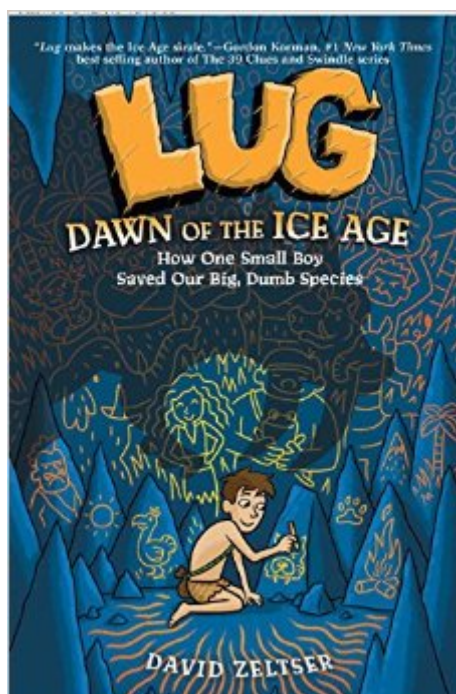


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Lug, Dawn Of The Ice Age



Synopsis

A hilarious middle-grade novel about a misunderstood caveboy perfect for fans of Ice Age, Happy Feet, The Time Warp Trio, and Platypus Police Squad. Lug is a caveboy who would rather paint than club other caveboys. The clan even mocks him, calling him "Little Slug." Like all the other caveboys, Lug must enter the contest to become the clan's next Big Man and attempt to catch the Biggest Beast--even though he would much rather spend his days painting in his secret art cave. When Lug is banished for failing to catch a jungle llama, he thinks he is alone in the world but finds others who believe in him: his clanmate Stony and a new friend, Echo, a girl from a rival clan who can talk to animals and just may be prehistory's first vegetarian/animal rights activist. Together they face even bigger challenges--Lug discovers the Ice Age is coming and he has to bring the warring clans together to save them not only from the freeze but also from a particularly unpleasant migrating pride of saber-toothed tigers. It's no help that the elders are cavemen who can't seem to get the concept of climate change through their thick skulls. With both funny, anachronistic humor, charming characters, and strong themes, Lug, Dawn of the Ice Age is sure to be a hit with many readers. Illustrated with black and white line art throughout. "A great combination of humor and powerful insight." "Al Gore" "Lug makes the Ice Age sizzle." "Gordon Korman" "Fred Flintstone would feel right at home." "Kirkus Reviews" "Suspenseful and smartly humorous." "ForeWord Reviews

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Customer Reviews

When we were asked to review the middle reader, LUG: Dawn of the Ice Age, my daughter Emma (age 10) and I jumped at the chance. Emma loves 39 Clues and two of the writers gave LUG glowing endorsements. She also loves any adventure series that features some humor, which we figured this one might have as well. As a mom, I liked how the author, David Zeltser, also worked in the issue of climate control and animal rights. For me as a parent, this book is a total win for kids. It has it all that any 4th or 5th grader would love, boy or girl, as well bringing issues such as humanity and activism into their thinking, without being preachy. It's humorous and light, even while taking on big themes. I highly recommend this book myself for parents, teachers, and especially libraries. It's one that doesn't need to be used just in language arts, but can be used in the study of science pertaining to the environment. This isn't one in which to delay purchase, it's too good for the deep freeze! Without further ado, I'll pass this review on to EMMA (5th grade): In LUG: Dawn of the Ice Age, I liked how in some ways I can relate to the boy because we are similar (and sometimes people don't get me either), but just from different times, and have some common interests, like art. Although, I can't really think about having to live as a cave girl!! His experiences are not something I want to experience. I like my bedroom. But if I lived in a cave, I would definitely do cave wall art. I think it would be fun to be allowed to carve things into the wall. I thought I would like this book because I like to read and learn about different time periods. I wasn't disappointed. It was so funny and cute, just like why I liked the movie "The Croods."

Ah, the books that pop up in my reading pile, like this one, Lug, Dawn of the Ice Age. That's right, I have found myself reading yet another book featuring cavemen. While this is not my first book featuring cavemen (really odd to be saying that), this was definitely an interesting read. When I first started reading Lug, Dawn of the Ice Age I was doubtful on whether or not it was going to work for me as it took me some time to get into the character's story line. But, the further the story progressed and the more I came to understand the inner-workings of the two clans and why they were against Lug (and the other two oddballs) the more I came to enjoy the story. I found it interesting to see how the author would turn these oddballs into the potential heroes of the story. So, while Lug, Stony and Echo were not your typical caveboys and cavegirl, I enjoyed how they used their eccentricities to their advantage to work towards saving their people. Why, because when the book first starts you are left wondering how on earth could these three one day save everyone

from the oncoming ice age. Well, you'll just have to read for yourself how they did it. But it was interesting to see them overcome what others saw as weakness to create a sense of teamwork between both clans. Other than the odd cast of characters, I enjoyed the names each of the characters were given as they suited them so perfectly. It's nice when the names of characters fit them and their role within a book so well. Though it often doesn't happen which is why I felt the need to commit upon it in my review. As for the writing, I enjoyed David Zeltser's humorous way of telling the story of Lug. He just had this ability to tell the story in a way that pulled you into the story and lives of the characters.

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