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## From Reader Review Polar Bears Past Bedtime for online ebook

### McKenzie Richardson says

This is a good read. A nice adventure to the arctic with lots of interesting facts. As always, Jack and Annie act as nice foils of each other. While this one was a bit tamer in terms of adventure, there were a few suspenseful moments. A fun read and great continuation of the series. I wish I was a Master Librarian.

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### Uma says

Per L: "I like polar bears past bedtime because when Jack and Annie figure it out so all of the riddles - and it was crazy that they had one more - Morgan said they only have 4 more riddles - it was so crazy that there was another riddle to solve for HOME."

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### Allie says

I am honestly blown away by this book. The magic tree house takes Annie and Jack to the arctic where they learn some very quick facts about Inuit culture (in the broadest possible terms), but that's not what impressed me so much (obviously). Throughout the story, Jack models really great research skills. They go on their journey with a book about the arctic and Jack consults it or their Inuit guide whenever they have questions. He constantly takes notes, and whenever something seems strange or magical he tries to find a logical, scientific explanation. I also happened to pick the book where they become Master Librarians, which really tickles me. Mary Pope Osborne clearly values reading, writing, and research *skills*, and these books are such a tremendous, rich way to inspire young people to take up those values.

I will definitely continue to recommend these books to kids. More excitingly, I will have added gusto when I talk them up to parents because now I know all the dynamite awesome things Mary Pope Osborne is low key promoting!

Another in a long line of books to attempt to read all the children's series my library has on the shelves.

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### Hannah Belyea says

The cold comes calling when Jack and Annie are transported through the treehouse to the middle of the Arctic, where incredible danger threatens to leave them frozen! Osborne takes readers on a fun and beautiful journey in this exciting entry to the "Magic Tree House" series. Join our heroes as they explore and survive the bitterest of chills!

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### **Patricia says**

In Polar Bears Past Bedtime, Annie and Jack venture to the Arctic where they meet an eskimo and two polar bear cubs discover the ways of polar bears. In their fourth quest to figure out four riddles in order to become Master Librarians for Morgan Le Fey, Jack and Annie unmask the final riddle answer as they fly with the polar bear cubs and their mother and find out that home really is where their hearts lie. As always, wonderful illustrations abound in the book.

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### **Samantha says**

Since I couldn't think of any witty opener to this review I will simply: \*INSERT ICE-BREAKER HERE\*

Jack & Annie are at it again! They are on a mission in the Arctic to solve the 4th riddle so they can become Master Librarians and help Morgan even more. Can they take the freeze? Do polar bears fly? Along the way they will meet polar bears, Siberian huskies and a seal hunter. ---(My favorite picture was the one with the Snowy Owl)---

Until the next adventure!

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### **Amanda Carpenter says**

As I always say, my 8 year old niece brought me the first 2 of these books to read. She loves them and she wanted me to read them too so we can talk about them. I find them fun and informative for kids about different time periods and different things around the world.

I decided on book 5 to start reading them aloud for my dogs enjoyment too. (I know, you may think I am crazy - but they like them. Well one gets rather scared sometimes, but the other loves to listen).

This book isn't really that different from the rest other than there is a different location, different information the kids learn while there, and different animals and a different person they meet. However, I still think these books are great for kids. They can help kids learn to love reading by tagging along with Jack and Annie on a different adventure in each book! They also LEARN stuff along the way which is another thing that makes these books great for kids. I like the way that the author started in books 4-8 and now the different theme in books 9-12 that involves an overarching story-line that keeps kids interested enough to read the next one or next few to find out what happens. This can only be a good thing because it keeps the kids interested in reading and keeps them learning new information in such a fun way!

I would recommend this book & this series to anyone who has children in their lives. I think these books are especially good for children who like to learn different things in an adventurous way. They may even help kids who do not like to read learn to love the written word. They could help kids improve their reading skills too along with their knowledge.

## SPOILERS BELOW

In reviewing a book, the part I enjoy most is making notes on what I liked best and sometimes even least from a story. I like to make notes on things that occurred during the story, so that when I come back later (could be in a day, a week, a month, a year or even many years later), I can see what notes I made about a story and it helps refresh me on it. If I read my notes later, I am often able to remember the majority of the story.

This story was just as interesting, fun and fact filled as the rest have been so far. I love how in this one there is an owl who wakes up Jack and he decides to go and ask his sister Annie what it is saying. I love the author's tendency to keep up with some re-occurring things in each book; one being that Annie can talk to animals and knows what they are saying. In this book, the owl was sent by Morgan to let Jack and Annie know she was waiting for them at the Magic Tree house. The owl was telling them to hurry, so they scampered off in their pajamas to find out what Morgan had in store for them.

I really enjoy reading about the different places Jack and Annie get to go in these books and the Arctic was just as enjoyable as the rest so far. I liked that Morgan had their 4th riddle ready for them and when Jack was worried about being in pajamas she assured him she was sending someone to help them. The hunter with his dogsled and seal skin suits for Jack and Annie was a nice addition to this story. I really thought it was cute that Jack and Annie got to play with the Polar Bear cubs and had so much fun during this trip. Their trips have usually seemed to be filled with more urgency and more danger, and this one seemed to have a lighter tone which was nice for a change.

However, fear not! There was some danger in this one too when Jack and Annie ended up on thin ice with the Polar Bear cubs. It was great planning with the writing that Jack had been looking at the Polar Bear masks before he had to chase off to find Annie. If he had not been looking at them, he would not have shoved them in his backpack in a hurry before he left. It turned out that once the mother Polar Bear came looking for her cubs and Jack and Annie put on the masks. The mother Polar Bear did not get mad and attack them, she just wanted to save her cubs from the cracking ice. I liked the information added in that a Polar Bear can weigh over 1,000 pounds but can move across thin and cracking ice without falling through by lying down and evenly distributing its weight. This is how it rescued its cubs in this story. It was great that Jack and Annie had the book with them to learn this, so they could try the same thing and were able to return to safety as well!

