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Caroline Starr Rose : Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A book full of adventure and heart!By FaithJasper has everything I love in a book: heart, humor, a character you can't help but root for, a brilliant setting, and beautiful writing.A little exuberant digression on the setting, if you don't mind: the setting of the Klondike Gold Rush was really cool. There aren't enough books set there/then, if you ask me, although I highly recommend the non-fiction Call of the Klondike, by David Meissner, which Caroline Starr Rose also references. There's so much neat history, so many exciting stories, plus the inherent drama of the need to survive. This is one that every twelve-year-old boy is going to want to get his hands on.And then there's Jasper. Jasper is a boy who never, ever gives up, who's not afraid of hard work, whose love for his family outlasts any injustices--real or imagined--that he might suffer at their hands. In a rather difficult season of my life, Jasper was just what I needed. He inspired me to keep pursuing my dreams--and, best of all, he kept me laughing while doing so. Where would we be without the fictional heroes that remind us of what's true and good in life?0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for Kids...AND Adults!By R. AnkrumTwo down-and-out, but determined brothers, a mysterious mine, callous and greedy miners, an intriguing plot, and rich history weave together in this enchanting and riveting new novel by Caroline Starr Rose. Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine is a superb way to engage young people in the danger and excitement of the Klondike Gold Rush in an era of time long slipped away. Appealing and true-to-life protagonist, Jasper, will win your heart from the first page as you struggle and victor with him through his dreams, disappointments, and discoveries. This well-written story might be meant for kids, but I found that I had a hard time putting it down, so it's safe to say this is a wonderful read for any age! As a lover of both history and good fiction, I am always sniffing out good books to recommend and put in the hands of my own children and their friends. Jaspers story definitely makes the cut! This is Rosers first book written in prose and it is just as delightful as her free verse titles, May B. and Blue Birds (which I would highly recommend as well). Happy reading!UPDATE on 7/11/17: A brief recommendation from my 11 year old son who read this tale voraciously! Michael says, "I loved it because of the constant adventure and the twist at the end. Two thumbs up!"0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So Much More Than History...By Kimberly SabatiniA few summers ago I had the chance to visit Skagway, Alaska and learn all about the gold rush. Now having a picture in my head of this part of the past, one of my favorite things is to read historical fiction that expands and deepens my understanding of that moment in history. Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine is especially delightful to read because on top of the rich history, there are strong relationships between the main characters and interesting relationships with

the supporting characters. They bring another level to an already compelling story. Then to top it all off, Caroline Starr Rose adds in a mystery that will keep young readers highly engaged. Already a fan of Rose, this book highlights why she's on my must read list.

Hoping to strike it rich, two brothers escape an abusive father and set out on a treacherous journey to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush. Desperate to get away from their drunkard of a father, eleven-year-old Jasper and his older brother Melvin often talk of running away, of heading north to Alaska to chase riches beyond their wildest dreams. The Klondike Gold Rush is calling, and Melvin has finally decided the time to go is now— even if that means leaving Jasper behind. But Jasper has other plans, and follows his brother aboard a steamer as a stowaway. Onboard the ship, Jasper overhears a rumor about One-Eyed Riley, an old coot who's long since gone, but is said to have left clues to the location of his stake, which still has plenty of gold left. The first person to unravel the clues and find the mine can stake the claim and become filthy rich. Jasper is quick to catch gold fever and knows he and Melvin can find the mine— all they have to do is survive the rough Alaskan terrain, along with the steep competition from the unscrupulous and dangerous people they encounter along the way. In an endearing, funny, pitch-perfect middle grade voice, Caroline Starr Rose tells another stellar historical adventure young readers will long remember.

A Junior Library Guild selection
Praise for *Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine*: An Best of the Month Pick for February 2017 — Ages 9-12
"It's the brothers' struggle to survive the Yukon wilderness with its harsh beauty and unforgiving cold that will keep readers entranced."
— Kirkus
"A rousing historical adventure . . . Highly recommended for fans of adventure and historical fiction, or as a classroom read-aloud."
— School Library Journal
"Mash-up of clue-driven mystery, historical fiction, and survival story."
— BCCB
"Filled with witty characters, the suspense of survival, and rich period detail, this book will quickly draw in readers, who will likely appreciate both the well-crafted setting and the bond between brothers, who ultimately discover a happiness independent of the wealth they set out to find."
— Booklist
"Jasper's voice and Caroline Starr Rose's writing style brought her characters alive, bursting with warmth and spirit. The rich details and historically accurate setting took me back to the era of the Gold Rush."
— Terry Lynn Johnson, author of *Ice Dogs* and *Falcon Wild*
"Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine" takes two brothers and plunks them right into a hair-raising journey to the goldfields of Canada. It's a rollicking adventure, warm and funny, chockablock with bad guys and good guys, mysteries and deceptions, dangers and disasters. With courage and persistence, Melvin and the delightful Jasper discover the true meaning of riches, friendship, and family. It's a rip-roaring tale and a romping good read. Try to resist!
— Karen Cushman, Newbery Medalist for *The Midwife's Apprentice*
About the Author
Caroline Starr Rose spent her childhood in the deserts of Saudi Arabia and New Mexico, camping at the Red Sea in one and eating red chile in the other. As a girl she danced ballet, raced through books, composed poetry on an ancient typewriter, and put on magic shows in a homemade cape. She's taught both social studies and English in New Mexico, Florida, Virginia, and Louisiana. In her classroom, she worked to instill in her students a passion for books, an enthusiasm to experiment with words, and a curiosity about the past. She is the author of the critically acclaimed novels in verse *May B.* and *Blue Birds*. Caroline lives in New Mexico with her husband and two sons.

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