

ABOUT THE BOOK

As a huge wildfire roared along the Funny River in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, firefighters rushed to the rescue. When they found five three-week-old wolf pups in need, they raced into action to save the whole litter. With no wolf parents to help, zookeepers and vets at the Alaska Zoo made sure the babies grew into a healthy, happy pack. Follow this true story as the pups travel from their charred forest to the Alaska Zoo, where they grow big and strong before finally moving to their forever home at the Minnesota Zoo.

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- Wildfire

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Without the help of the firefighters, Alaska wildlife experts, staff at the Alaska Zoo and Minnesota Zoo, this book would not be possible. A list of all the contributing experts can be found inside the book.

Classification Information

Wildfires are scary for kids and adults, but these pups will appeal to readers of all ages! The following organizations have assessed the reading level of *The Lucky Litter*:

- Accelerated Reader: TBD
- Lexile: 730
- Fountas and Pinnell: P

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Nonfiction

- JNF003200 - Animals / Zoos
- JNF003240 - Animals / Wolves & Coyotes
- JNF051160 - Science & Nature / Disasters

For educators, Arbordale has aligned *The Lucky Litter* to the Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all state standards, available on the book web page.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Award-winning nature author Jennifer Keats Curtis is frequently found among students and teachers, talking about literacy and conservation. In addition to *The Lucky Litter: Wolf Pups Rescued from Wildfire*, the *Animal Helpers* series, *Baby Owl's Rescue*, *Kali's Story* (Children's Choice Book Award 2015), *Salamander Season*, *Primate School*, and *Turtles In My Sandbox* for Arbordale, some of Jennifer's other recent titles include *Seahorses*, *Osprey Adventure* and *Saving Squeak: The Otter Tale*. She lives in Maryland with her family and a wide variety of pets. Visit her website at www.jenniferkeatscurtis.com.

ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

In addition to *The Lucky Litter: Wolf Pups Rescued from Wildfire*, John Gomes is also the photographer for *Kali's Story* (Children's Choice Book Award 2015). His passion for photography is evident through his nature- and Alaskan-focused images. John is a self-taught photographer going back to the "manual" camera days. His photos capture Alaskan life including mushing (sled-dog racing) and rodeos. John has been the Alaska Zoo's official volunteer photographer for over ten years and has spent countless hours capturing magnificent images of baby and adult animals, including bears, goats, coyotes, foxes, and porcupines. To see more of John's photos, visit his website at www.akjohn.com.



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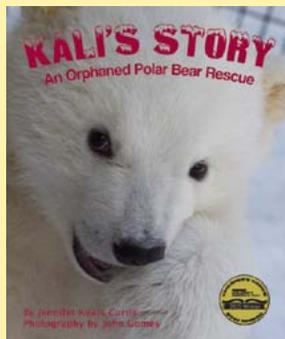


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While working on the *Animal Helpers: Zoos* book, Jennifer partnered with many zoos including the Alaska Zoo. She worked with the staff gathering information from the zoo's keepers and received photographs from John to tell her story. Little did Jennifer know, her next book was right around the corner when Kali, an adorable, orphaned polar bear arrived at his temporary home. Kali not only graces the cover of his own award-winning story, but he also got top honors in the *Animal Helpers: Zoos* book. If you like *The Lucky Litter* these books are sure to please!

