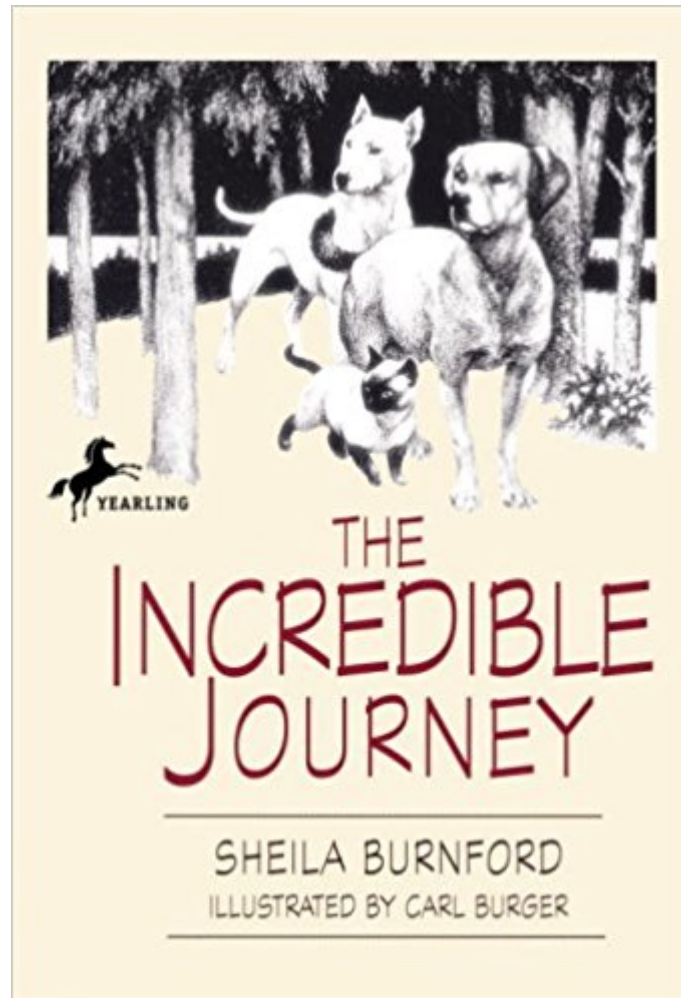




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The Incredible Journey



Synopsis

Fans of *Old Yeller*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, and *Shiloh* will love this timeless classic about two dogs and a cat that embark on a journey to return to their owner and inspired the movie *Homeward Bound*. An inquisitive Labrador retriever, friendly bull terrier, and courageous Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to find their owner in this truly "incredible" adventure. Instinct tells them that the way home lies to the west and together the three house pets face hunger, the natural elements, and wild forest animals as they make their way home to the family they love. This beloved classic that inspired the movie *Homeward Bound* has captured the hearts of generations of readers. The lengths to which these three animals will go for each other and for their owner make for a thrilling and thoroughly unforgettable tale. "Captivating! A tale of charm [and] high drama." •The New York Times "A classic." •The Atlantic "From the youngest child to the oldest grown-up, there is something here for everyone." •The Horn Book "An incredible book! A beautiful story so moving that it stays in the mind constantly. It is a gem to be treasured." •The St. Louis Post-Dispatch "I have read *The Incredible Journey* with much enjoyment. Obviously the author has a great knowledge of animals and a great love for them." •Joy Adamson, author of *Born Free* "A clever story and evocative writing will keep animal lovers and adventure fans turning the pages." •Common Sense Media Pacific Northwest Young Reader's Choice Award Winner William Allen White Award Winner Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Winner

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Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west. And so the doughty young Labrador retriever, the roguish bull terrier and the indomitable Siamese set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would soon have died. But, together, the three house pets faced starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to the family they love. "The Incredible Journey is one of the great children's stories of all time--and has been popular ever since its debut in 1961.

I have loved this book for so many years and have used it with my classes at school. It was time for a new copy! This is such a great book about friendship and endurance and never giving up.

I've lost count of the number of times I've read this book over approximately 40 years. It's a beautiful story told in rich language and offers a small window of comfort when life gets tough or on a chilly night when the fall leaves rattle in the breeze. I applaud the author and offer my gratitude.

This was a beautiful book. I bought it for my 10 year old grandson for one of his novels in homeschool. We thoroughly enjoyed reading the book, and we also watched the movie on prime.

We were thrilled how close the movie mirrored the book. The actions of the animals were outstanding. I highly recommend the book and the movie.

Sheila Burnford has taken us on our own Incredible Journey, one that rivals the epic adventures the character's in the story plough on through. 'The Incredible Journey' is about an old dog, a strong Labrador and a tricky cat, who join together and walk the length of Canada, just to reach the house in which their owners live. It is a very imaginative piece, with that good old classic writing style, and the wit and humour that you look for in any kind of book. By the time you have finished you will be thinking, "MORE, MORE, MORE!!!" 'The Incredible Journey' has just taken me on a special ride. Why don't you come too?

This was probably the most sad book I have ever read. It had an interesting and clear storyline that made you feel like you had an "eagle eye" view. 6/5. Would recommend to people who like sad, dark stories. Jack, age 9

A great read. I first picked up this book in grade school. Now, nearly 50 years old I've read it once more, as I know I will yet again. If only the world were still like this....

Just finished reading this wonderful book. Story so well-written that I became very attached to the three animals. It was exciting and I found myself cheering the animals on. Couldn't stop reading.

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