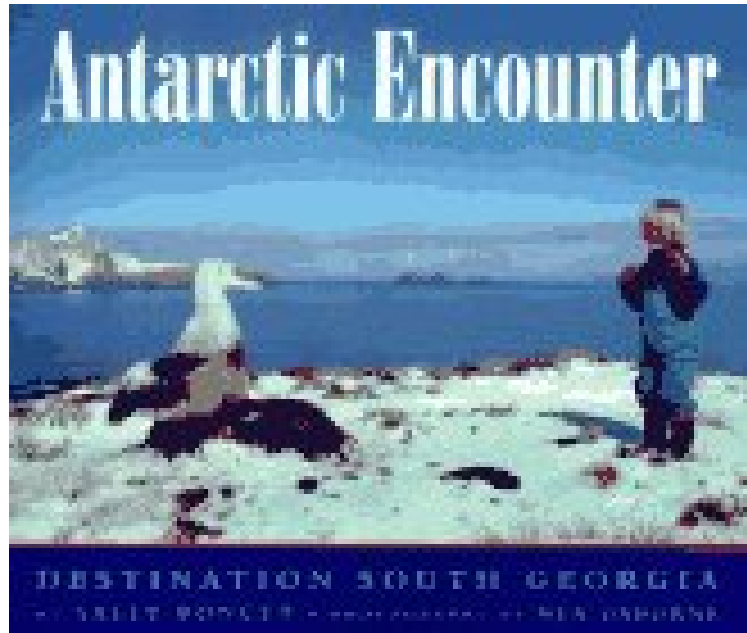


## Antarctic Encounter: Destination South Georgia

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**Sally Poncet : Antarctic Encounter: Destination South Georgia** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Antarctic Encounter: Destination South Georgia:

A tour of Antarctica wildlife is seen through the eyes of three young people whose parents study the bird populations of South Georgia, and among the visited areas are a ghostly whaling station and a penguin beach.

From School Library Journal Grade 4-6? This personal narrative describing the plant and animal life encountered on a voyage around an isolated island near the Antarctic is distinguished by beautiful full-color photographs of a stunning landscape. Written in the third person from an adult observer's point of view, Poncet tells the story of her family of five as they sail from their home in the Falkland Islands to observe and study the unique seabirds of South Georgia's habitats. Family shipboard activities, the baby on the counter in the crowded galley, and the older boys building a small snowman on deck are described and shown. Readers are also given a glimpse of some of the modern scientific techniques used in learning about wildlife. Panoramic photos illustrate towering icebergs, fur seals, albatrosses, and more, while closeups show young penguins molting and a bloody-headed giant petrel, the scavenger of the Southern Ocean skies, finishing off a dead seal. A two-page map of the world shows the location of the island of South Georgia, and a closeup map identifies the places the family visited. A two-page arrangement of small pictures and brief annotations describe the birds and animals seen. ?Frances E. Millhouser, Chantilly Regional Library, VA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 5<sup>^</sup>-7. Sally Poncet and her husband, Je { }ro { " } me, are scientists studying bird populations on the Antarctic islands, where they live and work with their three small boys, ages eight, six, and three. In this photo-essay about the place, the birds, and the family, the color pictures are stunning,

but the design is cluttered, and the writing style is sometimes dense and difficult, with no clear point of view. Most readers will find the text difficult, but they'll browse through the pictures, especially in the chapters about the king penguins and the wandering albatross. Hazel Rochman