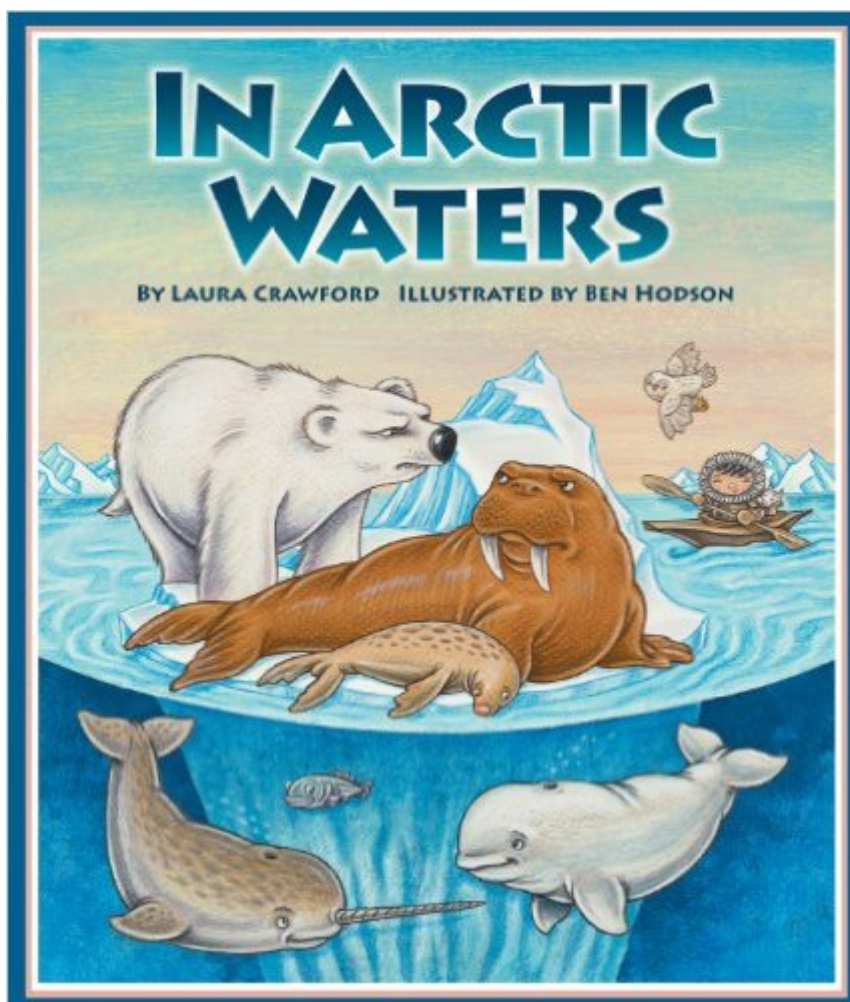


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# In Arctic Waters



## Synopsis

An arctic adaptation of "This is the House that Jack Built" follows polar bears, walruses, seals, narwhals and beluga whales as they chase each other around "the ice that floats in the Arctic waters." Not only is the rhythmic, cumulative prose good for early readers; it is a pure delight to read aloud. The "For Creative Minds" section helps children learn how these animals live in the cold, icy arctic region. 5 pg For Creative Minds educational section in the back 25 pg cross-curricular Teaching Activities and 3 Interactive Quizzes available free on the book's homepage eBooks with Auto-Flip, Auto-Read and selectable English and Spanish text and audio Aligned to State Standards / Lexile, Guided Reading, AR, Reading Counts, and Fountas & Pinnell

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## Customer Reviews

Written for the rhyme "This is the House that Jack Built," *In Arctic Waters* grew out of a science unit on the Arctic. Laura Crawford was intrigued with the animals of the region and created this fascinating story for her second grade class. Like the original rhyme, children will be delighted by the rhythm of Crawford's story: "This is the seal, bouncing along That teases the narwhal, big and strong..." Ben Hodson's illustrations are bright, engaging, and sure to delight children. They will enjoy looking at the pictures as much as hearing the story. This quickly became a favorite for the three year old I read it to, and he has now memorized parts of the rhyme. *In Arctic Waters* is published by Sylvan Dell Publishing, a young company committed to creating picture books to

excite children's imagination. Each book contains a compelling story supplemented by a "3 to 5 page 'For Creative Minds' section that includes fun facts, crafts, vocabulary and games...to support National Science and Math Standards."Carefully vetted by experts in the field (scientists and educators) to ensure scientific accuracy, these volumes are sure to engage your child's creative spirit.Certainly I had no idea that a walrus' age is calculated by counting the rings in their teeth, the same as is done with trees. The child I read *In Arctic Waters* to was delighted to find out that walruses use their whiskers to touch and feel; however he was most intrigued to find out that beluga whales shed their skin in the summer by rubbing on gravel.[...]Armchair Interviews says: The educational part in the back always adds so much.

This is a great book for many different kinds of kids. I read it with my preschool special education class and I got a really good response. I paired it with plastic arctic animals and people along with an ice block and water in a water table (For the iceberg itself), and the kids enjoyed listening, watching and then pairing up the animals and people. I could definitely see this being used for higher grades and typically developing kiddos too. They could read it themselves and have bigger discussion about the animals and what was happening. It even has a picture glossary in the back. Good information, good illustration, and a versatile book in terms of ability levels. It will become a part of my season rotations from here on out. Highly recommend it.

REVIEWED BY: Gayle Jacobson-HusetI really loved this cleverly written book with the colorful, kid-friendly illustrations. Author Laura Crawford did an excellent job with her rhyming text that introduces each arctic animal and then builds on sentences that make for a fun read. I give this one a high five for its terrific text, storyline, and awesome, refreshing illustrations. If your children love water and animals, this is the book for them!As with all Sylvan Dell books, there's a section at the end entitled "For Creative Minds" that is also available online. It contains sections on: "Arctic Waters", "The Inuit", "Arctic Animal Adaptations", "Polar Bears", "Walruses", "Seals", "Narwhals", and "Beluga Whales". There is also a section on: "Creative Sparks - Mix and Match Activity Book".

*In Arctic Waters*What an enjoyable way to learn about Arctic sea and land animals in this rhyming tale! The book, created by author Laura Crawford, has the cadence and cumulative story of the rhyme "The House That Jack Built." It is wonderful that the charm and humor in the book is such that a young child can easily identify with each animal.Ben Hodson's paintings wed the rhyming text perfectly. Children will delight in the expressions of each animal, expressions that tell the tale as

much as the text. At the end of the book there is a mini encyclopedia where the inquisitive child can learn more about each animal. It can also be the basis of a classroom unit. Highly recommended for ages three to seven.

Written by second-grade teacher Laura Crawford and illustrated by award-winning children's book artist Ben Hodson, *In Arctic Waters* is a playful children's picturebook that narrates an arctic water adventure among different native creatures in a "House that Jack Built" style poem. As the animals chase one another in the waters around an iceberg, suddenly a human hunter appears to change everything! The final portion of *In Arctic Waters* is an educational supplement that teaches young people more facts about the arctic and its native animals, as reviewed for accuracy by wildlife experts. Highly recommended.

Parents, grandparents and teachers looking for a fun read for young children will embrace this new book by Laura Crawford, a Chicago-area [...] teacher. The book has the familiar rhythm and plot of *The House That Jack Built*, but the author has set this story in *Arctic Waters* on a floating chunk of ice. One by one the animals, including a fish, a blubbery thick beluga, a narwhal and more, get on the floating ice until it can hold no more. The attractive illustrations are just right. The story is fun to read aloud. Sure to become a favorite of young readers.

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