Children’s Book Review –
December & January books

A Tower of Giraffes
Animals in Groups
I was not the biggest fan of this book. Perhaps it is because I am reading it through the Kindle app on my iPhone so it is not a big screen, but the font is too small to read, it is the kindle version but it is almost impossible to see. The graphics were a little confusing, it had the shape of an animal, but different patterned paper made up the s’s body. My toddler had a hard time identifying the animals and between me holding the phone up to my nose to read and the graphics not capturing her attention, it just didn’t work for us.

But, the story itself is quite interesting. Each page is talking about a different animal and what their grouping is called. For example a gaggle of geese, and some information on geese, such as the sound they make.

If the font was larger and the graphics a little more colourful and basic I think this would be a great story and I think my toddler would have loved it. The information is great it’s just the presentation that gave me problems.

I would not buy this book unfortunately.
Little One

by Jo Weaver

Genre – Children’s Novel
Version for Review – Kindle

A story of a mama bear and her cub emerging in the spring and how they live until it is time to hibernate again.

The story is in black and white with pictures of the Bears in nature. This book just does not captivate my toddler, whether the lack of colour to keep her interest, or the more factual feel, she just is not that interested in the story and does not ask for it.

I may or may not buy it, maybe if I had a child really into bear’s and loves learning about them I would get them this book.
Walk on the Wild Side

by Nicholas Oldland

Genre – Children’s Novel
Version for Review -PDF

The story is about three friends, a beaver, a moose, and a bear, who like to challenge themselves by outdoing each other. When one gets in trouble they band together to try and help. This book kind of reminds me of a bunch of teenage boys after too much beer.

It was not my favourite book but was not awful either. It did not really captivate my toddler’s attention and she has not showed any interest in it since. Apparently it is part of a series and I am definitely going to look into the other books in the series. I would not buy it, but I liked how it starred Canadian animals.
This book is adorable! I really like it. Stanley and his friends watch every day as children walk by them to go to school. They cannot help but wonder what the kids do in the school all day. Riddled with curiosity they decide to check it out and see for themselves what the children do in school. That is where the adventure begins.

My toddler fell in love with this book immediately, the dogs are fun to look at and all show so much personality, the story is cute and enjoyable to follow. Super cute story for any dog lover in your life.
The Midnight Visitors
by Juliet David, Jo Parry

Genre – Children’s Novel
Version for Review -PDF

I was very surprised to learn this part way through the book but it is a Christian book and the animals are in the barn where baby Jesus is to be born. The story opens with a cow alone in the barn and lonely. She is happy when she gets some company and other animals to join her. Then a pregnant woman and man join them and baby Jesus is born. Not a big fan of reading obviously Christian books to my kids as I am pagan. But, it was not too over the top so I did not mind too much. It was a nice story about the animals but not one I would buy.
This is a fun story about a squirrel who is following a treasure map to reach a treasure of nuts. He encounters other fun adventures along the way. It was a little spooky at one part, but did not scare my daughter too much. Very cute story and anyone interested in pirates will enjoy this.
Little Meerkat’s Big Panic

A Story About Learning New Ways to Feel Calm

by Jane Evans

Genre – Children’s Novel
Version for Review -PDF

This is a sweet little story of a Meerkat who is supposed to be doing the big job of lookout, but drops the ball when he falls asleep and then panics as he realizes something went wrong and all the Meerkat’s are missing. Unfortunately, he doesn’t know how to fix it. He finds some friends to help him along the way.

I think it is a cute story and has some talking points to go over with your child as you read about emotions and how they feel little Meerkat felt. My daughter is only 2.5-years-old so this was not very applicable to her, but she enjoyed the story none the less.

Why Horses Are...
This story is about a little girl who adores her horse. She hears a story of a school nearby for disabled children who use horseback riding as a means of exercise and to help them overcome some of the challenges they face. Unfortunately, they are down one horse and not all of the children get a chance to ride. She decides that as much as she loves her horse it would be better if he went to the school where he could help out all the other children who desperately need him. I enjoy the story because it teaches how to do a selfless act. It teaches that although she loves her horse very much, she puts her own wants aside and does what is best for others. It is a very sweet gesture and it teaches children to think of someone else before themselves. I enjoyed the message the story gives and I would recommend it to others, especially if somebody enjoys horses a lot.
Good Dogs, Great Listeners

by Renata Bowers with JoAnn and Joel Bacon

Genre – Children’s Novel

Version for Review – PDF

I really enjoy this story and it is by far my daughters favourite right now. About a little girl, her litter of stuffed puppies, and also her dog Lily and the adventures they go on instead of reading like they are supposed to do. Until one day Lily hurts her leg in their adventure and has to be kept quiet.

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