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With help from his friends, Karhu buys a pair of fancy, mukluk boots and dances his way to Finn Town's liveliest winter event, **The Mukluk Ball**, featuring the tango, the conga, and even the Bear Hug Twist.



"...By dint of blueberry (and bear hug) sales and an owl alarm clock, his careful plan culminates with his becoming the belle of the ball: "'Conga time!' Everyone lined up behind Karhu. They all shimmied and shook."—Publishers Weekly

"Karhu (which translates to "bear" in Finnish) is an anthropomorphic black bear who lives near Finn Town, in a setting that evokes northern Minnesota albeit in an alternate reality in which animals and humans interact as peers."—Kirkus



About the Author

Katharine Johnson grew up on a rocky farm on the Mesabi Iron Range of northern Minnesota. She writes fiction, and historical fiction. In the process of writing, she discovered that fiction is often so entangled with the truth that it is impossible to separate the two. Katharine lives with her husband in Minnesota.

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About the Illustrator

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