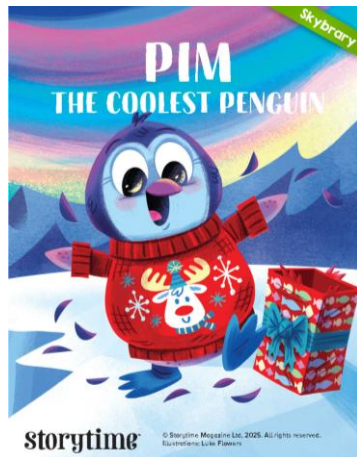


# Read Aloud Guide for Families



## **Togo and Balto to the Rescue**

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*Illustrator: Agnieszka Olearczyk*

**Themes:** Heroism, Teamwork, Courage

**Book Brief:** Discover the true story of two real-life dogs, Togo and Balto, who helped save a town by delivering life-saving medicine!

## **READ ALOUD**

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask, "Have you ever heard about a dog or animal that helped people? What did they do?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about two real sled dogs named Togo and Balto who helped save a whole town by delivering important medicine.

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What problem does the town have? Why do people need help?
- What do Togo and Balto do? How do they help?
- What challenges do the dogs face on their journey? How do they keep going?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- Ask, "Who are the main characters in this story? What is the most important thing that happens? How does the story end?"

## **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

### **If your child enjoyed this book:**

- Create a "Hero Dogs" poster. Have your child draw Togo and Balto on their journey and write or talk about what made them heroes. Discuss what it means to be brave and help others, just like these two dogs did.
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