the sides and front of your sled. You can glue part of a pipe cleaner on the front to use as a handlebar. Mush!





Fact or Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- _____ 1. Christina and Grant flew to Alaska on board Papa's little red plane.
- _____ 2. A musher is the person who drives the sled in a dog sled race.
- _____ 3. Grant and Christina were bored when they went to view the glaciers at Kenai Fjords National Park.
- _____ 4. Alaska is the largest state in the United States.
- _____ 5. Siberian Huskies have blue eyes.
- _____ 6. The sled dogs in the Iditarod wear booties to protect their feet from the snow and ice.
- _____ 7. The six poisoned dogs were the strongest and smartest of the sled dogs the Rutledges planned to use in the Iditarod.
- _____ 8. The winner of the Iditarod takes home more than one million dollars in prize money.
- _____ 9. Mr. Ryan gave Christina a small wood carving of a Husky dog.
- _____ 10. Bo had been covered in brown shoe polish so no one would recognize him pulling Mr. Ryan's sled in the race.

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Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. Imagine that you are on a dogsled in the Iditarod race. Describe how you feel and what you see.
3. Does it snow a lot where you live? What do you like about snow, and what don't you like about snow?
4. How did the dogs adapt to their environment? How did they eat the fish and drink the water?
5. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
6. Why did Mr. Ryan use shoe polish on one of his dogs?
7. If you were able to visit Alaska, what would you like to see and do?
8. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?



Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

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Dear _____,

A series of horizontal lines for writing the body of the letter.

Sincerely,
