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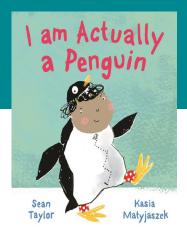
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Book Review I Am Actually a Penguin

Imagine living in the snowy world of Antarctica and eating fish for every meal. That is exactly what a little girl does when she receives a stylish penguin costume from her uncle. She loves the costume so much that she feels like she actually becomes a penguin—even when her family tries to convince her otherwise. She hangs out in the fridge and tries to create snow in her house. All the while, her family persistently reminds her that she is not a penguin. When Monday rolls around she is persuaded that her exciting costume needs to be washed. She is no longer a penguin, but she becomes something even better.

I Am Actually a Penguin is an entertaining, quick read that would suit preschool and young primary children. The illustrations support the text and add humor. Creativity is used to describe all the situations a penguin might adapt to while living among humans. This book encourages readers to be imaginative and have the courage to be who you want to be—even when those around you may not see your potential. The characters in her family are both supportive and honest. They let her be a penguin for a week, but then explain to her why she needs to change her costume. The conclusion of this story is a fun ending that ties the story together.