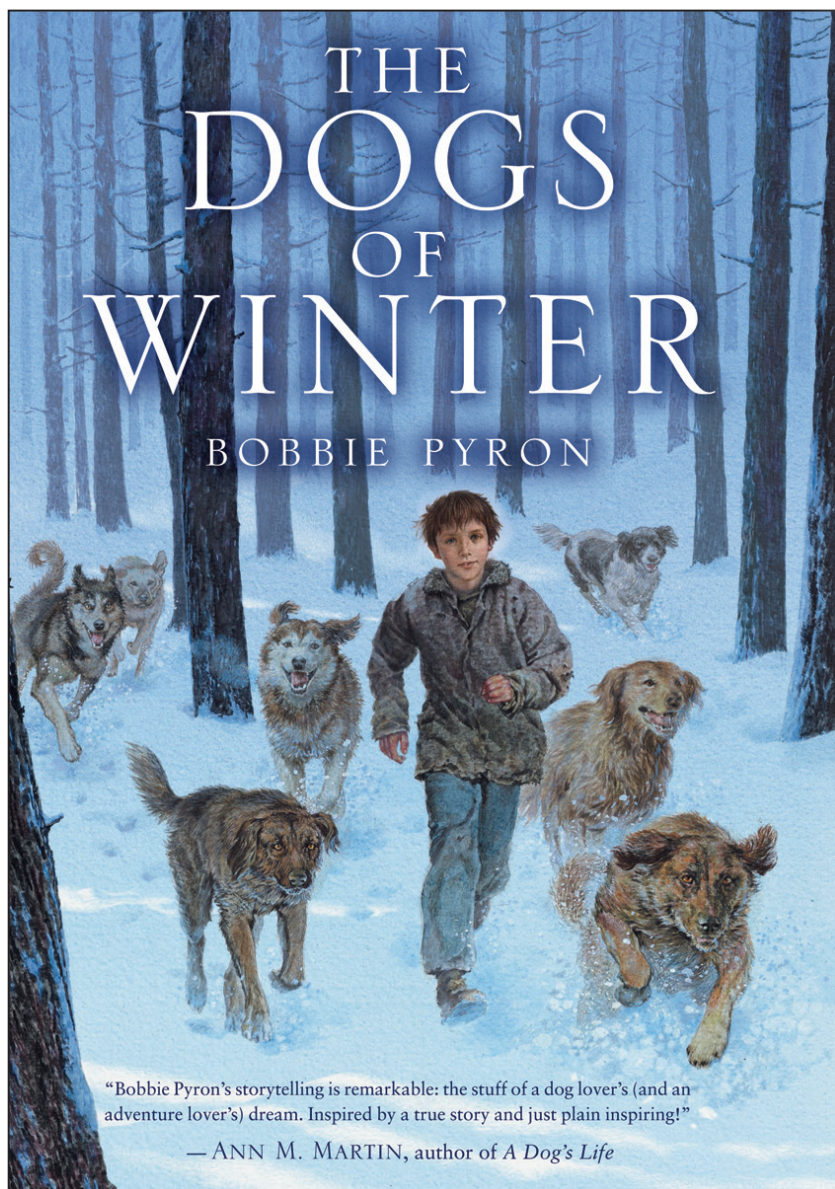




Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



The Dogs of Winter

By Bobbie Pyron

This heart wrenching tale is made all the more poignant by the fact that it's based on a true story! Ivan is a little boy whose mother has gone missing and he is abandoned on the streets of Moscow. All he has of his former life is a button from his mother's coat and a book of fairy tales that his grandma used to read to him. Soon those, too, are lost to him as he is exploited by the other street kids for his youth and the money that brings to him from those adults sympathetic to his plight. Ever on the run from street kids and the authorities. Ivan is unexpectedly adopted by a pack of dogs that also live by their wiles in such a harsh environment. Eventually and against his will he is 'rescued' and brought back to humanity but he never forgets his other 'family'.

Ages 9-14

"I loved this book because even in the most difficult situations, it shows us that we never really lose our humanity." — Susan

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