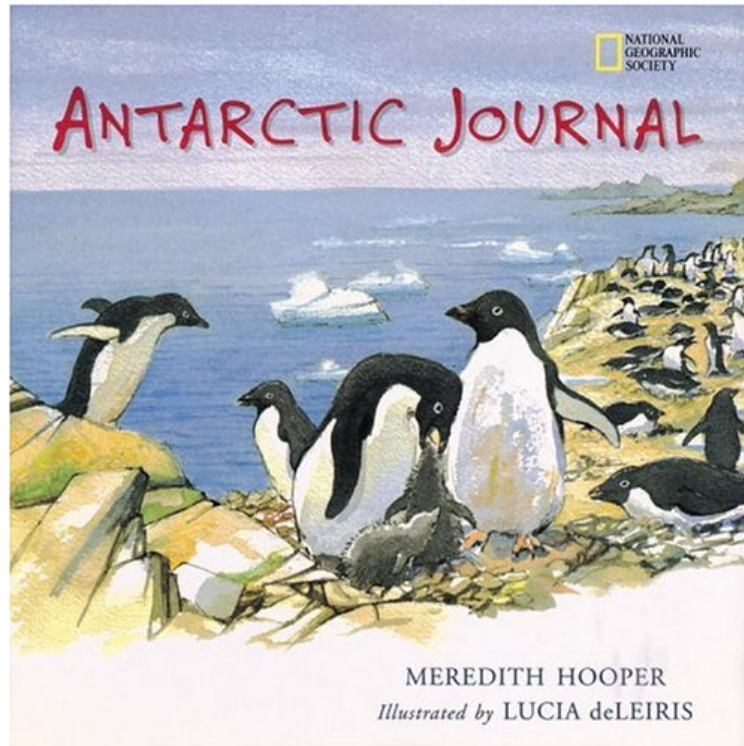


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Meredith Hooper, Lucia deLeiris : Antarctic Journal before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Antarctic Journal:

The ice that surrounds Antarctica is immense and awe-inspiring. Despite extreme conditions, animal life is prolific, from tiny phytoplankton to seals, seabirds and whales. Meredith Hooper and Lucia deLeiris accompanied an expedition to Antarctica during 1998-99, sponsored by the US National Science Foundation. From their journals, drawings and paintings, they have created this book documenting the remarkable ecosystem. The book introduces children to the worlds above and beneath the pack ice, the ocean lying just below the ice, and on the narrow strip of coastline. Maps of the area are included, and there is a glossary and an introductory spread with photos of the expedition.

From School Library Journal Gr 5-7-A lyrical account of a summer spent at Palmer Station, an American scientific base on Anvers Island. Illustrated with engaging sketches and luminous watercolors by an artist/zoologist, the book is pleasing to eye and mind, and informative as well. Hooper's lively text describes a variety of life-forms in this harsh habitat, from diatoms to elephant seals, from krill to giant petrels. It records the climatic changes that are affecting the ecology of this remotest landmass, and the glowing illustrations and maps perfectly complement the rich descriptions.

Additional attention is given to the food web, the importance of sea ice, and global warming. Team this title with Joyce Powzyk's elegant *In Search of Lemurs: My Days and Nights in a Madagascar Rain Forest* (National Geographic, 1998) and Virginia Wright-Frierson's polished *A Desert Scrapbook: Dawn to Dusk in the Sonoran Desert* (S S, 1996) to demonstrate how art and science can be blended to create an informative whole that is beautiful as well. -Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NYC Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 3-5. Author Hooper and artist Lucia describe their summer at Antarctica's Palmer Station in a picture book that concentrates on the frozen desert's unique food chain. In atmospheric, word-picture snapshots and attractive, detailed watercolor and pencil illustrations, the team profiles creatures from krill to humpback whales, supplementing the descriptions with a map and additional facts on global warming. Although there is not enough information about any individual species for reports and much of the narrative is subjective, *Antarctic Journal* will be useful in a study of ecosystems and biomes, especially with students who have outgrown Helen Cowcher's picture book *Antarctica* (1990). Use this with Sara Wheeler's *Greetings from Antarctica* (1999), Bruce McMillan's *Summer Ice: Life Along the Antarctic Peninsula* (1995), and Rebecca Johnson's *Science on the Ice: An Antarctic Journal* (1995). Catherine Andronik Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Text and pictures give a strong impression of a distinctive place, a place that is a frozen desert... The book would be an excellent resource for science lessons as it gives much more than superficial information about food webs and ecosystems -- Margaret Mallet English Association Magazine a thought provoking and awe-inspiring journal of her visit to the area, with Lucia de Leiris's artwork capturing the raw beauty of the region Oxford Times