



Ninja Claus

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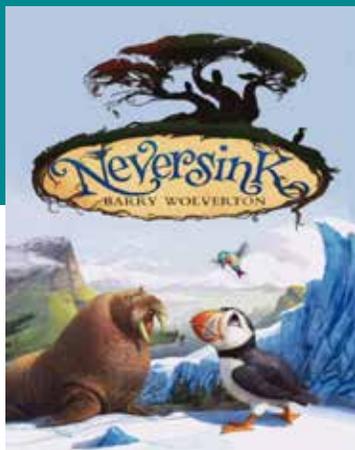
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Book Review

Neversink



Author

Barry Wolverton

Illustrator

Sam Nielson

Reviewer

Chris Bernier

Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate

Pages

287

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HarperCollins Publishers

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A puffin named Lockley and his wife Lucy live on the frozen island of Neversink. To the southeast of them on the island of Tytonia lives a parliament of owls. Rozbell, a power hungry owl, kills the long-term king and rules in wickedness. A sickness has come upon the forest creatures of Tytonia which threatens the food supply of the owls, so Rozbell decides to put a fish tax on the puffins. One day, Lockley has had enough of the tax and pushes a large pile of fish back into the sea, which angers the sea goddess Sedna. Sedna removes the fish of the sea near Neversink and Tytonia, which Rozbell blames on the puffins, so Rozbell decides to start eating the puffins' eggs to feed himself. Lockley decides to take a spirit journey and make a visit to Sedna. He succeeds in bringing back the fish, making peace in Neversink, and dethroning Rozbell.

Barry Wolverton uses a moderate amount of imagery to help the text come to life for the reader; however, the images by Sam Nielson greatly help the reader picture the scenery and the different characters in the book. Neversink is a children's fantasy book that uses animals as the main characters mixed with human reality. The book has few fast-paced and energetic sections compared with the slower and dialog-heavy majority of the book. Barry Wolverton attempts to use humor to help fill the slower parts of the book, but his humor takes a specific personality to find it funny. The book appears to have been rushed through in some spots due to the spelling and grammatical errors, but the storyline and adventures that are shown throughout will leave the reader wanting more, even though the story is slow in many parts throughout.