

Except Antarctica!

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Synopsis: Many animals can be found on every continent except Antarctica, where Emperor penguins are the only native species. As the narrator attempts to give animal facts, Turtle disrupts the narrator, takes over the story, and embarks on a journey with six other animals to Antarctica.

Suggested Reading Date: International Animal Day, October 4; Antarctica Day, December 1; National Penguin Awareness Day, January 20; National Animal Day, March 14

Activity Descriptions:

- Except Antarctica! Educator's Guide: <https://exceptantarctica.com/resources/ExceptAntarctica-EducatorsGuide.pdf>
- Discuss Animal Habitats
- Map where the animals from the story live
- Discuss animal adaptations: how do some animals live in Antarctica?

Related Websites:

- Author/Illustrator Website: <https://toddsturgell.com/>
- Educator resources from Todd Sturgell: <https://toddsturgell.com/except-antarctica-educator-resources>

Text to Text Connections:

The Panda Problem by Deborah Underwood

Chester by Melanie Watt

A Perfectly Messed Up Story by Patrick McDonnell

This is Not That Kind of Book by Christopher Healy

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

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