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Who were the Snow Valley Heroes? Did they really save Christmas? Children and adults have asked these questions for many years, and there have been many who tried to answer them. The confusion and uncertainty is because the Snow Valley Heroes came from the Planet of the Dogs long, long ago. This is the true story of how the dogs saved Christmas.

## **Snow Valley Heroes a Christmas Tale Details**

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## **From Reader Review Snow Valley Heroes a Christmas Tale for online ebook**

### **Dawn says**

Snow Valley Heroes: A Christmas Tale is a sweet book, third in the Planet of the Dogs Series. As you read Snow Valley Heros, you will immediately be swept away to a magical land of angry kings, ice castles, elves, Santa, reindeer, snow and dogs. Snow Valley Dogs, who have come to earth to teach people about loyalty and love, and to help them find peace. Although this is a children's tale, it holds enough appeal to become a favorite of not only our children, but also the parents as well. I thoroughly enjoyed my adventure through snow valley and highly recommend adding this book to your must have holiday favorites.

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### **Wendi says**

Perfect for : Children's reading, encouraging reading, group reading

In a nutshell: This is a great fantasy/holiday book for children and adults alike. The characters are fun and enjoyable, and the settings are well-written. Children will love to read this book and visualize the different towns, and they will likely add their own stories to the tale after reading the book. Additionally, the author has done a great job of making the children and dogs the heroes of the story, and adding little bits of responsibility throughout the book. Read the book over and over to peel back the layers and see something new! The book contains 13 wonderfully drawn illustrations (black and white), and excerpts from the first two books.

Extended Review: A fun and easy read that will engage both children and adults alike. The story is made up of Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves, adults, children and dogs. The author does a great job of weaving the story, creating a world that children will be able to dream about even when they aren't reading.

As a special side note, the books are being used in Therapy Dog Programs in at least five states, with facilitators providing wonderful feedback about the children's interest in reading, and the benefit of the children reading to dogs, who don't judge the reader, allowing them to read without fear of making mistakes. Visit their blog [here](#).

Characters: Fun and well-thought-out. The author has included a list of characters in the front of the book to help keep humans/elves and dogs straight!

Story-Line: With teamwork and a good plan, the children and dogs work together to help save Christmas (Dasher and Dancer - two of Santa's reindeer are missing, and Santa can't deliver presents without them).

Readability: Easy to read, each chapter has a good breaking point.

Illustrations: The inner black and white illustrations are very well-done, and will help the readers to visualize the story. I was a little disappointed in the cover, feeling that it could have been a little more professional with the printing (the illustrations are nice).

Overall: A fun story for the whole family that will encourage children to read and dream!

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## **Cayr says**

Bob & Stella McCarty's Planet of the Dog book series just keeps getting better and better. In this delightful Christmas tale, the dog heroes of the Planet of the Dogs come down to earth to save Christmas, when the King of the North kidnaps two of Santa's reindeer.

All the favorite Planet of the Dog characters are back in this, the third book in the series.

Stella Mustanoja McCarty's illustrations are hauntingly beautiful in this volume, and Bob McCarty weaves a story that is both exciting and fun. Children and dog lovers of all ages will enjoy this book and its vivid imagery.

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## **Lisa says**

In Snow Valley Heroes the dogs have a great and important challenge. The King of the North, full of revenge and hatred for having been banished to the ice castle, has stolen two of Santa's reindeer. His goal: ruin Christmas for everyone. The dogs, on their own planet, are alerted to this near tragedy, and send down a group of dogs from their own Snow Valley, who are used to the snow and the cold, to deal with the situation.

This was a great story. It has much going for it: Christmas that needs saving; dog heroes working with humans to achieve a peaceful resolution to conflict; great names and customs of the northern tribe of people who live near Santa's village; an icy and cruel heart which is melted by the kindness, love, and companionship of dogs; wonderful soft drawings, capturing the spirit of the dogs and the landscape perfectly; and even a map in the beginning to help visualization of this land.

I very much enjoyed the adventure and spirit of this book, and plan on adding it to our list of Christmas books read each year to help us get in the spirit of the holidays. While this book had many great lessons to teach, they were so buried in the plot and excitement of the story, that they did not come out preachy or off putting. I recommend this book to children and dog lovers alike

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## **Mary (BookHounds) says**

Just in time for the holidays! This delightful conclusion to the Planet of the Dogs series just caps off a wonderful tradition. The story is well suited to be read aloud to younger children and as chapter book for the older ones. All of your favorite dogs help rescue two of Santa's reindeer from the Evil King of the North. The story also imparts important lessons of cooperation and responsibility.

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## **Deborah says**

I just finished this book! It is a wonderful story of how two of Santa's reindeer are abducted right before Christmas, leaving everyone in the Snow Valley to wonder how the toys will be delivered? The evil King of the North captured Dancer and Dasher and has hidden them away, but the courageous dogs from the Planet of the Dogs (the first book of this wonderful series) will save the day....but they will do it in their usual canine way with love and kindness toward their enemy. This series of books, which also includes Castle in the Mist, teaches valuable lessons to children about how to resolve conflicts peacefully. Children of ALL ages will enjoy these books.

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## **Karen & Gerard says**

If you are looking for a children's story with adventure about dogs that actually has an interesting plot, Snow Valley Heroes—A Christmas Tale (Planet of the Dogs Volume 3) by Robert J. McCarty is it! This is sort of a silly story but one that gets the message across that dogs are wonderful creatures. The king of the North who lived in the Ice Castle decided to end Christmas by stealing a couple of Santa's reindeer and ambushed the traders delivering supplies to Santa's Workshop. At this time all dogs lived on a separate planet but heard of this and after holding a meeting, were anxious to come to earth and help save Christmas. Only children and elves can communicate with the dogs. (I told you it was silly.) I loved the ending, but will not give it away and spoil it for you.

I thought the map in front of the book was very helpful which showed the places that were referred to in the story such as Santa Claus Village, Snow Lake Trail, Royal Forest, Snow Town, Tundra Town, Tundra Trail and Snow Hills. I also liked the names of the places on the dog planet: Terrier Town, Waggy Valley, Muttville, Retriever Meadows and Spaniel Corners. There are also other illustrations throughout the book.

I enjoyed reading this book because I love dogs and had no idea how they would help save Christmas. I particularly loved the part when the dogs were running through the Ice Castle with the guards trying to catch them.

The Planet of Dogs Series was inspired by stories the author made up for his children and grandchildren. The first two in the series are Planet of the Dogs and Castle in the Mist. To read a sample chapter, order a book or for more information visit [www.planetofthedogs.net](http://www.planetofthedogs.net) and the blog at <http://barkingplanet.typepad.com>.

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