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This winning combination of vivid photographs and informative, inspiring text is the companion volume to the extraordinary surprise hit film deemed "Irresistible" by *Entertainment Weekly*. Timed perfectly for the holidays and the November release of the DVD!

Read the incredible, endearing story of the Emporer penguins' yearly Antarctic odyssey and the long months of endurance, self-sacrifice and love as they raise a new generation of chicks.

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Dolly says

We seem to like to read a lot of books about penguins and somewhere along the way, one of the reviewers highly recommended this book. "Oh, dear," I thought to myself. I had tried to take our girls to this movie when they were much too young. Morgan Freeman's deep and soothing voice combined with jaw-dropping visuals of Antarctica and a year in the life of this majestic creature? How could I go wrong? Well, our girls were just too young for this movie and were bored, bored, bored within the first thirty minutes. We stuck it out for less than three seasons before we chose to leave the theater (probably one season too long, actually.) So I was a bit irrationally anxious to read this book with them, thinking that perhaps the ennui would set in again.

But I must admit that I'm very impressed. The quantity and quality of the narrative is perfect, giving enough detail without overwhelming. And the photographs are almost as amazingly beautiful as the celluloid. I love that there are many two-page spreads of photographs without any narrative at all, and it makes this rather large book not so very intimidating. Still, we took it in slowly, reading a chapter or two at a time and just enjoying looking at the pictures. We really enjoyed reading this story together and I wonder if perhaps our girls are old enough to enjoy watching the movie now.

Charles says

The life cycle of the emperor penguin is amazing, they are incredibly adapted to life in the harshest environment on Earth, that of Antarctica, where the average temperature is 40 below zero Fahrenheit in the summer. Their breeding and hatching grounds are miles away from the sea, which is the source of their food. After the mother lays the egg, the father incubates it while the mother makes the journey back to the sea in the perpetual darkness of the Antarctic winter.

When the egg is hatched, the father regurgitates some special food for the chick, even though he has not eaten in months. The mother then returns to care for the chick so that the father can go to the sea to eat and recharge. This continues until the chicks are strong enough to make the journey to the sea, where they will stay until they are mature enough to reproduce and continue the cycle of life.

This is a great book that is extremely educational. The text is written at a level that early elementary children can read and understand and the images are of high quality. I strongly recommend this as a basic science book for children.

Jess says

I was tagging books today and found this one on the shelf. It's the companion book to the documentary. It is so cute, taking you along the journey that penguins go through to have babies. Great photos, great writing!

Nick Black says

I bought this for \$2.99, hoping it would entertain girls who'd otherwise be intimidated by books about math. Having twice elicited squeals of "omfg penguins!", it's more than paid for itself.

Matty says

Beautiful photos and nice summary of cyclical year of the penguin.

Shenice Martin says

Awards: None

Grade Level: N/A

Summary: This book gives a detailed account of how penguins live in Antarctica. The penguins travel miles and miles from sea to get back to the place where its parents, and its grandparents were born to huddle together in the winter. During the middle of winter the female penguins lay eggs and give it to the father to watch while it goes back to sea for food. When the baby penguins grow, they go away for four years to sea to live and return during the fifth year.

Review:

I thought this is an awesome story about the march of the penguins. It was very telling. I would read this to my students.

Uses:

This book could be used as part of a themed lesson on either winter or animals

Another use for this would be for a fun read for children.

Allie says

A lovely book about penguins with some fantastic illustrations. Nice book.

Chelsea Smith says

I absolutely loved this book! The pictures are marvelous, facts are amazing, and information is good for young learners to know. This work is great for a read-aloud for young students and one that is good for independent reading for students at a second or third grade reading level or higher.

Mary Wescott says

If I hadn't seen this movie, I would've rated the book a two.

Nyctea says

Molto belle le fotografie che ritraggono i pinguini imperatore e ancora di più quelle meno consuete che mettono in risalto le architetture e le sfumature degli immensi ghiacci dell'Antartide. Il commento naturalistico invece non è particolarmente accurato: Luc Jaquet ha descritto la riproduzione dei pinguini come se stesse raccontando una storia romantica, umanizzando molto gli uccelli e attribuendo loro sentimenti e intenzioni estranei alla loro specie, in un modo che nella divulgazione scientifica sugli animali, soprattutto se indirizzata ad un pubblico di adulti, personalmente ho sempre trovato fastidioso (mai comunque quanto le voci gnaulanti di Fiorello e di Pif nel doppiaggio italiano dei due documentari!).

Tesssss cool story broo says

Amazing photography and a heart-warming story. I learned a lot about emperor penguins, and the pictures are beautiful!

Mary Ann says

Great still photos and information on making this movie.

Erika says

Beautiful book, beautiful photographs, beautiful animals.

Laura says

I really liked the book. It was very inforative. and the baby penguins are soooooo cute!!!

Karen Reedy says

I just LOVE penguins!!

