

# If Polar Bears Disappeared

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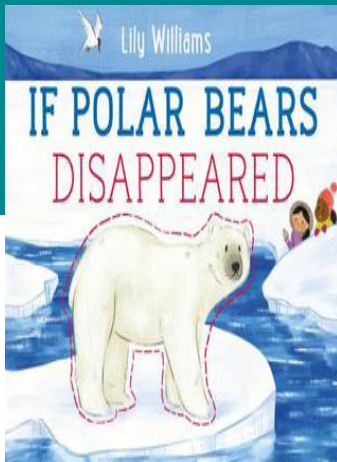
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## Book Review

### If Polar Bears Disappeared

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#### Rating

Outstanding

#### Level

Preschool, Primary

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The book begins with an introduction of the arctic ecosystem, and then focuses on the polar bears that have become the symbol of the geographic region. The narrative continues with the catastrophic effects of climate change and hypothesizes the downstream consequences. What may originate as the extinction of one species will disrupt the entire ecosystem, leading to disappearances of other animals and drastically altering landscapes for the worse. Though this process is already underway, there is still time for the reader to help prevent further damage through education, research and adjusting our lifestyles to save the environment.

The author attempts to breakdown a complex issue of global warming into simpler concepts to help educate young readers. She selects an animal that children adore and associate with the arctic system and walks them through the sobering consequences of man-made climate change. In current society, it has become increasingly important to distinguish fiction from facts through education and research. The author presents an important topic supported by science and hopes to increase awareness and spark action in the younger generation of readers. This book would be appropriate for grade-school readers who are able to grasp more complicated 'what-if' scientific concepts. However, this is also a good book for parents to read with younger readers by focusing more on the illustrations that complement the story line.