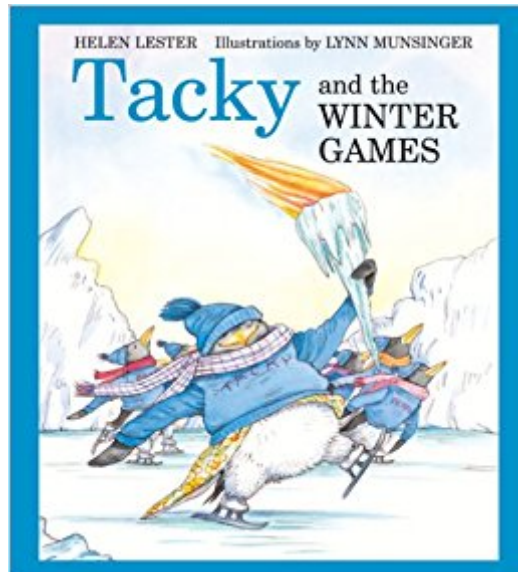




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Tacky And The Winter Games (Tacky The Penguin)



Synopsis

"A-huff-and-a-puff-and-a-huff-and-a-puff-and-a-huff-and-a-puff" "WHAT'S HAPPENING?" Tacky the penguin wants to know. The Winter Games, that's what's happening. And Tacky and his fellow penguins Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly, and Perfect have to work hard to get in shape so they can represent Team Nice Icy Land in the athletic competitions. After rigorous training, they're ready - but are the games ready for Tacky? Will his antics keep Team Nice Icy Land from winning a medal? From bobsledless racing and ski jumping to speed skating, Tacky lends his unique, exuberant style to each competition. In laugh-out-loud scenes of Tacky and his fellow penguins' athletic debacles, Tacky reminds readers of the underlying joy and enthusiasm that propels athletes to greatness. So get ready to cheer for Team Nice Icy Land and let the games begin!

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2
Fans of this endearing penguin won't be disappointed with his latest adventure. Tacky and his friends are training for the Winter Games and when the competition finally arrives, the other animals are worried that he will ruin their chance at a medal. The illustrations are very funny. For instance, on one page the text reads, They did one hundred sit-ups a day and the

art shows all of the other penguins doing sit-ups while Tacky is sleeping on his mat in the back. On another page, the text reads, They ate special training meals; while the other penguins eat spinach, Tacky is shown stuffing his beak with chips, doughnuts, and pizza. Furthermore, the drawings are detailed and full of life. All in all, this is a fresh, lively, and totally engaging read-aloud from start to finish. --Lisa S. Schindler, Bethpage Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreS-Gr. 2. While Tacky's friends train for the winter games, he sleeps during sit-ups, pigs out on pizza and doughnuts, and goofs off late into the night. At the games, he lags behind until the ice-skating relay race and even then jeopardizes his team's chances by swallowing the baton. Though children will enjoy laughs along the way, Lester manages to bring in many facets reminiscent of the Olympics: training before the games, the march of the athletes into the stadium for the opening ceremonies that include the lighting of a torch. Of course, there are also differences between these games and the televised ones. For skis, the penguins strap frozen fish to their feet, and medals saying "not bad," "PRETTY GOOD," and "BIG WINNER!" are awarded for various events. Once again, Lester and Munsinger create a winning combination of action, detail, and understated wit. Librarians will want to remember this story for those hard-to-fill picture-book requests during the Olympics. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My grandson loves this whole series of books. Its been a great way to discuss issues of differentness with him.

My first grade students love Tacky & this book makes it great for comparing and contrasting stories!

I wanted a book to read to kindergarten children, and while the story is great, the kindle layout with repetitious word is not conducive for reading to a group OR individually! Very disappointed, as preview did not look like this!

Great book. My kindergartener and first grader love the Tacky books. Great for any early elementary school aged child!

I bought this book to read during the Olympics. The Story is funny. I've used it for years in school. The Kindle edition layout is confusing as the dialogue is repeated in larger print and tends to slip to the next page.

My 6 year old son loves Tackys adventures. A very funny penguin.

Great!

This book has everything written twice. One of the fonts allows you to enlarge it and the other is probably part of the original story. Its annoying.

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