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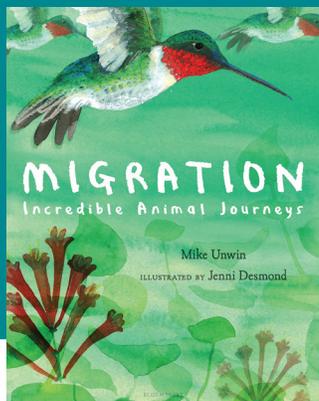
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Primary

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Annually, a variety of species spanning the globe make amazing and courageous voyages. A humpback whale swims with its mother from the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean near Australia to the frigid coast of Antarctica. Some travel as many as 15,000 miles per year, more than any other creature on earth. Emperor penguins trek each year from their breeding grounds into the sea to search for fish. Globe skimmer dragonflies migrate from India to eastern Africa and back again, making them the farthest-traveling insect in the world. African elephants march from the dry lands of the Kalahari region to the wetlands of the Okavango to quench their thirst.

This non-fiction picture book is a beautifully illustrated, fact-filled goldmine. The colossal efforts these animals make to survive in a forever-changing world is nothing short of remarkable. Their travels are often long and arduous, and their ability to adapt and overcome is phenomenal. Outlined in text are the expeditions of 20 different species, which summarize the conditions many of them face as well as the objectives they hope to achieve upon reaching their destinations. The author includes a table of contents at the beginning that nicely delineates the order of presentation. Some may wish to use this as a guide to retrieve information about specific critters. Organized in a child-friendly way, the book has a fourth- or fifth-grade reading level, and it's likely to appeal to children ages six to twelve.