A dog team driver is called a musher. We took a sled dog trip across frozen Frobisher Bay. The Greenland Inuit dogs are of the husky type. Sled dogs have lived in the Arctic for thousands of years. Louis-Philip Pothier is the musher in this photo. The dogs belong to Mattie McNair, a famous polar expedition leader. The dogs will be hitched in a “fan hitch” because they spread out and pull. There are no tall trees in Iqaluit. The team goes left at the command of “Gee” and right to the command of “Haw” (most of the time).

Our pet dog was a Siberian husky. The models for the dogs in my book are Kallie and Maggie, beautiful Siberians. The reddish dog is modeled after Amundsen, the lead dog on our trip in Iqaluit.

An Ulu or Woman’s knife

At the art center in Pangnirtung I saw many animal characters drawn with Inuit clothes. Sometimes they are messengers from the spirit world.

Small children’s winter clothes sometimes have little ears on the hood.

The snowy owl is my favorite Arctic bird.

One kamik (or boot) is off to show the inner sock.

The female owl carries her chicks in her hood. Her coat is an amautei.