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Celebrating the supportive relationship between a child and her dog, this story reminds us that, with resilience and courage, we can find our own way through something new and scary.

Billie liked visiting the mountains when she could be pulled in a sled, but Mom says she's big enough to try ski lessons instead this time. Billie doesn't like going fast and finds the hill too steep. When she notices a poster for dogsledding, Billie decides she and her dog, Bean, can make their own fun on the slopes. But when Bean is startled by some falling snow, Billie is left all alone in the cold. Finding her courage and staying calm, Billie realizes she wasn't as alone as she thought and finds her way back to Bean and Mom.

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A child finds her own way to enjoy the ski hill with the help of her energetic dog in this brightly illustrated picture book.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Billie and Bean are back for a trip to the mountains, where Billie is nervous about trying skiing for the first time.
- A child demonstrates resilience and bravery as she steps outside her comfort zone, tries something new and finds her own way to have fun.
- Celebrates the supportive relationship between a child and her dog. •
- Bright illustrations play with light and shadow to capture the textures and details of the snowy • mountains.
- This is the third book in the Billie and Bean series, following Billie and Bean at the Beach and Billie • and Bean in the City, which received starred reviews from Kirkus Reviews.

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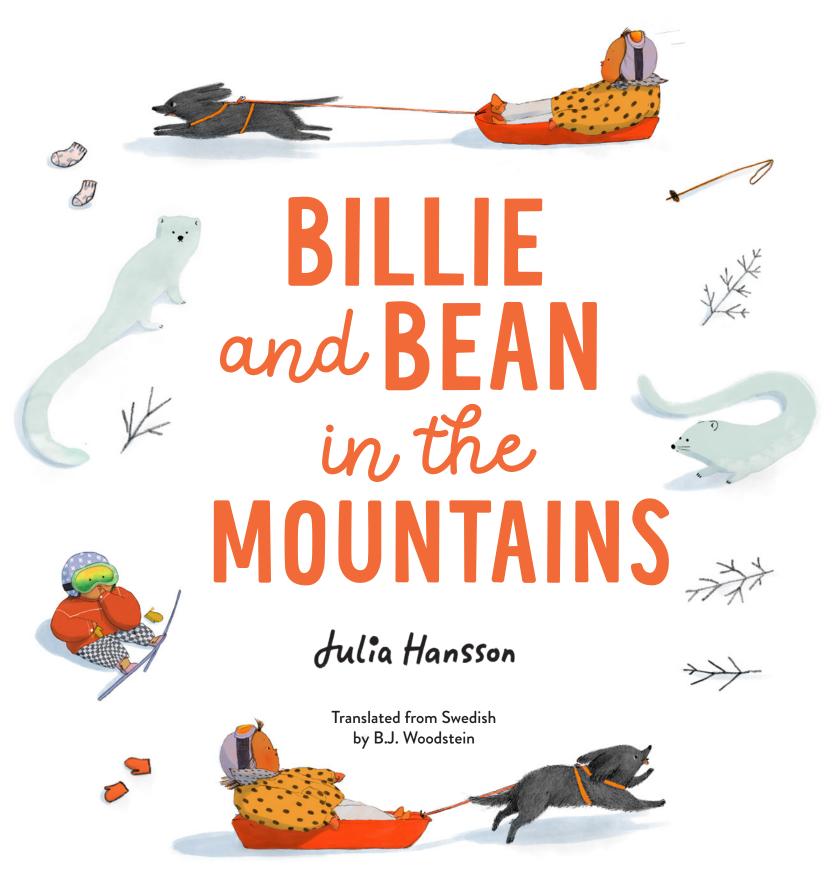
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Billie, Bean and Mom are spending the day in the mountains.



Billie is going to ski school.



Billie has visited the mountains before. Last year Mom pulled her in a sled. But Mom says she's too big now.

SLOPES:

PRETTY HARD

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WARNING: CLIFF

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Billie gets ski boots and a helmet.

MOUNTAIN



Ski school is starting now.

