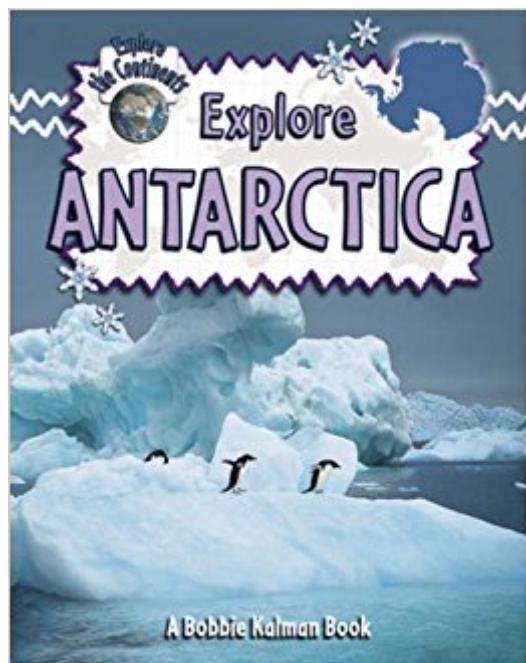


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# Explore Antarctica (Explore The Continents)



## **Synopsis**

Explore Antarctica is suitable for ages 6-10.

## **Book Information**

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Kalman and Sjonger introduce the most southern continent, explaining how it has no countries, is covered by ice, and is bisected by the Transantarctic Mountains. The book opens with discussions of plant and animal life and early exploration, describing how certain animals were hunted nearly to extinction before the enactment of the Antarctic Treaty. Subsequent topics include current research, the burgeoning tourism industry, and how global warming will affect this land. Each double-page spread contains several boxes of succinct text in a large, clear typeface and well-chosen, captioned illustrations (many of them photographs). Boldfaced vocabulary words are defined in the concluding glossary, and many are also explained within the text. Thoughtfully and attractively presented, this Explore the Continents title makes a good choice for beginning researchers. Kay

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Have you ever thought that anyone would want to take a vacation in such a desolate location as Antarctica? It doesn't sound like the type of place many would want to go to, but in fact the region is a host to almost 30,000 tourists every year. A full "three-quarters of Earth is covered by water," and two of our seven continents, Antarctica and Australia/Oceania, are totally surrounded by it. Most all kids know that there are "four main directions" here on Earth and two poles, the North Pole and the South Pole. Antarctica is the southernmost area on the planet. In this book you'll read about all these things, but its main focus is on this extraordinary continent where is "almost always freezing cold." Brrrrrrr! You probably have heard of many oceans, including the Atlantic and the Pacific, but how about the Southern Ocean? This ocean surrounds this frosty continent, but there are also many different nearby seas. One unusual fact is that Antarctica has no countries nor any government, but it does have lots of ice and snow. In this book you will learn some amazing facts. For example there is sunlight, "day and night, for six months!" You'll learn about the climate, its fierce blizzards, the continental ice sheet, ice shelves, its terrain, the scarce plant life, animal life, its history of exploration, the Antarctic Treat to protect its wildlife population and natural resources, the people who actually live there and the scientific studies conducted there concerning global warming. Did you know that "Antarctica is the only continent where trees do not grow!?" Amazing, isn't it? This book is a clear, concise, well written book. The pages are visually appealing with numerous photographs, informative sidebars, maps and small illustrations. There are several charming photographs of penguins. In the back of the book there is a glossary and index. If you are looking for a quality book on Antarctica for the middle school student, this would be an excellent choice. It can read for pleasure or can be used as a stepping stone for a report. How many ice cubes could you make from Antarctica's continental ice sheet? If you want to know the answer, you'll just have to read the book!

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