

Finder, Coal Mine Dog By Alison Hart Other kids will enjoy the book because they can learn about coal mining history how it was to live as a kid in 1909 and how our pets can provide us with comfort and even help us with work. age 7 Northern Colorado Mensa 4 1561458600 It is 1909 Thomas and his dog Finder a mountain cur work in a mine in Cherry Illinois the site of one of the worst coal mining disasters. 1561458600 Alison Hart is a pseudonym for writer {site_link} Alice LeonhardtA Virginia author of over twenty mysteries and historical fiction novels for children and teens loves "writing books that keep young readers glued to the pages. " At the age of seven she wrote illustrated and self published The Wild Dog a book which she shows to readers to make the point that it is never too early to be an author. Alison Hart is a pseudonym for writer {site_link} Alice LeonhardtA Virginia author of over twenty mysteries and historical fiction novels for children and teens loves "writing books that keep young readers glued to the pages. " At the age of seven she wrote illustrated and self published The Wild Dog a book which she shows to readers to make the point that it is never too early to be an author. When disaster strikes can Thomas and Finder escape from the fires deep below ground? Finder Coal Mine DogOverall I am not totally fond of reading books from an animal's point of view. I went into this book highly skeptical but I ended up enjoying, It was easy to read and the historical aspect was fascinating, 1561458600 Young Thomas and his dog work in an Illinois coal mine in the early 1900s. 1561458600 A boy Thomas who lives with his uncle and aunt owns a dog named Finder: Times are tough and everyone must work to help the family with food and earning money-even kids and dogs have to work. Thomas' uncle works in the coalmines and at age 14 Thomas has to quit school and also work in the coal mine: It was interesting to learn about family debt and how Thomas had to pay-off his father's tool debt, There's an accident in the mine and Finder the dog helps Thomas, What's interesting about the book is that Finder isn't a very good hunter and that creates stress in the family because they don't have very much food or money: It's interesting to learn how a family (including the pets) in 1909 worked together to help each other live: The book also provides maps of the coal mines and a brief history about Finder the dog and the Cherry Mine disaster. Much of this fast-paced novel is accurate however there were no mine rescue dogs in the early 1900s. This is another addition to the Dog Chronicles series this time giving the reader a description of working life in the mines: Animal lovers should be warned that there is a realistic depiction of the underground fires that is hazardous to both humans and animals, {site_link} When Thomas's family needs money he's forced to go to work in the coal mines even though neither of his late parents wanted that for him, His only comfort is his dog Finder a failed hunting dog who now pulls a cart in the mines. 1561458600 Finder isn't a hunting dog and Thomas' uncle says Finder must go, But then Thomas starts working in the coal mine and figures Finder can help pull the coal car out of the dark mine: I loved to read when I was in school and I still do. It ends happily with a young boy / man and his dog helping. The information about the times and the dangers of the job and how essential to the survival of the family it was are woven in without being overbearing or preachy. Told from the dog's point of view! My dog probably would love to write about her job and her life if she could: It's easy to see why this is a good vehicle for the story: Enjoyable easy read for the time a ditzy TV show would take: 1561458600 Dog stories are definitely not my thing and this one is told from the perspective of the dog which is almost worse in my opinion! However I didn't mind this one: It does a great job of describing the dangers of working in a mine in 1909 and touches on immgrant and child laborers: It's also got an exciting finish that I think young readers would really like. 1561458600 FINDER: COAL MINE DOG by Alison Hart is the latest in the DOG CHRONICLES historical fiction series, Set in 1909 young Thomas is forced to go to work in the coal mines to help support his family, Thomas takes his dog named Finder into the mines to help pull carts in the mine. When a mining accident traps Thomas and others in the mine Finder leads them to safety, Told from Finder's perspective the simple narrative is reminiscent of children's books from the past, Designed for the middle grades librarians will find lots of curriculum connections including child labor mining hazards and black lung disease, The book includes diagrams of the coal mine as well as details about the history associated with the story's themes, Children who enjoy dog stories may also like the other books in this series including Darling: Mercy

Dog of World War I and Murphy: Gold Rush Dog: Ranger in Time by Kate Messner is another recent historical fiction series featuring dogs for middle grade readers[1]

As a rule I tend to avoid animal books. I just don't like them. Third book in the Dog Chronicles series. Review by Charlotte P. However the story itself was intriguing. 1561458600 I love young readers books. I like to see what's out there now for kids. this is well written and easy to get into. The last section has facts then enhance the story. Well worth it. Not so bad. The pencil sketches add interest to the story. To learn more about the author go to <http://www.alisonhartbooks.com/>. Published by Peachtree Publishers on October 1 2015. ARC courtesy of the publisher. 1561458600

