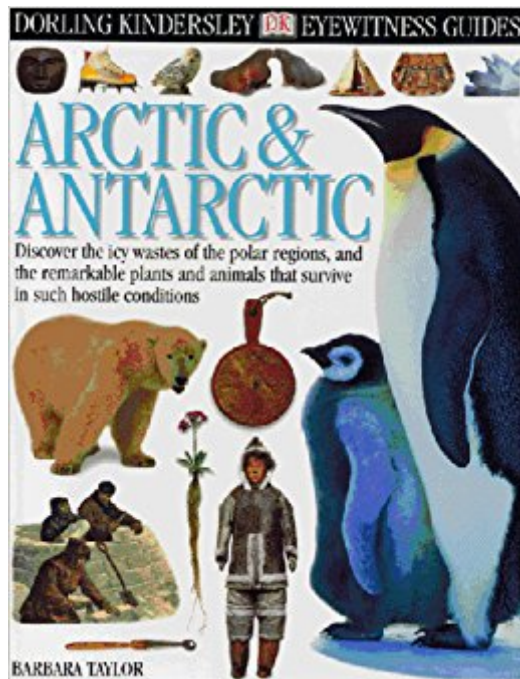




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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-8?Generalized, broad overviews whose strength lies in the scope and quality of the illustrative material. The texts are serviceable, written in a dry, but evenhanded style. Much is explained in the captions to the museum-quality, full-color photographs and reproductions. Small inaccuracies in North American Indian include identifying Sitting Bull as a Teton Dakota; he was a Hunkpapa Lakota. Readers are told that "Sioux" came from the Ojibwa word for "enemy," but in fact it came from the word for "little rattlesnake," a derogatory term similar to "cut-throat." More comprehensive titles, such as Carl Waldman's Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes (Facts on File, 1987), are preferable. Arctic & Antarctic has spectacular photographs and diagrams to explain ice formations; tundra; and plant, sea, and wildlife of each region. Human life is discussed in spreads on native cultures and explorers. Sections pair up information about each pole, allowing for comparisons. This organizational method makes it challenging to isolate conditions unique to each place. A common, but flawed emphasis is given to Scott's failed attempt to be first to the South Pole; the brilliant and successful South Pole discovery by Amundsen receives a small side caption. Nevertheless, this is still an attractive title.?Jacqueline Elsner, Athens Regional Library,

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My kids loves this book and to be honest, I love it too! Great pictures and great descriptions of the animals and life style over there(:

I am a confirmed DK Eyewitness fan. What a visual way--the fabulous color photographs and detailed but limited narrative--to get students into nonfiction to learn about things of the world, all over the world. Even at the top and bottom of the world. The Arctic and Antarctica. The North Pole and a continent. North and South. Polar opposites, except for the ice and cold and blizzards and a multitude of flora and fauna and even people. Flora and fauna? Yes, I know about the animals, but plant life? They fill only three pages in the 64-page book. "Only specialized, hardy plants can survive the fierce winds, biting cold, thin soils, and short growing season of the polar lands" (18). Wormwood, a type of iris, long grass, a wort, a daisylike flower, primrose, and weeds (even in the icy lands) grow here. On the other hand, animal species fill 35 pages (not counting man). One of the ugliest critters I've ever seen, a giant isopod (beauty in the eye...) grows up to 8 inches in the bottom of the ocean, eating anything it can find. Do you know starfish can live to be 39 years old? Musk oxen, Arctic tern, whales, caribou, arctic fox, ptarmigan, cranes, loons, petrels, cormorant, snowy owl, golden eagles, albatross, penguins, emperor penguins, polar bears, moose, grizzly bear, lynx, reindeer, the list goes on. Each two-page spread features photographs, habitats, food, products from the animals, bone structure, and so on. The last section is devoted to man and his ability to cope with extreme cold and weather. Their natural clothing, hunting masks, bone carvings, ships, exploration, weather suits, sleds, homes of natives. Always fascinating, always filled with material to keep a person busy for days reading all the material, studying all the pictures, DK Eyewitness book of Arctic and Antarctic is solid scholarship, page design, and sharp photographs that make images come alive. A wonderful book. Memorial Day, Shreveport, Louisiana, temperature 94 degrees. May God bless all our soldiers in active campaigns and fallen soldiers wherever they may be.

I'm a teacher and I find the Eyewitness books highly educational. I like the way the concepts are

presented in a form without backgrounds. This gives clear facts to the reader without over taxing the attention span. The books are highly informative, presenting difficult concepts in comprehensible chunks that stimulate interest. I have almost the whole collection for my own children and they LOVE them!

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