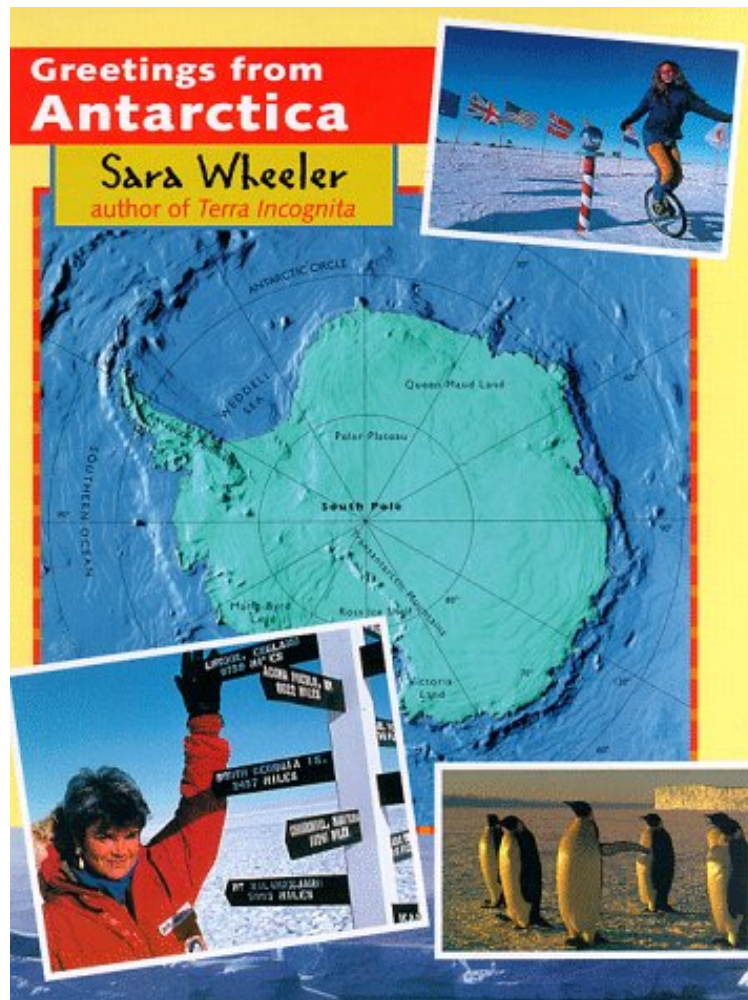


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Sara Wheeler : Greetings from Antarctica before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Greetings from Antarctica:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful, Entertaining Book! By Lynn Ellingwood This book gave Antarctica the personal touch. While most factual books leave a reader with an unreal sense of detachment, this book personalizes and brings us closer to the experience a traveler would have if they visited Antarctica. I loved the account of our author being visited by Emperor penguins and how she described the different kinds of ice to be found there. I was able to get a clearer picture of the place and identify what travel must be like there. I've heard of skidoos and some modes of travel before, now I have some sense of how it feels to use them. The photographs enhance the author's account and I am glad to be able to share this book with my students. I learned more about Antarctica from this book and am willing to believe they will too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting with lots of

detailsBy Kelley DriskoThis short interesting book gives insight into the day to day lives of scientists stationed in Antarctica as well as explaining some of the types of research that is done there. Overall, this is an excellent book. It only left me with one burning question - who on earth is Daniel?? This is not a good first choice if information is needed to write a report about the continent itself. But for additional information it is a wonderful choice.

Antarctica is the coldest, most alien place on Earth. The only animals that can survive there are penguins, seals, seabirds and whales, and the only humans to be found are visiting research scientists. Through letters to her godson, Daniel, and her own photographs, Sara Wheeler tells the story of her experiences at the bottom of the world. Travel writer Sara Wheeler spent seven months in Antarctica. She is the author of the best selling *Terra Incognita*, a book about her experiences on the ice.

From Publishers WeeklyBritish author Wheeler whisks children to the globe's most southern land in this conversational distillation of the experiences described in her adult book, *Terra Incognita: Travels in Antarctica*. A letter to her godson, Daniel, provides the focal point of each scrapbook-style spread. Supported by breezy anecdotes, photographs and fact-filled captions, she charts her progress crossing this icy continent, offering information on Antarctica's history, topography, wildlife and climate. She brings home the fascinating details of habitation in the cold, austere land with descriptions of her clothing, food, modes of transportation and forms of entertainment (there's no television on the South Pole). Informal yet informative, the narrative achieves a welcome balance of past and present, providing notes on the exploits of early-20th-century explorers as well as experiments conducted by scientists currently working in Antarctica. Wheeler's fresh sense of humor makes her journey all the more diverting: "Here I am discussing important matters with the locals," reads a caption alongside a photo of her holding a microphone out to a pair of emperor penguins. Spectacular photos of the Antarctic landscape depict the sun setting behind mountains of ice at summer's end and the author at the foot of the Barne glacier. A warm account of the coldest spot on earth. Ages 9-up. (June) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library JournalGrade 1-5-A visually attractive introduction to the frozen South that covers geography, geology, ecology, history, and climate. Wheeler, who spent several months traveling in Antarctica, describes her journey in a series of letters to her godson. She includes the sort of details about life in this polar region that would thrill a child who had been left behind: how to keep a warm sleeping bag from melting the ice beneath the sleeper, how humans entertain themselves in a land with no television, how Christmas is celebrated in the Antarctic summer. Double-page spreads present additional text, charts, diagrams, and full-color photos that include snapshots of the author. Small maps that look to be digital satellite views chart her travels around the continent. Although the book takes an informal approach, there is plenty of basic report information here, and even a recipe for bread and butter pudding. There are many recent juvenile titles on Antarctica, but this one is worthy of purchase for its zesty presentation and its "you are there" immediacy. Sue Sherif, Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library, AK Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Scientific AmericanEveryone likes getting mail, but not all of us are lucky enough to get letters from Antarctica. Wheeler shares letters she wrote to her godson while on a two-month visit during the Antarctic summer. Also included are more detailed descriptions of her experiences on the icy continent. She talks about how to stay warm, make fresh water and get around on the ice. She also explains the work of some of the scientists stationed there. Her writing is relaxed and informative. Enhanced by many photographs-a unicyclist circling the ceremonial marker at the South Pole (it's got red and white stripes!); a sign on which every direction is north-this book includes all the best parts of a slide show of your friend's vacation: you learn a lot, and you can't help trying to figure out how you can go there, too. ed by Joan Silberlicht Epstein