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Amazing animal stories that span the centuries come to life in this beautifully written and illustrated book. Some are sweet, some funny, some surprising, but all are emotionally powerful -- the Capitoline geese who saved the Roman empire, Balto the Alaskan sled dog, Smoky the Bear, the passenger pigeon of WWI Cher Ami, and the latest internet sensation Christian the lion. A collection such as this comes along only once in a generation, full of heartwarming tales that families will read, re-read, and remember.

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Kim says

It was a great book, the stories were interesting. I never thought that a dog could save a whole town! My favorite story was about Balto. I'm drawn to the dog stories as you can tell. I love the collaboration of a family contributing to this book, makes it all the more interesting.

Living on a farm the story of the "Tamworth Two" was also quite entertaining. I never knew pigs could swim! Next time we take pigs in to market I'm going to laugh and think of this story!

The pictures in this book were so beautiful and I loved showing them to my son, he's actually reading the book now and going to do a review when he's done.

Thanks so much for choosing me as the "Goodreads First Read" Giveaway Winner. I will cherish this book and share it with many.

K

Whole And says

An incredible compilation of inspiring true animal stories. Each short but awesome tale will fill you with awe and wonder of what humans and animals can accomplish.

Aliza Werner says

Wonderful collection of fascinating and true animal stories from Balto the Iditarod sled dog to Keiko the "Free Willy" whale. Examples of perseverance combined with thoughtful storytelling bring an appreciation of these individual animals to the reader. Good opportunity to practice reading nonfiction with you get readers using one story at a time.

PWRL says

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Jennette says

I received this book for free in a good reads giveaway in exchange for a honest review!!!?

Such cute and amazing tales of such amazing creatures me and my mom loved this book!!

Becky B says

A collection of stories about famous animals who have been remarkable for their accomplishments, friendships, or situations. Sumptuously illustrated with soft almost animation-style pictures in full color.

Jane Yolen wrote these stories with the help of her three adult children. Each person picked animals of interest to them and wrote their own stories, so the voice throughout the book varies slightly. It also works to give readers quite an assortment of critters. From somewhat obscure runaway piglets who made the news and ancient geese who saved Roman soldiers to well-known historic heroes like Balto and Cher-Ami. I found it interesting to read this so soon after I read *Historic Animals*. Some of the stories overlap, but the Yolen-Stemple clan knows how to weave a story better. *Historic animals* is better if you're just looking for the quick facts. This one is better if you're looking for a read-aloud storybook. I also liked the bios of each animal in the back with real pictures whenever available, and a historic timeline that shows where each story falls. There's quite an extensive bibliography too, showing how much research went into short 4-6 page tales.

Notes on content: No language issues. No sexual content. Some of the animals are in dangerous situations, but there is very little gore. Cher-Ami's tale mentions that the pigeon was hit and bloodied when landed and lost a leg, Keiko's tale mentions that the whale was sick and had sores, but that's about it.

Rebecca says

The kids and I really liked this one. Cute animal stories with a bit of history and geography mixed in.

Sally says

I won this book in a Goodreads contest and I am so grateful, because this beautiful book full of charming, but true stories is the perfect Christmas present for my kids!

The illustrations alone make it worth the purchase, but the tales will have by boys glued to their seats.

Peg Tomek says

Lovely anecdotal tales of wild animal interactions, some with people, some with other animals. beautiful and moving illustrations.

Leah Koch says

I chose this book because it is nonfiction but written in a story format. Also, at the end of each story, there is a small blurb of information about the animal in the story. This blurb is written more like a textbook, but I like how students can read the story and get excited about the animal and then read a short paragraph to learn more about the animal.

Elaine Bearden says

Read-aloud, k-5+

read-alone gr. adv. 3 - 6/7

Lovely collection of, as the title says, "heart-warming stories." The illustration and design are lovely too-very inviting. And since these are all true, there is a little note at the end of the book to fill out some details. Includes stories like Christian the lion and Balto the dog. Text flows easily.

Sonja Isaacson says

The girls liked reading this one. Each story is about a different animal, and the stories range from geese in Roman times, to happenings within the last 10 years. Things definitely in my lifetime. The problem was that I would start getting choked up as I read them - there is an injured animal in a number of the stories, and in some cases a human who is in trouble. So there I am trying to cover up little tears while the girls are waiting to hear what happens.

Samantha says

Short stories about amazing animals across time and place, most of them familiar like Christian the lion.

Stories are pretty factually based, not a lot of meat to them and they are accompanied by illustrations instead of photos of the animals which I found a little disappointing. There are small (very small) photos in the back matter, but they were unsatisfying.

I approached this expecting more.

PreK-3.

Martha says

This collection of true animal friendship tales from all over the world is a magnificent combination of both familiar stories such as Owen & Mazee: an Unlikely Pair and Seabiscuit, the Peoples Horse, and entertaining obscure tales for instance The Tamworth Two. The strong storytelling comes from a collaboration between Jane Yolen and her three children. The illustrations done in acrylic and digital media, balance the realistic tales with whimsical, bold colorful pictures that have a three dimensional quality to them. Any one of the tales would work well as a read aloud introducing tie-ins to the cultures of the various countries depicted, with an annotated map in the back of the book. Each story ends with an historical explanation of other

animals with comparably fascinating stories. In the back there is a timeline connecting all of the stories with short realistic descriptions of each. The cast of characters (animals in the stories) looks like a playbill with each animal's picture and a short but comprehensive summary included. Reading a chapter would make a perfect introduction to a unit on animal research. The many resources at the end for the book are meticulously recorded with websites and a thorough list of books, articles, and DVDs used for each story. This masterpiece collection of animal stories will demonstrate to children how powerful non fiction writing becomes through extensive research, rich illustrations, exquisite writing and careful siting for all of it. A treasure for all children's libraries.

Joanne Garbato says

Animal Stories is a collaboration of Jane Yolen and her three adult children and is beautifully illustrated by Jui Ishida. It contains a collection of 19 moving stories from around the world from the years 350 BC to 2012. Some of the stories are new to me and others are more accurate versions of familiar stories. It is a very interesting and heartwarming book that any child will cherish.
