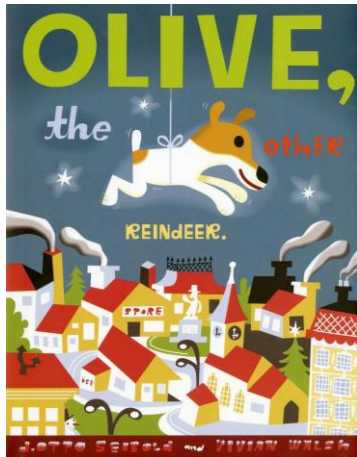


# Read Aloud Guide for Families



## **Olive, The Other Reindeer**

*Author: Vivian Walsh*

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**Themes:** Determination, Being Yourself, Helping Others

**Book Brief:** Olive the dog mishears a famous Christmas song and believes she's a reindeer, then sets off to help Santa on Christmas Eve!

## **READ ALOUD**

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask, "Have you ever misheard something and thought it meant something else? What happened?"

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What does Olive mishear? What does she think she is?
- How do Santa and the other reindeer react when Olive arrives at the North Pole?
- What special skills does Olive have as a dog? How does she help Santa's team?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- Ask, "What did Olive think at the beginning? How did her mistake turn into something helpful?"

## **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

### **If your child enjoyed this book:**

- Create "Olive's Reindeer Skills" art. Have your child draw Olive helping Santa's team or draw themselves with special skills they have. Talk about how everyone has unique talents that can help others, even if they're different from what people expect, just like Olive helped in her own special dog way!
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