

**Title of Book:** *A Mother's Journey*

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**Main Character(s)**

\*\*Female emperor penguin → mother

**Secondary Characters**

Egg (chick) and male emperor penguin

**Setting**

Antarctica—winter (mid-May–August below the equator)

**Problem**

Must feed herself and penguin chick

More than 50 miles from the sea (fish = food)

**Plot**

**Beginning**

Lays egg—mid-May

Sings to find mate

Gives egg to male to keep warm

Must leave colony

**Middle**

Goes with other females to the sea

Ice/roaring wind/snow

Huddle together

Travel 1 month

Feed on silver fish

Watch out for predators! (leopard seal)

**End (Don't forget to solve the problem!)**

Scoots/slides/waddles 7 days back to colony

Sings to find mate and chick

**Solution**

Mother brings up food from own stomach to feed chick