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Avalanche Annie: A Not-So-Tall Tale



Synopsis

Way up in Michisota, Annie's famous far and wide, Because she roped an avalanche and took it for a ride. Told with read-aloud gusto by master rhymesmith Lisa Wheeler and illustrated--with tongue firmly in cheek--by Kurt Cyrus, *Avalanche Annie* is the wildest, woolliest, most awe-inspiring, and goofiest tall tale since Paul Bunyan hitched up Babe the Blue Ox.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Reason for Reading: I like legends, myths, tall-tales, etc. and this sounded cute. A short, cute picture book tall tale of a large little girl who lassos and rides an avalanche into town so it doesn't cause destruction. Told in ABCB rhyme, it would make a fun read aloud. The first half of the book has a Dr. Seuss feel to it with made up words but by the middle they have dropped off. This matches the story telling as the first half concentrates on the silliness and the second on the action of the story. All around over-the-top silliness throughout, then that is what tall-tales are all about. I thought it was a fun book and think that little kids will as well, especially combined with the bold, full-page, comic illustrations of Cyrus.

Spunky Annie Halfpint is not your average hero, but she will capture your heart (and an avalanche!). The author's creative language in this book immediately drew me into Annie's story. "Her voice booms soft as thunder. Her hair grows thick as ink. Her skin feels smooth as gravel. Her mukluks

hold their stink." The beautiful watercolor illustrations are the perfect compliment to this legendary adventure. A fun ride - not to be missed!

The author writes the story like a rhyming poem, with made up words thrown in here and there. The illustrations are fantastic!

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