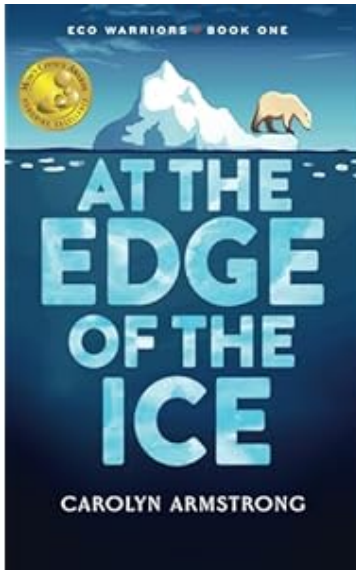




Readers' Favorite[®]

Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique



Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with general descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although this is just a Mini-Critique, we hope it will give you an insight into how readers may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although they are not a literary professional, they are an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: At The Edge Of The Ice
Author: Carolyn Armstrong
Genre: Children - Grade 4th-6th



Appearance: The appearance of a book can make a significant impact on the experience of a reader, whose enjoyment is often enhanced by an enticing cover, an intriguing table of contents, interesting chapter headings, and when possible, eye-catching illustrations.

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Plot: The characters of a book should be well defined with strengths and flaws, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The tone should be consistent, the theme should be clear, and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. For informative books -- those without plot and characters--this rating refers primarily to your concept and how well you presented it.

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Development: Development refers to how effectively you told your story or discussed your topic. The dialogue should be realistic, the descriptions should be vivid, and the material should be concise and coherent. Organization is also a key factor, especially for informative books -- those without plot and characters. The order in which you tell your story or explain your topic and how smoothly it flows can have a huge impact on the reader's understanding and enjoyment of the material.

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Formatting: Formatting is the single most overlooked area by authors. The way in which you describe scenes, display dialogue, and shift point of view can make or break your story. In addition, excessive grammatical errors and typos can give your book an amateurish feel and even put off readers completely.

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Marketability: Marketability refers to how effectively you wrote your book for your target audience. Authors may include content that is above or below the understanding of their target reader, or include concepts, opinions or language that can accidentally confuse or alienate some readers. Although by its nature this rating is very subjective, a very low rating here and poor reviews may indicate an issue with your book in this area.

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Overall Opinion: The overall starred rating takes into account all these elements and describes the overall reading experience of your reviewer. This is the official Readers' Favorite review rating for your book.

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Review:

Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite

At The Edge Of The Ice is penned by author Carolyn Armstrong in the adventure, climate fiction, and animal life subgenres. It is the first book in the Eco Warriors series. The work is intended for independent readers in the 10 to 12 years range. Eleven-year-old Sydney Cabella, known for talking to animals, embarks on a transformative journey with her family to Svalbard, near the North Pole. After a head injury, Sydney discovers she can now understand animals, leading her to communicate with a ringed seal named Ringo. Ringo urgently seeks Sydney's help to address the ecosystem's collapse due to habitat loss and global warming. With just 72 hours left in the Arctic, Sydney and her twin sister Sierra must decipher Ringo's messages and clues to save the environment. As they encounter polar bears and other wildlife, Sydney realizes the interconnectedness of all life forms and the importance of taking action to protect their habitat.

Author Carolyn Armstrong has crafted an engaging and enjoyable novel that offers a heartfelt eco-adventure highlighting the impact of climate change on habitats and the power of small actions. Sydney's ability to communicate with animals is so well incorporated into the dialogue and narrative style, adding a magical realism element to the story and engaging readers on a personal level in understanding the plight of wildlife in the face of climate change. The book effectively conveys complex environmental issues in a relatable and accessible manner, encouraging children to consider their role in protecting the planet. The pacing and twists of the events retain the reader's interest and excitement from cover to cover. Through Sydney's journey, the narrative emphasizes the significance of empathy, cooperation, and proactive steps in addressing environmental challenges. Overall, At The Edge Of The Ice is an inspiring tale that educates and empowers young readers to become stewards of the Earth, and I would certainly recommend it.