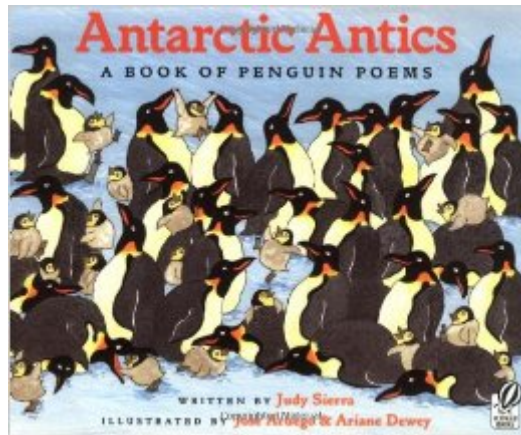


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# Antarctic Antics: A Book Of Penguin Poems



## Synopsis

Dive, swim, and glide with this delightful pack of penguins as they slip and slide through their icy world. Judy Sierra, Jose Aruego, and Ariane Dewey invite you into the world of an Emperor penguin family and their wild, slip-sliding, rhyming fun.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I realize at the age of 14, I should probably be looking for books at a higher reading level. But I'm crazy about Penguins, so the book *Antarctic Antics* caught my eye. Though the actual poetry is a bit juvenile sounding, it's actually very educational and entertaining. Plus the pictures are ADORABLE! This is an excellent book, and my kid sister agrees!

An adult friend recommended this book to me (also an adult), figuring that I'd enjoy anything containing a poem titled "Regurgitate." She was right, and I found the rest of the book well-written and well-crafted, full of similar humor and the kind of realism-in-viewpoint that is sometimes (too often) lacking in books that feature animals. The illustrations are also excellent. I'm told that children do enjoy this book, but it's also captivated many of my adult friends ... including one woman to whom I presented a copy for her 55th birthday. Quality shines through any good work, and that's definitely true of "*Antarctic Antics*."

My grandchildren have always loved this book, so I decided to buy it as a gift for someone who is having a baby. Not only are the illustrations great, but the entire book is rhymed poetry. I used to chant or sing the words and eventually, my children did too. The story of a little penguin from the time of birth until it is grown is delightful. This is an undiscovered gem.

First of all, I love this book because I love penguins. However, as a piece of children's literature, it's so much more. This is an excellent example of how literature (poetry) and science can go hand and hand. There are some poems in this book that seem written just for fun, (e.g. "Be My Penguin"). However, most of the poems in this book are written about and around actual behaviors that penguins exhibit: from regurgitating their food to feed the young ("Regurgitate") to the motherly instincts of father penguins ("A Hatchling's Song" and "My Father's Feet") to poetic riddles about penguin predators (sea lion, killer whale). The book is charming, easy to read, and full of delightful penguin illustrations. A great gift for any child interesting in science or literature or anyone who (like me) just loves penguins.

My daughter is learning about poems and rhyming in school right now so this was a good purchase for us. This gave her a way to get some extra work in at home while enjoying the story that is being told in the process. Good art work, nicely told stories, very good purchase. She has actually taken it to school for show and tell and the teacher read it to the class and they all enjoyed it as well. Highly recommended by my family. Good for teaching how to write poems and read them and also to see words that rhyme with others. She is in her first year of school so any chance we can get to help teach her more with things she really loves, we take full advantage of.

Antarctic Antics is a wonderful book to read to children if they love to hear about animals. This book is all about penguins and their daily activities. The author, Judy Sierra did an excellent job in writing cute poems about the arctic animal. The illustrations were done by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. The pictures relate well with the poems as they are written within the illustrations. The illustrations are full pages and add excellent color to the page as the poem is enjoyed. The poems in this book create a sense of smell, taste, sight, and touch. The poems are about what goes on in a penguin's life and the child can relate to their senses as the poems are read to them. One poem called Regurgitate is about a baby penguin. He wants his dad to regurgitate his food; this poem is liked by children. This has the qualities of taste, sight, smell, and touch. There are many more great poems to read to children that they will enjoy. This book has an excellent collection of poems that children

will enjoy. The poems meet the requirements for children poetry. The book has a way of teaching the students about penguins and their ways of life. The illustrations done by Aruego and Dewey add a significant amount to the poems as they are read.

Every class I read this too loved it! Penguin baby finding his mother listens to eek, awk, eck. and finally "Ack! Such a sweet sounding ack, lovely mom you've come back, did you bring me a snack? Only my mom would say ack".

I am ordering because of the review on NPR. It was wonderful--I love good "read aloud" books that teach children that language itself is a toy. In fact, the perfect toy because it never grows old, or broken, or out of date. And, it never gets lost. A delightful adventure in life from another perspective.

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