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Description:

From Publishers Weekly As snow falls gently, Castillo's (Happy Like Soccer) woodcutlike ink-and-watercolor spreads show a boy in red boots and scarf pulling a sled, accompanied by his dog. Hest (Letters to Leo) doesn't name the boy; he's "the reader" of the title. He takes the dog to the top of a hill, unpacks a winter picnic, and opens a book: "The dog waits. It is hard, but he is good at waiting. And then at last the reader reads." Castillo's cheerful, red-cheeked boy and his tail-wagging companion will engage younger viewers, while Hest's spare, lyrical writing seems directed toward an older group (the sled's "train tracks are impeccably straight. They are beautiful"). Although the read-aloud episode is at the heart of the book, there's also satisfaction to be had from the boy's experiments with parenting as he takes his dog on an outing, reads to him like a child, and "wraps the dog in his two strong arms." A reassuring bedtime entry for a chilly night. Ages 4-8 --Publishers Weekly (Oct. 2012)

From "The reader" is a small boy, all bundled up for the cold conditions outside. He has a brown

shaggy dog, a red sled, a small suitcase, and the snow-covered world at his fingertips. Hest's quiet, lyrical prose matches the stillness of the landscape, as she describes the reader's journey: "Up and up he climbs, tilting in the wind, pulling in the blowing storm." The little dog, who has bounded ahead, waits patiently at the top of the hill for his boy to join him. Once there ("the hill is very, very tall. The top is far, far away"), boy and dog make snow angels and a "snow dog" and snack on toast. Finally, the reader clicks open the mysterious suitcase, which contains not just any book, but "the very best book," titled *Two Good Friends*. Perfect. This sweet story is beautifully imagined by Castillo, as her boldly outlined, colorful characters pop against the brilliance of a total whiteout. Share this with other pint-size readers who understand the joy of reading, anytime, anyplace.— Ann Kelley, Booklist Aug 2012

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