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Magic School Bus Presents: Polar Animals

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Book Review

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Review

Jump on the Magic School Bus and come explore polar animals! The first stop is the Arctic, where you’ll see polar bears, artic foxes, whales, seals, walruses, artic birds, musk oxen, and so much more. Then, on the other side of the world in Antarctica, you’ll be greeted by vast colonies of penguins, flocks of other birds, huge whales, and plenty of sea creatures that can withstand the harsh Antarctic climate. Finally, you’ll learn how global warming is putting many magnificent animals at risk of becoming extinct.

Like other books in The Magic School Bus Presents series, this educational book uses all the well-known Magic School Bus characters to present a wide range of interesting information in a very appealing format. The book has a consistent color scheme and layout, which includes on every page a title, the main commentary, a “Frizzle Fact,” a short book-report summary, and several fascinating photographs with additional fun facts, all of which is written in very clear and understandable language. The final pages also include some more interesting facts and a helpful “Words to Know” page. This series would be an excellent addition to a classroom library and also a great educational tool to use at home.