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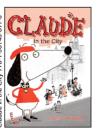


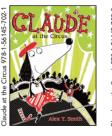
Meet Claude

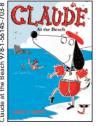
When his owners
hotfoot it off to work for
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adventure he will have.

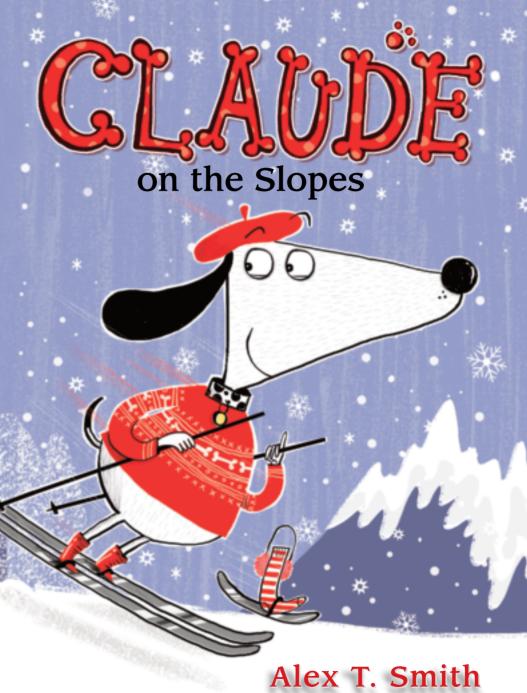
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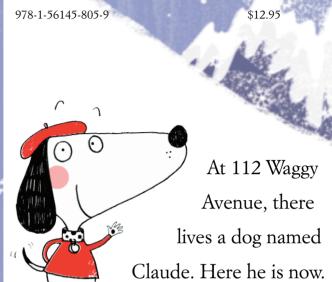












This is his best friend,
Sir Bobblysock. He is
both a sock and quite bobbly.

Claude and Sir Bobblysock go to the Snowy Mountains to swish down the powdery slopes. When their winter wonderland threatens to avalanche, Claude must come to the rescue.



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on the Slopes



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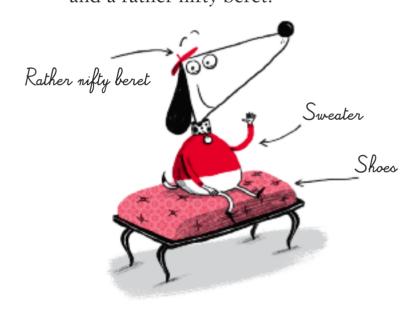




Chapter 1

At 112 Waggy Avenue, there lives a dog.

A small dog.
A small, plump dog.
A small, plump dog who wears shoes and a sweater and a rather nifty beret.



This dog is called Claude. Hello, Claude!



He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes...

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...and his best pal in the whole world, Sir Bobblysock, who is both a sock and quite bobbly.





But where will they go next?

Every day, after Mr. and Mrs.
Shinyshoes have hotfooted it out the door to work, Claude pops on his beret and goes on an adventure with Sir Bobblysock.





Chapter 2

ne morning (it was a Tuesday), Claude woke up in a loud sort of a mood. He had been feeling boisterous all week.

He whistled loudly as he tied up his shoelaces. He hummed loudly as he smoothed his sweater down over his tummy.



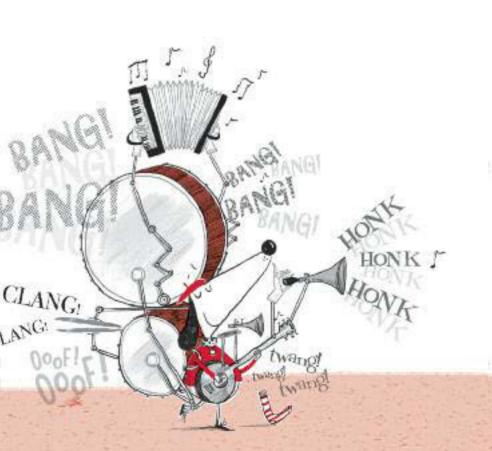
And he said,
"Oooh! Aren't you handsome?"

loudly to himself while looking in a mirror.

So loudly in fact, that he blew the froth off the top

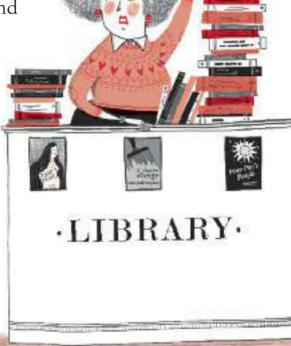
of Sir Bobblysock's frothy coffee from the other side of the kitchen.

Claude and Sir Bobblysock had spent the day before (which had been a Monday) at the library.



Miss Hush, the librarian, had explained that although it was okay to make a bit of noise in the library—especially when you've found a very

exciting book—
turning up in your
one-man-band
outfit was a
bit much.



Then she had lost count of the number of times she'd had to remind Claude to use his nice Indoor Voice. By the end of the day, Sir Bobblysock had needed a long nap with a damp cloth over his eyes.

But that was yesterday, and now Claude needed a jolly new adventure to go on.

"I think I'll go and get some fresh air!" shouted Claude.

And he did.





