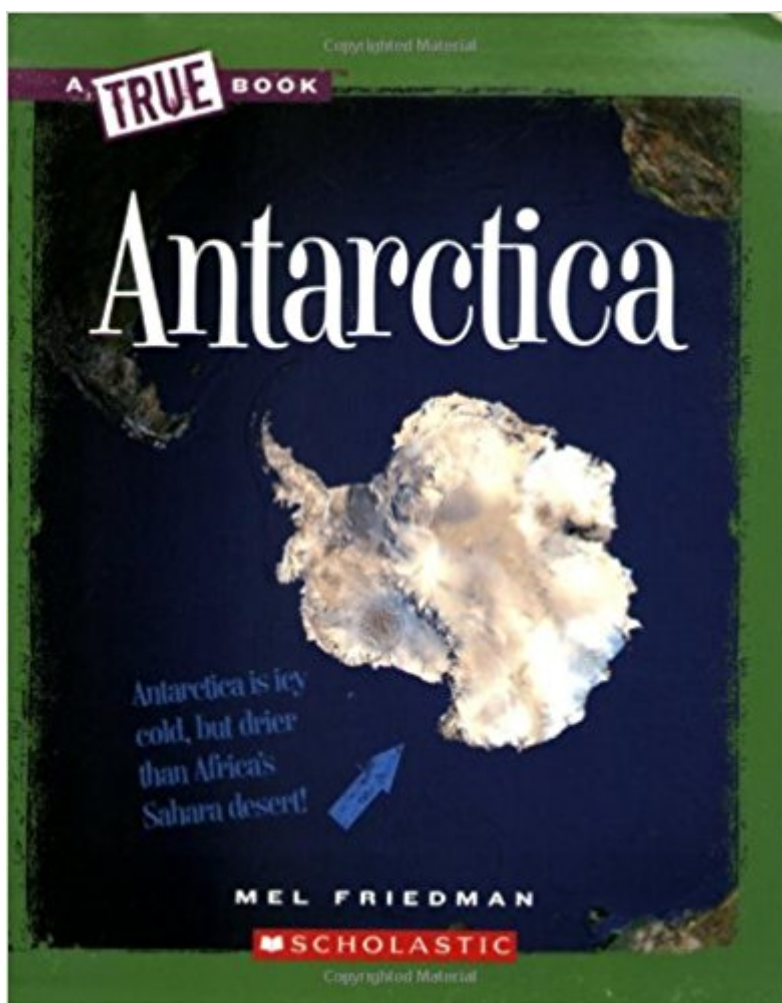


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# Antarctica (New True Books: Geography)



## Synopsis

- Clean new design for easy readability and comprehension- Updated text presented in a lively, continuous narrative- New center-spread sidebar feature presenting material in a fun, creative way- Excellent age-appropriate introduction to curriculum-relevant subjects- Important Words glossary clarifies subject-specific vocabulary- Resources section encourages independent study- Index makes navigating subject matter easy

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 740 (What's this?)

Series: New True Books: Geography

Paperback: 48 pages

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Product Dimensions: 7 x 0.1 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars 8 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #201,303 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #43 in [Books > Children's Books > Geography & Cultures > Explore the World > Polar Regions](#)

Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Just what I needed for my classroom!

My granddaughter was excited to receive this book on time in Australia and loved it.

Love this continent series books! Use them in my classroom!

Wish I had one for every student in my class. It was informative. The students loved it, and requested to take it home.

"Antarctica" (True Books) is just one in a series of books delineating the continents. Because each

continent is unique, each book is unique, although all have the same colorful blue and green covers with the same arrangement inside. But, oh, the content? For example, on the cover in blue letters is this: "Antarctica is icy cold, but drier than Africa's Sahara desert!" Is that possible? Do you know that it never rains on Antarctica? Or that it is one and a half times the size of the United States!? Do you know what "diamond dust" is? (Answer: Tiny ice crystals that fall instead of snow when it is too cold for snow. Or that the continent holds the record for lowest temperature--minus 128.6 degrees F. Or the most bizarre of all--life thrives on Antarctica! Lichens, mosses, algae, and liverworts. Birds come to breed, but only the emperor penguin remains through the winter. Whales come to feed during the summer. Chain living and eating is key here. At the bottom is the diatom, a one-celled plant which is food for the krill (tiny shrimp-like creatures), which in turn become food for whales, fish, birds, and sea mammals. James C. Ross, a British naval officer, was perhaps the first to go beyond the Antarctic sea ice. He discovered both the Ross Ice Shelf (about the size of France!!) and Mt. Erebus, an active volcano, which shoots out ice bombs. "Antarctica" is arranged like its fellow continents: in chapters which answer questions. Then at the back of the book is a standard set of facts, including "True Statistics, Resources, Important Words, Index, and About the Author." Designed for the 9-12 age group, these books will certainly fulfill any desire to know about the continents, even if the reader is an adult!

Wow! Did you know that in the year 2000 an iceberg as big as Connecticut broke loose from the Antarctic continent? It's true and so are all the facts in this book, except for one. There are two sentences in the front of the book and you'll have to figure out which one is true and which one isn't. Antarctica has one of the harshest climates on earth. Did you know that if you blew a breath it would freeze before the blink of an eye? Now that is a fact. Here are just a few more: \* Antarctica is a desert\* In some storms penguins sometimes huddle in groups as large as 5,000 in order to keep warm\* Mount Erebus, a volcano, throws out as many as 50 lava bombs every day\* It's very difficult to catch a cold in Antarctica This is a nice compact book of facts and photos. It also includes a map and a time line. A child or adult for that matter can learn all about the animals, environment, unusual facts and explorers from Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott to modern day explorers and scientists. In the back of the book there are additional resources, recommended web sites, statistics, a glossary and an index. Are there tourists in Antarctica? That's just another question you'll have to find the answer to in this book!

I admit I wasn't expecting much from this book when we picked up a whole bunch of Antarctica

books from the library. But this was surprisingly good! Scholastic has done a great job of balancing pictures with text, and making it reader-friendly without being dumbed-down. The photos are fantastic, the text is large and informative, and the topics are broad and covered well on two-page spreads. There are great details and vocabulary, and my kids liked the coverage of exploring Antarctica the most. No political or strange material either, which is becoming surprisingly common these days in kids' books. I don't think it's a read-alone for the earliest readers, but a second grader should be able to get through it fine. 45 pp.

More of a kids book. Not worth the money.

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