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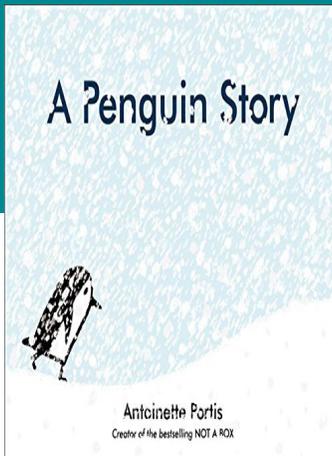
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

Edna the penguin is bored with all of the things that she has already seen. The penguin world feels very limited to her and she yearns for something new—something that isn't white or black or blue. She sets off to find something new and travels far, and lo and behold, there is another color! She speeds (as fast as a penguin can) back to the colony, and together they retrace her steps and discover a red tent. Other explorers are in the arctic. Edna keeps a wisp of red to remind her that there is always something else to discover.

This is a fun story with a great theme of discovery and exploration. Edna is a likable and very determined penguin who makes a great example for children. She bypasses play and goes beyond food to gather new information and expand her world and the world of all penguins, just like all scientists and explorers do. Her persistence is rewarded, even though everything isn't always smooth going. The illustrations are fun and humorous, keeping with a simple color palette and line delineation that focuses on the storyline and the character of Edna. This is a great book!

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40

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