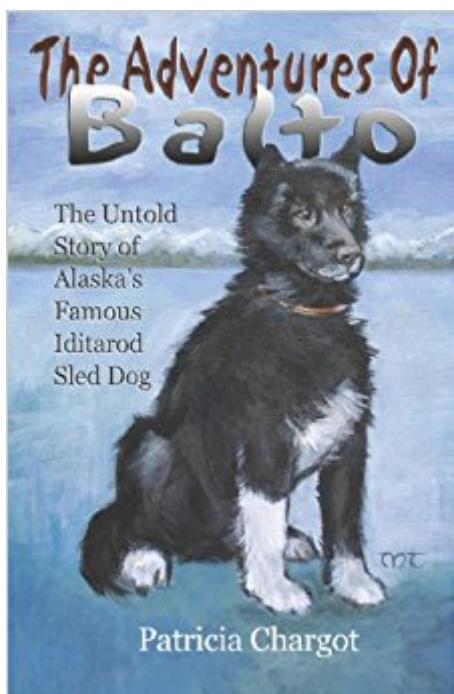


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# The Adventures Of Balto: The Untold Story Of Alaska's Famous Iditarod Sled Dog



## **Synopsis**

Balto, the great Alaska sled dog, has been dead since 1933. But he still stands larger-than-life on Dogdom's Mount Olympus, where the world's great canines are immortalized. Yet few people know Balto's true story. Only one small part has been told, and even it has been distorted. Several Balto books have been written. There's even a Balto animated movie, but it, too, is largely fiction. (Balto was NOT part wolf!) Like the books, the movie leaves off where this book begins — and tells the best part of the story. Balto was only three years old when he helped carry serum across Alaska from Nenana to Nome to save the town's children from diphtheria. As leader of the last dog team in the life-saving relay race, he became an overnight sensation - a BONEa fide international celebrity. But much more happened after that. Balto lived for eight more years. His days unfolded like a sled expedition to the North Pole, carrying him in an exhilarating rush over smooth snow one minute, an icy hummock the next. And how does the new story end? With a heart-thumping surprise that you can't imagine - and neither could have Balto. Hook up your harness, step into Balto's booties, and mush off to Balto's true story.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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The sub-title of this 2006 book is "The Untold Story of Alaska's Famous Iditarod Sled Dog." Thus, the book is more about what became of Balto and the sled dog team that pulled the last of the musher sleds bound for Nome, Alaska through a brutal winter blizzard. The mushers had worked in relays to deliver the precious medicine which saved the lives of adults and many children stricken with diphtheria in the 1925 epidemic. The book is well researched and details the travels of this sled team which had become a grand attraction, traveling into the spotlight of many stages and exhibits, even Hollywood! The story provides quite a history of the team's 8 years after they slipped out of the limelight to new adventures. It is an amazing epic that reveals the courage, determination, and compassion of mankind and dogs that worked together to bring life and peace to both, and a gentle ending for the noble hearts that had long ago powered the gift of life to humans.. The text of the book is written for older readers and adults. I found this 80 page book to be a good read for anyone interested in the Iditarod, dog races, and most importantly, Balto's true saga. If you love non-fiction historic books about adventure, heroes, or dogs, you'll find it all this one.

This paperback book is very well written. Adults and children alike will enjoy the subject matter. It is not written 'down' in a children's manner or 'up' in an adult's manner. The writer states the facts in a fun way about this heroic dog 'Balto'. I (an adult) enjoyed this book so much I even wrote to the author and had her sign my book for me. Ms Chargot was very pleased to know that her book not only reached children but adults also, which was what she meant to do. I originally bought the book because Balto looks so much like my little doggie 'Rex', a black husky, but to my surprise I found an enlightening story, wonderfully told. Thank you again, Ms Chargot, for a joyfully informative, yet delightful, little book.

WONDERFUL! True story every child and adult should know this story.

Poorly written and boring.

An adventure like no other!

I enjoyed reading about all of Balto's adventures and life. Some of them exciting and some sad with nice retirement.

Great Story!

It's written really dry. My 11 and 12 year old dog lovers did not enjoy this at all and we were unable to finish it.

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