

***Ice Dogs***

**Terry Lynn Johnson**

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Terry Lynn Johnson writes an adventure filled novel of a lost art in her book *Ice Dogs*. She tells the story of a young girl and her dog-sled days. If you enjoy adventure and action and like the outdoors then this book is definitely one for you!

Victoria Secord is a dog-sled racer in Alaska trying to make her deceased father proud by living out his dream. She trains and races with her dogs all by herself. The only problem, her mother doesn't approve and wants to move to the city where there would be no more dogsledding. Despite her mother's disapproval, Victoria is determined to create the best team possible. In an attempt to better her team she runs into a 'city boy' and a storm where all of her survival knowledge will be tested.

This book was one that I greatly enjoyed. It is a tale of adventure and survival, two of my favorite topics for books. The author does a wonderful job creating an accurate picture of what it is like to live in Alaska and to race sled dogs. I really appreciated this as it gave me an opportunity to learn about this dying sport while reading an interesting, fictional book. I think that anyone who likes action-adventure would truly enjoy *Ice Dogs*.

I would recommend this book to anyone ages 10-14 because it wasn't a difficult read, but I think that those of many ages would enjoy it. I personally would love to receive this book as a gift. I truly got sucked in and had a hard time putting it down!

Books to read after *Ice Dogs*:

*Brian's Winter* by: Gary Paulsen

*Never Cry Wolf* by: Farley Mowat

*Holes* by: Louis Sachar