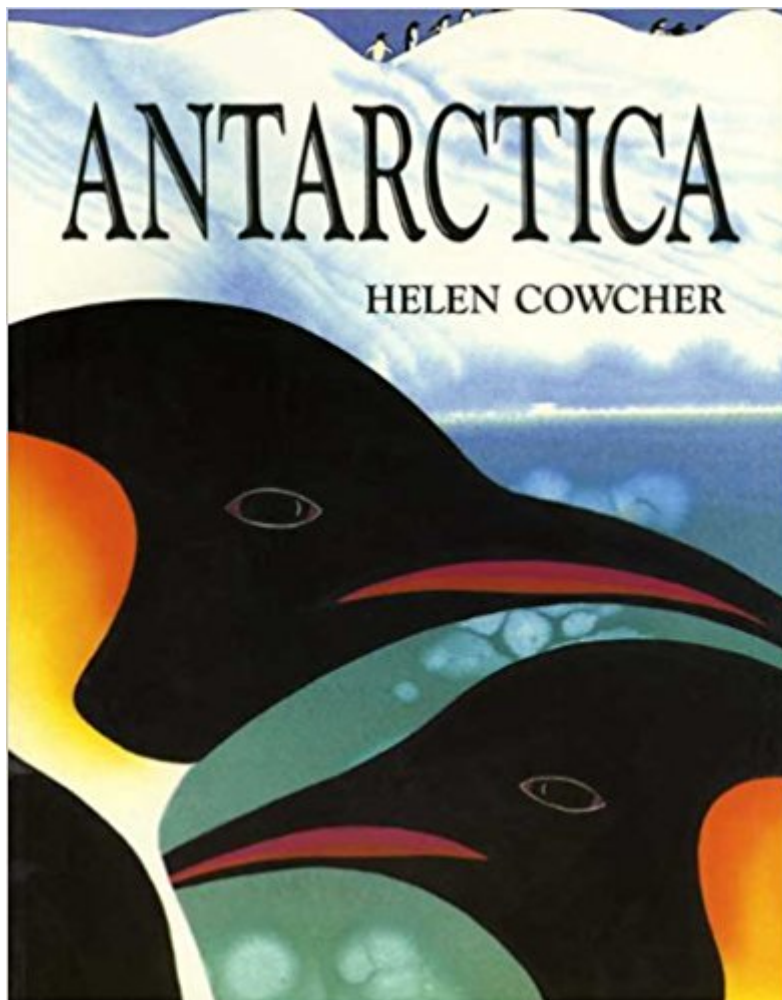


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Antarctica



Synopsis

Far, far south, in the strange and beautiful land of Antarctica, it is dark both day and night all winter long. When at last spring comes, the penguins and seals raise their young. But, one year, loud, unfamiliar sounds announce the arrival of a new presenceâ••one the animals hope can share this fragile world with them in peace. Antarctica is a 1990 New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of the Year.

Book Information

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Dramatic illustrations deftly blend light and shadow as they depict the rigorous--and threatened--existence of "emperor penguins, Weddell seals and Adelie penguins" on the frozen continent. Ages 5-8. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 2 --In story form, Cowcher attempts to describe life for emperor and Adelie penguins and Weddell seals during one Antarctic winter and spring as they nest, give birth, and raise their young. Harsh weather makes survival difficult, but the true enemy may be the men who have a base camp near the Adelies' nesting area; their helicopter frightens the penguins away, allowing the predatory skuas access to their eggs. A few instances of anthropomorphism are

unfortunate and glaringly intrusive: an emperor penguin is described as huddling with "his friends," and the story closes with the seals and penguins wondering whether ". . . the new arrivals . . . will share or destroy their beautiful Antarctica . . ." Some of the watercolor illustrations are too cute--baby emperor penguins and Weddell seals have the round-faced quality of the worst greeting-card art. Others are misleading--"a ferocious leopard seal," enemy to the penguins, appears to be a gentle, smiling creature, and a drawing of the emperor penguins trudging back to their rookery looks like the penguins are walking on water, with huge waves behind them. Since little is available on this level that deals directly with the problems facing Antarctica, most libraries will want to add this to their collections; its didactic but important message outweighs its faults. --Ellen Fader, Westport Public Library, CT
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What a lovely book. In not too many words explains so much about penguins' life cycle in a very compassionate way.

Great book for children.

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Used in a summer school classroom for children ages 6-12. A good way to teach the continent, animals and geography.

A K favorite!

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