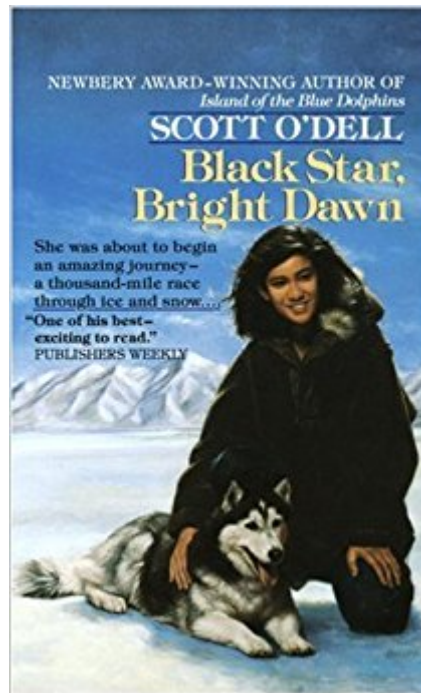




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# Black Star, Bright Dawn



## Synopsis

"A splendid, vividly written adventure."THE KIRKUS REVIEWSBright Dawn was a teenaged Eskimo girl. Black Star was her part-husky, mostly wolf, pet. Together they were about to begin the famous Iditarod dogsled race through the bitter cold of Alaska. Bright Dawn knew they would win, but she didn't count on the cold, blinding whiteout, the belligerent bull moose, or ice that could crack and splinter at any time. And she soon realized that she was not only depending on Black Star for the race, but for her life....

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## Customer Reviews

Most young girls' experiences never involve hunting bearded seals on the ice, even within the Alaskan Eskimo culture. In Scott O'Dell's gripping novel, Bright Dawn is an exception. In her father's eyes, she became his son's replacement ever since her brother drowned. When Bright Dawn is 18 years old, her father, recently injured, insists that she take his place in the Iditarod, the famous Alaskan dogsled race covering more than a thousand miles between Anchorage and Nome. Unflinching, yet trembling in her mukluks, she faces her challenge head-on. Bright Dawn proves herself to be a strong, courageous heroine--crossing rivers, mountain ranges, and vast stretches of frozen tundra--with her team of dogs, including the lead Black Star. While the rush of wind and relentless, blinding stretches of ice are exhilarating, the dangers involved make Bright Dawn realize

that it's not only the race, but her life that she's entrusting to her team of dogs. O'Dell, author of the Newbery Award-winning *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, has created an intense, suspenseful, clearly written adventure story that's sure to capture the imagination of young readers and take them for a blustery ride. (Ages 9 to 12) --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

When her father is injured while training for the Iditarod (the famous 1200-mile dogsled race between Anchorage and Nome), Bright Dawn eagerly takes his place. "The race is won by thinking," an older competitor warns her, which proves to be true. Like all superb adventure stories, this one concerns external threats from the elements and nature, as well as the inner battle: the strength of Bright Dawn's character. Of O'Dell's recent works this is one of his bestexciting to read and infused with dignity. The race, with an unexpected ending, gives the story its simple, penetrating structure. But the story's depth comes from Bright Star's admiration for her father, running like a current through the story. O'Dell's understated, laconic style seems perfectly suited to depicting their relationship. Ages 10-14. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

I use this book with my adult literacy tutoring student. This is the second O'Dell book we have used and both are structured perfectly for a student to learn from. Each chapter stands alone as a lesson. We read one chapter for each lesson. The story is well done and the movement from chapter to chapter keeps my student interested in the book. I totally recommend this book for individual reading, oral reading to a class, or as a tool to teach reading to someone who has basic skills and wants to improve those skills.

Another great historical book and useful for my Children's Literature class

This author takes historical people and events and creates a story to go along with it. My son, who is 12, loves this author so much we have purchased every book written by him. They have kept his attention, and he has reread several. My son's time and energy going into a book instead of an electronic device, can't ask for much more!

My sixth graders love this book.

Fast delivery...great item!

Its a great little book about dogs and a young woman who raced in the Iditerod. Takes you thru the hardship and the stress that the dogs and drivers are under, its not an easy race. Its a youngster's book as well as a quick read for an adult. We have several other of Scott O'Dell's books, I think my favourite is Island of the Blue Dolphins.

I am looking for books for teens and have enjoyed O'dell's books. This was a good story of and teen running in the Iditerod race and also a glimpse of the life of an Eskimo girl and how she was living in two worlds. The old one of her Eskimo parents and the modern one of education and more choices. It was exciting and entertaining also.

I liked it but the ending was a little bit disappointing. Otherwise, I enjoyed reading this book. I didn't like that she wasn't first but this book did have a lesson. It's not about her winning it's about how much she cared about everyone else even though it was a race, and they were her opponents. She didn't want anybody to feel that the race was unfair. It was about how much she cared about respecting the other opponents and having good sportsmanship that allowed her to be awarded. Because those qualities do matter. It shows that even if you're not very good at something that if you are respectful to others and have good sportsmanship that it pays off, that it matters. Still try your hardest but don't be disappointed if you can't do something because as long as you have good sportsmanship and you respect others that it matters.

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