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Svante, Billie's neighbor from the city, is there too, even though he says he already knows how to ski.

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AFTER SKI

Music!

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Mom is going to watch. She needs to rest because she's been busy at work.

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The slope is way too big, and Billie doesn't like going on the ski lift.





They practice slowing down and stopping.



Now they're going to ski downhill on their own.

"Race you!" Svante shouts.

Billie snowplows the whole way.





"Did you see, Mom?"

But Mom hasn't noticed anything.

> Billie doesn't want to go on the ski lift again.

> > •FUN •FAST •FRESH AIR •FREEDOM



• FUN • FAST Look! Billie isn't too big after all!

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"Help!" There's so much snow falling! Bean gets scared.



"Where did you go?"

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It's completely silent. Billie's shoes are wet and her fingers are cold.

A little animal!

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The animal wants Billie to follow it.

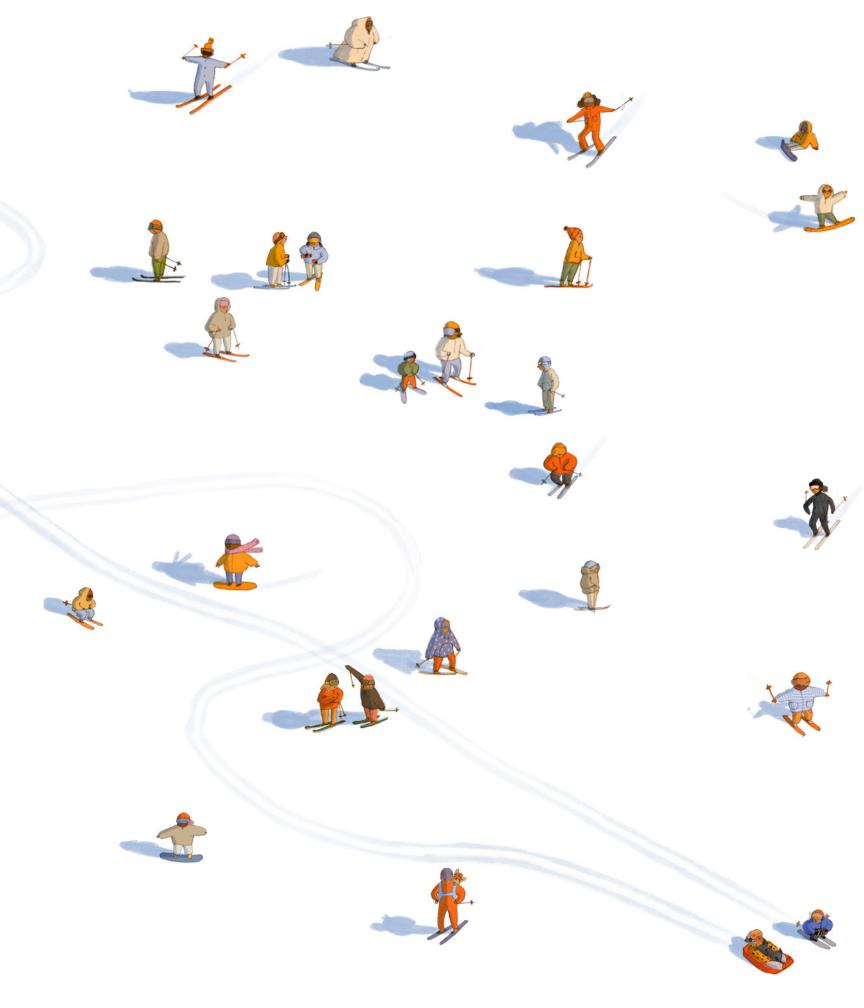
The animal brings Billie back to the slope!

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"Everyone's looking for you," Svante says. "Let's hurry back. It's time to race!"

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"There you are!" Mom says. "I've been so worried."

Billie gets dry socks and hot chocolate.

They head home.

"How did you find your way back to the slope?" Svante asks. "It's a secret," Billie replies.















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