Cub's Big World
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A polar bear cub settles into the comfort of her mother’s cool, white fur. Her understanding of the world expands when she and her mother leave the comfort of their den. Everything is new to the little bear cub, and she climbs an icy hill to get a better view of it all. Suddenly, she falls down the other side of the hill and realizes she is without her mother. Since she knows her mother’s nose is black, she looks for something that’s black, but finds a raven, an ermine, and a seal instead. She bravely climbs a hill and finds, on the other side, her mother, along with her mother’s kisses. Mother bear will be with bear cub in the big, sometimes scary world until the cub is big too. She cuddles back into the comfort of her mother’s cool, white fur to rest, safe and sound again.

Cub’s Big World is an artistic picture book about a mother polar bear and her cub, experiencing the world together and sometimes apart. It will resonate with young children who find the world big and sometimes scary, along with their mothers who are enjoying every moment of cuddling their little ones and keeping them safe from outside world. The unique illustrations in this book are by Jon Cepeda and were done in oil and acrylic on illustration board. They contain a lot of texture. The mother-daughter relationship is heartwarming. It’s a perfect book to cuddle up to before a child’s bedtime. Repetition, dialogue, and onomatopoeia are literary devices used to engage readers in Cub’s Big World.