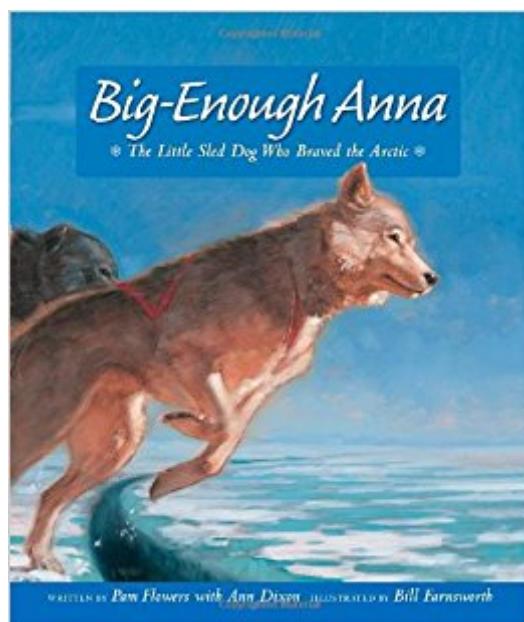


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# Big-Enough Anna: The Little Sled Dog Who Braved Th



## **Synopsis**

Readers who enjoy Big-Enough Anna's will want to read Pam Flowers' newest book just published titled, SOJO: Memoirs of a Reluctant Sled Dog. Sojo is Big-Enough Anna's sister! This new book is written from Sojo's perspective and is told in a jaunty style sure to delight young readers. NOW - more about Big Enough Anna. This book tells Anna's life story and how she played a pivotal role in Iditarod finisher Pam Flowers 2,500-mile, solo, dog sled expedition across Arctic America. Anna was the smallest member of the team but became a hero dog before their journey was finished.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

A true story of how the runt of the litter became the leader of the pack. Flowers was preparing for a six-month, 2500-mile dogsled journey from Barrow, AK, to Repulse Bay, Canada, which would make her the first woman to cross the North American Arctic alone. Anna and her littermates trained with the older, more experienced dogs, with the intention that the strongest would accompany the expedition. Before attempting to pull a sled, the young canines were taught to follow voice commands; wear a harness; and drag twigs, sticks, and then small logs behind them. Though Anna was the smallest, she proved to have heart and a love of running; she was chosen for the trip. About halfway through the trek, the seasoned lead dog ran off; Anna took over and was instrumental in

finishing the journey, which lasted almost twice as long as planned. Farnsworth's soft, sunlit oil paintings convey the cold and vast expanse of the northern climes while deftly depicting the action. White, brown, gray, and blue predominate in the attractive illustrations. Dog lovers will appreciate this real-life adventure tale starring a loyal and intrepid canine.-Maryann H. Owen, Racine Public Library, WI Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information. -- School Library Journal, January 1, 2004 --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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This is a book that will delight readers of all ages. Not only are the illustrations masterpieces, the story is as well. Anna is a beautiful husky who is the runt of her litter. She and her littermates train for a 2,500 - 3,000 mile run that will take them an estimated six months. The curly tailed dog and her littermates are followed as they are being trained for the run. Musers and dogs alike work well together; the bond of cooperation between them is not only strong; it is paramount. The beautiful husky, once dismissed because of her small size proves herself to be up to every challenge during the training and the run. The Little Husky Who Could can take her place with Akiak, another husky who proved her stamina and determination even when her mushers wanted to retire her. An excellent family, classroom and general discussion book, the message can never be shared enough. This wonderful book makes me think of McFadden & Whitehead's 1979 classic, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" and Matthew Wilder's 1983 hit, "Ain't Nothing Gonna Break My Stride."

One of my jobs at our local library is to read stories to young children, sometimes also at elementary schools. I recently read this story to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders and it received rave reviews. One teacher had each of her students draw a picture of his or her favorite story, and 25 of the 30 drawings were of Anna, the amazingly brave little sled dog. The illustrations were beautiful and large enough for groups of children to see them, while the text had a good amount of drama that held their interest.

Big Enough Anna is a winner all around. The message is encouraging without being patronizing or syrupy; the illustrations will draw in even children who might think dogs are a little bit scary; and the story itself is full of a sense of daring and adventure and, most of all, the love between the musher/storyteller and her team of sled dogs. A great classroom unit could be built around this

book, using the adult/teen version of the same story (Alone Across the Arctic) for additional background info or activity inspiration. (Both books could be read by a teacher in a weekend.) You will fall in love with Anna and all the dogs, and be cheering for them throughout all 3,000 miles of their expedition!

I picked this book up at the library for an elementary school where I work that was doing a section on sled dogs and the Iditarod. I liked it so well I bought a copy for my own collection. The story is a great adventure, the illustrations are simple and powerful and children will be fascinated that it is true. I loaned it to a friend who loves dogs and children's books and now she needs her own copy, too.

Good book

Love it...

My daughter loves this and the other Pam F. Kids sled dog book! Great art, story, and wonderful role model for young ones.

It is the true story of Pam Flower's sled dog. She told it to our school children when she visited. Wonderful story of bravery!

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