

# READING GUIDE

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## The Way Past Winter KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE

*The Way Past Winter* is a beautiful modern-day fairy tale that's perfect for fans of Philip Pullman.

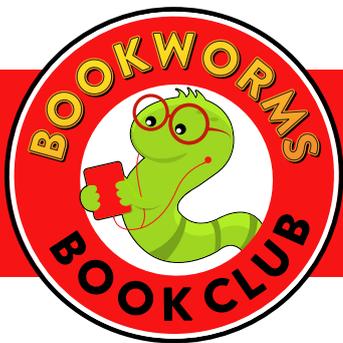
### IN DETAIL

Mila and her sisters live with their brother Oskar in a small forest cabin in the snow. One night, a fur-clad stranger arrives seeking shelter for himself and his men. But by the next morning, they've gone, taking Oskar with them. Fearful for his safety, Mila and her sisters set out to bring Oskar back - even if it means going north, crossing wild and frozen lands to find a way past an eternal winter.



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## QUICK QUESTIONS

What did you like best about *The Way Past Winter*?

What did you like least about *The Way Past Winter*?

What other books did *The Way Past Winter* remind you of?

Which characters in the book did you like best?

Which characters did you like least?

How would you describe *The Way Past Winter* in three words?

## LONGER TASK

*The Way Past Winter* takes inspiration from Russian folk tales and fairy tales. With an adult, research different folk tales and fairy tales. Make a list of things they have in common and the things that are different. Use this list as an influence and write your own modern-day fairy tale set near where you live.



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