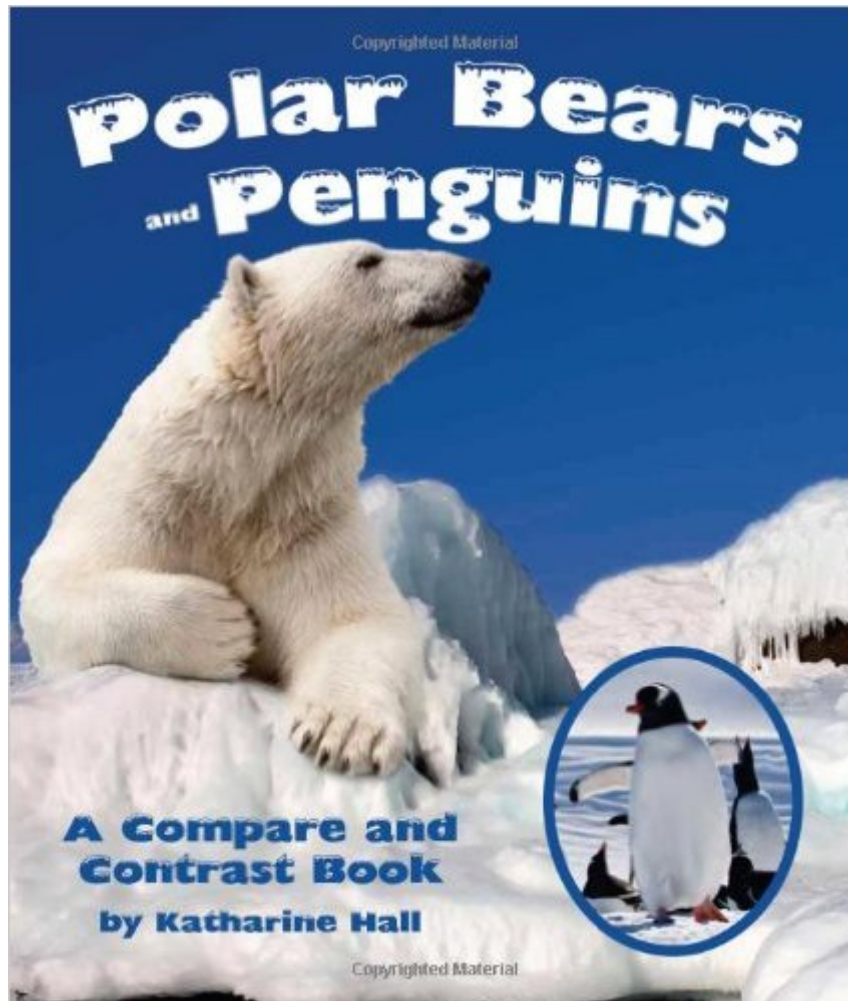


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# Polar Bears And Penguins: A Compare And Contrast Book



## Synopsis

Polar bears and penguins may like cold weather but they live at opposite ends of the Earth. What do these animals have in common and how are they different? You might see them near each other at a zoo but they would never be found in the same habitats in the wild. Compare and contrast these polar animals through stunning photographs.

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## Customer Reviews

It would seem very strange to compare a polar bear with a penguin, but you'd be surprised at how much there is to learn by comparing and contrasting them. For example, they both live in polar climates, but they are at opposite ends of the Earth. The polar bear lives in the "Arctic in the Northern Hemisphere ...but penguins live in the Southern Hemisphere." They literally live in very cool climates! One fun fact to think about is that the Arctic, where the polar bear lives, is "surrounded by continents." The penguin lives in Antarctica, a "continent surrounded by oceans." If you think about it, and look closely, these are two very interesting animals to look at and compare. Check out that awesome looking polar bear and then take a look at that rockhopper penguin. The bear is covered with fur and the penguin with feathers. The polar bear is a bear. No surprise there, but can you name some other types? Perhaps you've seen a picture of a grizzly

bear, but you'll also get to take a look at a black bear, giant panda bear, sloth bear, and a sun bear. There are many different types of penguins to check out including the African penguin, emperor penguin, Adelie penguin, the rockhopper penguin, the little penguin, and the yellow-eyed penguin. You'll also learn many other interesting facts about the polar bear and the penguin, things you may not have even thought about! This is a fun compare and contrast book about the polar bear and penguin children will be fascinated by. The layout is very vibrant with full-color, full-page photographs that often span two pages. When discussing the basic geographic locale there is a globe on the lower right hand corner of the two-page spread with an arrow pointing to the area. Additionally there are global inserts that look at the Arctic environs as well as the Antarctic one. Newly independent readers can tackle this beginning nonfiction book with a bit of assistance with unusual words such as "hemisphere" or "rockhopper." In the back of the book is an interesting comparative look at "A Year at the Poles" and several activities, including some that can be downloaded and printed from the publisher's website. This would be an excellent book to read and discuss in the homeschool or classroom setting. Grades K - 3 This book courtesy of the publisher.

Although they seem to be an unlikely pair of creatures to compare and contrast that's the focus of this little book. The idea works OK but the text is limited and the concrete information the author supplies is extremely basic. There's a little more material to sink your teeth into in the four pages of Learning Activities at the end of the book but, over all, this book supplies just a rudimentary introduction to polar bears and penguins and their natural habitats. On the plus side the color photos featured in this book are top notch. You can use it to whet your child's appetite for learning more about the Arctic and Antarctica but then be prepared to find a more detailed book or website that discusses the two regions and animals you'll discover living there. Book supplied by publisher.

Polar Bears & Penguins has bright beautiful photographs throughout the entire book. The animals are pictured in detailed, close up views. Several pages also include a picture of the globe that points out where the penguins and the polar bears live as well as the various types of bears and penguins in the world. Your kids will see a black bear, giant panda bear, grizzly bear, sloth bear, sun bear and polar bear and they will also see the many different types of penguin such as the African, Emperor, Adelie, Rockhopper, Yellow-Eyed penguins and a Little penguin. A couple of these I personally had not heard of and often I'll comment "I didn't know that!" Some of the words your kids will hear in this book are: colonies, habitat, Antarctic, Arctic, continents, Southern Hemisphere & Northern Hemisphere. They will also learn about the differences " bears have fur and birds

have feathers, small groups vs groups of hundreds or thousands, winter and summer, darkness and sunshine. Disclaimer: I received this book from Arbordale Publishing in exchange for my honest review. Regardless I only recommend products or services I have personally read or used & think my readers will enjoy.

Do you know where polar bears live? And do you know where penguins live? Both exist in polar climates where there is a lot of snow, and both like to swim in cold water. However, polar bears live in the Arctic region around the North Pole, whereas penguins live in the Antarctic which is the continent surrounding the South Pole. Polar bears are mammals covered with fur. Penguins are birds covered with feathers. There are many other similarities and differences between these two kinds of animals and their environments. So, do you think that you would likely see a nature photograph with both a polar bear and a penguin in the same shot? The stunning photographs in *Polar Bears and Penguins*, along with author Katharine Hall's instructive text, introduce young readers not only to these two fascinating creatures themselves, but also to the location and terrain of the polar regions, the many other types of bears and the various species of penguins, living habits of polar bears and penguins, and how the seasons are different at the two poles. The four back pages of *For Creative Minds: A Year at the Poles* plus polar bear true-false and penguin matching exercises, and more free activities are available online at the publisher's website. Kids will learn that they might see polar bears and penguins near each other at a zoo, but they would never be found in the same habitats in the wild because they live at opposite ends of the Earth.

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