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Description:

From School Library Journal Grade 4-6—An abandoned puppy meets Tazar, leader of a pack of dogs that ekes out a precarious living in Central Park. The animals accept him and name him Waggit, after his constantly wagging tail, and he gradually learns how to hunt and scavenge for food and negotiate the many hazards of the park. Most important of all, he learns to distrust humans, or "Uprights." Then Waggit is captured by animal-control officers and taken to the pound. When a woman adopts him, he discovers what it's like to be a companion dog and to be treated kindly by a human, even though it means being completely dependent. This is an engaging story, and the various canine characters are depicted in loving detail. Howe does not romanticize the lives of feral dogs; Waggit, Tazar, and the rest of the pack contend with hunger, illness, and serious injuries.

However, the tone of this book is less somber than Ann M. Martin's *A Dog's Life* (Scholastic, 2005), which deals with similar subject matter.—*Kathleen E. Gruver, Burlington County Library, Westampton, NJ*

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From When a white puppy gets lost in the park, he earnestly assumes that his owner will search for him. Only later, when he joins a well-organized pack of homeless dogs, does he recognize that he has been abandoned. His new friends name him Waggit for his lively tail and train him in the ways of survival. Led by the astute Tazar, the dogs have staked out a secluded tunnel in a place much like Central Park, where they spend their days gathering food, protecting one another, spying on a rougher gang of dogs, and avoiding the “Great Unknown”—the pound. Enhanced by Rayyan’s chapter-header drawings, Howe’s children’s-book debut presents a charming, mostly episodic tale complete with endearing characters and a convincing, invented lexicon: humans, for instance, are “Uprights,” and winter is the “Long Cold.” Though a development that takes Waggit away from the close-knit pack may leave some readers disappointed, the thoughtful questions raised by his decision elevate this gentle fantasy a notch above simpler animal-survival tales. Grades 4-8. --Anne O'Malley -
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