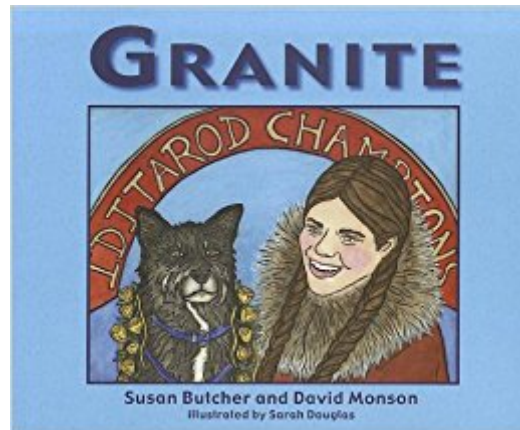


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Granite



Synopsis

Susan Butcher was a four-time champion of the Iditarod Trail sled dog race. Granite was her greatest lead dog, but he didn't start that way. He was a shy, scraggly pup that the others pushed around, but Susan saw his potential. Together they worked until he became leader of the team. While they were training for the Iditarod, Granite became deathly ill. The veterinarians said he would never be strong enough to run the race. Granite refused to accept this, and slowly he started to recover. By the time of the race he was strong enough to start, but Susan wondered if he could finish the entire thousand-mile race. Confidently Granite guided the team into the lead of the race, when suddenly they were caught in a raging Arctic blizzard. Now Susan and the whole team depended on Granite to get them through the storm. He had to call on all his inner strength and courage to save them "if he could."

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Susan Butcher and David Monson were married for twenty-one years. Together they raised and trained the dogs of Trail Breaker Kennel and achieved many victories in major sled dog races around the world. Susan won the Iditarod four times and finished in the top ten fifteen times. Granite was her lead dog for many of these races. She took a dog team to the summit of Denali, the highest peak in North America-this feat has never been repeated. David won the Yukon Quest in 1988 and he and Susan ran the Iditarod together three times. In August 2006, Susan died of leukemia. David lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, with their daughters, Tekla and Chisana. The three of them continue Susan's legacy of raising and training sled dogs, many of which are descendants of

Granite. Sarah Douglas moved to Alaska in 1989 to work as a river guide and instantly felt that she had found her true home. She has been exploring the Great Land by kayak, dogsled, skis, and on foot ever since. The mountains, rivers, people wild creatures, and open spaces of the north provide endless inspiration for her artwork. Sarah makes hand-colored linoleum block prints that she hopes convey joy, timelessness, simplicity and peace.

It's more than a kid's story, it's an affirmation of caring, perseverance, and virtue - things desperately needed in this world today. Anybody who's ever mushed knows that you put your life in the hearts of your team, and if you're very lucky, they give it back to you better than when you handed it to them. This book affirms that and more. It's a reminder for adults and a lesson for children. Simply wonderful.

The book was fine. But it was supposed to be new, I got it and it was autographed, dear Patti it says. It was going to be a gift but not to Patti. I was disappointed and I did not have time to reorder.

Visited Alaska and Susan Butchers place where the sled dogs are trained. Also talked to one of her daughters. Everyone knows the story of Balto and there is a statue of him in Central Park in New York but Granite has his own statue near Fairbanks and it is well deserved. My 6 year old granddaughter loved the book.

Great story and especially interesting after having recently visited Alaska and Susan Butcher's place where the dogs are trained.

Arrived on time as stated and in great shape . My 7 yr old neice will love it!

My grandchildren enjoyed it and the message immensely.

My daughter asked for this book after learning about the Iditarod in school. She was 5 years old when we purchased this. They read it at school and she loved it so much that she wanted a copy of her own. This book is a true story and teaches about perseverance, hard work and not judging from outside appearances. A great read for children and adults alike!

This is a wonderful book with a heart warming story. This is a true story and explains to children and

adults what the Iditarod is and how challenging a race it is. My Grandson loved it, as well as I did. The author is quite a woman and her dog magnificent.

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