I liked the addition of the information on the northern lights and the way of the Arctic people thanking the animal spirits and learning from the animals. It is the little facts in these books that I enjoy so much about them. It is such a great way for teaching children how to be appreciative and knowledgeable about different cultures.

I did not even get the answer to the riddle in this story until **RIGHT** before it was revealed. I was too interested in following along while reading it out loud to my dogs. What a great riddle. I was surprised when they made it back to the Tree House though that there was even a 5th riddle added in using the first letter of each of their previous riddle answers and then unscrambling to find a word. This again is a great addition to the writing by Mary Pope Osborne.

In the end, I was happy the kids learned something, had fun, and solved the riddles. I am glad that Jack and Annie completed their missions and now have become Master Librarians like Morgan. I can't wait to take these back to the library and get some more to continue reading in this series. I will have plenty to talk to my niece about on our vacation which starts next week! I can't wait to find out what Jack and Annie have to do

next. I am wondering if there will be another over-arching story that takes place through more than one story like in 5-8 or 9-12. I am sure there will be something up Osborne's sleeve.

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### **Alisha says**

I like how Magic Tree House books integrate non-fiction with its fictional story. Sometimes the integration is a little bit clunky. The vocabulary, especially the scientific vocabulary, would probably be difficult for the age group who'd be trying to read this. However, it was an interesting read and I'm sure kids that already like the Magic Tree House series or similar series would enjoy this.

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### **Jessica says**

12 books in, and the boys still love this series. I gave this one four stars because it had a few facts about polar bears that were new to me and I wasn't able to guess the answer to the riddle right away.

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### **Savanna Bitting says**

Jack and Annie get blown to the frozen Arctic. Cold and hungry they do not know what to do or where to go. They end up getting stuck on a piece of ice with a giant polar bear. They are scared they polar bear might eat them! Will they become friends with the polar bear? Or the polar bears dinner? Read the book and find out! I would love to use this in my class during a geography lesson, or a science lesson. Its a great read for a kid that is starting to get into chapter books.

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### **Chrissy (The Every Free Chance Reader) says**

Did I enjoy this book: This is the first “chapter book” that we read to our nearly 3-year-old son. We read it over the course of three nights (bedtime story), and he loves it! Polar Bears Past Bedtime is the twelfth of the Magic Tree House series, so the beginning of the story was a little confusing because we didn’t have any background knowledge about the series, but that didn’t detract from the story.

My young one was excited to follow the story of Annie and Jack through their arctic adventures. There was enough mystery and plot to keep him interested despite the fact that there’s only one page of pictures per chapter. The chapters have just enough content without being too long and a few cliff-hangers to urge young readers to keep reading.

As a parent, I enjoyed the fact that Polar Bears Past Bedtime interjects interesting facts about the arctic into the story. Not only was my child having fun reading about an adventure, he was also learning about husky dogs, polar bears, and the native seal hunters of the arctic. This is a neat way to increase knowledge and vocabulary in a fun and kind of sneaky way. Learning is always easier to do (and more effective) when it’s fun!

Would I recommend it: This is a good book for parents to read to kids with a good attention span. It would

also be good for young readers (say, 2nd grade level) who are looking to read chapter books on their own.

As reviewed by Sara at Every Free Chance Books.

<http://everyfreechance.com/2015/02/st...>

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### **Mariah says**

I read this book to my students. We read one chapter a day and the students really enjoyed the story. I thought reading Polar Bears was fitting for winter.

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### **Leona Carstairs says**

i'm going to be a middle aged woman and i will be reading harry potter, percy jackson, and magic tree house to my future nieces and nephews. pls someone write some gay junior fic so i can read that to them too!

\*3.5 stars

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### **David Smither says**

Annie remains very powerful. Jack still doesn't quite understand how Annie can speak to animals.

Suitable for grades K-3.

Unique feature: Non-aggressive polar bears.

Genre: Fantasy (Real genre: MTH)

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### **Blue says**

What is with these children stealing? Anything they can put their hands on ends up moved or removed. Oh, and the guide comes in at the end with a few nods (not words) that he knew what happened/would happen the whole time - destroying what little agency the children seem to have. Even stealing isn't agency anymore!

I know I am an adult, but I could solve the final riddle without the clue letters. The final riddle was way too easy to be a riddle, let alone need clues.

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### **Haadi says**

I did not like Polar Bears Past Bedtime because mostly they were just playing with baby polar bears. It would have been better if they found nice arctic wolfs and they rode them back to the igloo.

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### **Connor O'Connell says**

This book is awesome for introducing history to children in a fun way. I think I just gave away the genre but it is historical fiction. The book dives into people known as Eskimos which were natives that lived off the land. They dive into culture such as hunting and gathering methods as well as clothing and transportation. I would say this book fits 3rd grade best, possibly as early as second grade. It includes a plot as well as information so comprehension skills must be up.

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### **Tyler says**

[she sends a seal hunter to help them figure out the final riddle in their quest to become Master Librarians. He gives them a hint involving polar bear masks and local beliefs that help them avoid cracking ice. And when they figure out the riddle, they learn that the seal hunter knew the answer the whole time, but wanted them to figure it out

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### **Carina says**

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### **Chiara says**

The kids go to the magic tree house in the forest and travel to the North Pole.

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