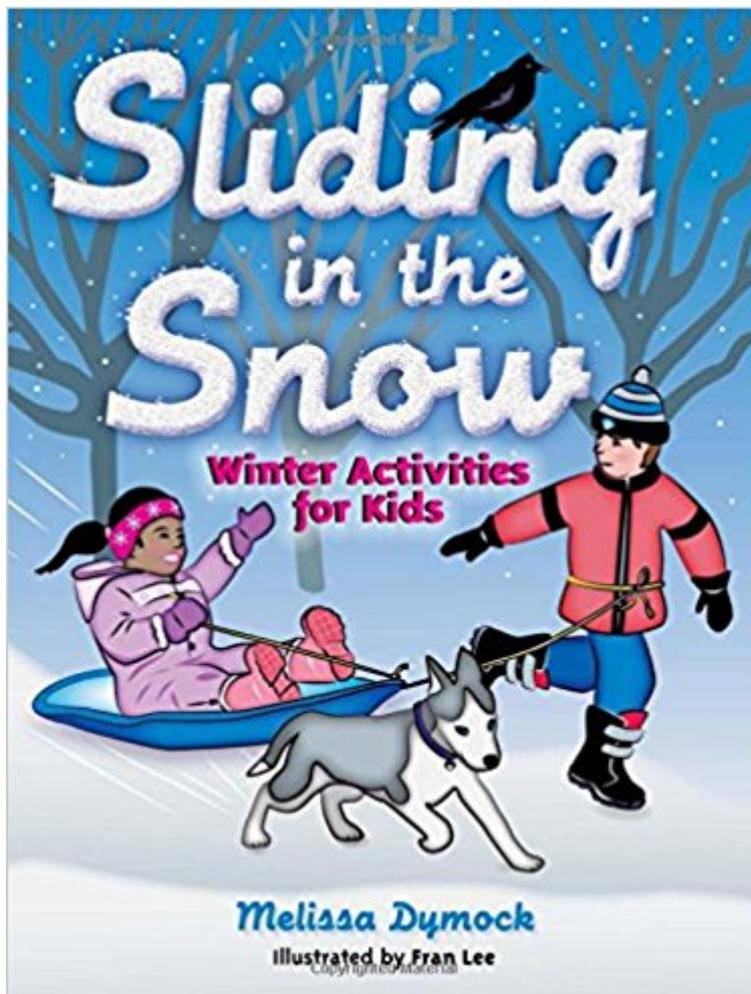


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# Sliding In The Snow



## Synopsis

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- Sidewalk Curling
- Skijoring

And more! This is a delightful book full of great ideas for winter fun. You can capture and keep a snowflake, make ice spikes, ice ribbons and other great ideas. The book outlines fun games, like snow mazes, snow launchers, wacky snow creations, and many more. All sorts of winter Olympic games are outlined with instructions for making your own equipment. The final chapter rounds out the snow experience with children's recipes, including snow candy and snow ice cream. This is a must-have book for winter fun. Children in cold country everywhere will enjoy the ideas in this book. My grandchildren will have lots of fun trying these ideas. Thanks to *Sliding in the Snow* we can all think outside the winter-fun box.

What I liked about this book:

- First, it gives kids fun, outdoor alternatives to being stuck inside playing video games when you can do so many fun things in the snow.
- Second, this paperback is made from high quality paper, with really neat illustrations.
- Third, the author put together a wide range of activities, play, experiments, building tunnels and forts, crafts, etc. I really enjoyed the mix of old-time activities that people my age and older did long years ago.
- Fourth, the first chapter is "Safety in the Snow." Having the right gear makes all the difference between having fun and being miserable. The one exception I would make is using plastic bags if you don't have water-proof boots. This only lasts about an hour. Plastic keeps your feet dry but it doesn't breathe. Feet start to sweat and they can become just as cold as if the plastic wasn't there. We found that if you wear a pair of cotton socks under the wool socks they will absorb a lot of the sweat, but if you're going to be outside for more than an hour or two it would be better to invest in good boots.

Most of all, I liked the bits of history the author threw in about the origins of skiing, and snowshoes; and tidbits about the coldest city in the world. Brrrrr, no thank you. All in all, you really get your money's worth out of this

book. For best results, play with your kids. A lot of these activities take prior preparation and adult skill.

I am not a winter loving person. I detest being cold, but my kids love being outside, having fun in the snow. I jumped on the chance to review this one, because I was excited to find some great ideas on things to do in the snow that just might get me out there with the kids this coming winter. I love the way this book is geared towards kids. Right up front, it's explained clearly how important it is to dress right for the weather and why. I also love the explanation given about what snow is. Once this is all clear, the fun begins. There are multiple games and activities, and even some recipes, given to thoroughly enjoy the winter outdoors. Each activity or game has a list of materials needed (if materials are needed) and step-by-step instructions to fully enjoy the event. This is a great way for a newbie (or children) to figure out how to do it. There are also some fun little activities and tidbits in the book, such as the coldest city in the world and a word search. I'm excited to try the ice ribbons and the homemade snowshoes. My daughter was just asking the other day if we could make snowshoes and I was happy to see some directions included in this book on how to do it. This winter is definitely going to be the most fun we've had yet! I received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review\*

I am so excited about this book. I've been on a quest lately to be more fun with my boys and as soon as we have snow I cannot wait to try out these fun activities. My boys love looking through it also. Now if we can just get some snow on the ground!

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