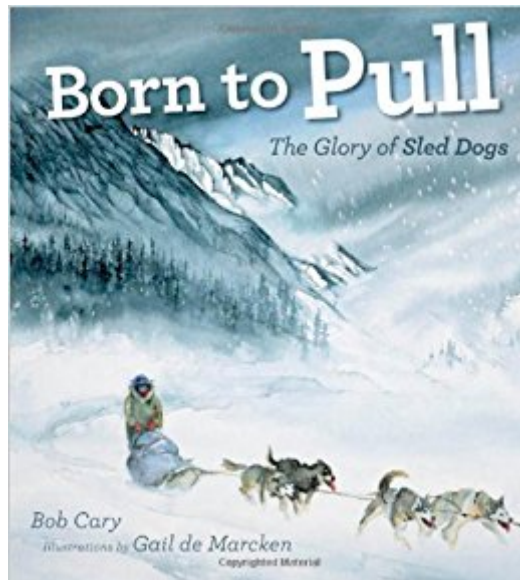




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# Born To Pull: The Glory Of Sled Dogs



## Synopsis

For centuries, sled dogs pulled the people of northern climates over otherwise impassable distances of snow and ice, guiding them home through trackless wilderness. These burly, strong dogs were the lifeblood of the northern winter world. Today, from races like the famed Iditarod and the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon to sled dog tours, people from all climates are rediscovering the joy of this dog-powered sport. *Born to Pull* is a celebration of sled dogs who love to run in cold and snowy Minnesota, including lively stories from veteran mushers, insider information on dog care and training, and breathtaking watercolor illustrations that make the dogs come to life on the page.

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## Customer Reviews

"There's almost no way to describe the beauty with which this book about sled dogs was conceived, written, and illustrated. . . . *Born to Pull* has a dreamy quality to it, so effectively does it capture a world removed from everyday life and portray the mystical connection between humans and animals." —American Booksellers Association

Bob Cary (1921–2006) was an author, journalist, and wilderness adventurer. His many books include *Root Beer Lady*, *Tales from Jackpine Bob*, and *Ely Echoes*, all available from the University of Minnesota Press. Gail de Marcken is an illustrator of children's books. Her

books include The Quiltmaker's Gift, The Quiltmaker's Journey, and Miss Hunnicutt's Hat by Jeff Brumbeau; Clever Ali by Nancy Farmer; and The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E. T. A. Hoffmann. She and her husband live year-round in the woods near Ely, Minnesota.

We bought this on the recommendation of the folks at Wintergreen Dogsledding. We love the stories and the illustrations are fabulous. Great inspiration if you are thinking about taking a dogsledding vacation. 3 years later: We still have this book handy in our living room, and refer to it regularly as our best reminder of our own dogsledding adventure with these folks.

Peek into the heart and spiritual connection between driver and running teams. This fun book is filled with short yet entertaining content illuminating a variety of situations about working snow dogs and their handlers. Basic terms, commands and descriptive information about equipment, feeding, housing, care, selection and training of the teams is included. The softbound 94-page book intersperses and defines many details about the intelligence, drive, determination, and reliability of the dogs and their divine connection to man. The beautiful illustrations by Gail de Marcken capture the facial expressions, antics and postures of these fine-looking athletes. Sure to entertain those struck with Snow Dog-itis. Recommended reading age: Juvenile

This is a nice book. The pages are thick and it is very informative.

Easy read and accessible information on this beloved tradition. The anecdotes add a touch to the nonfiction that makes for family reading in front of the fireplace.

I thought it would be more of a story book. It does have interesting factual stories. But also does an AMAZING job in giving the reader a rich introduction to the world of dog mushing! And the illustrations are beautiful.

Love this book and how quickly it arrived! Thank you!

I thought this was a children's book and expected a short, simple book. It is in fact a very informative book with stunning drawings/paintings. I just love this book and so will anyone who loves Huskies and mushing!

This was an easy-to-read, yet interesting book on sled dogs and sled racing. I enjoyed the book very much, and children seem to love it. Pat Harris

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