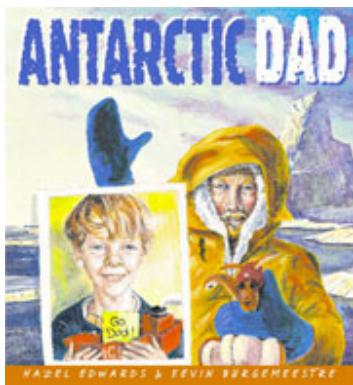


ANTARCTIC DAD



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About the book

What do you do when your dad goes all the way to Antarctica? He's not around for the school sports or your birthday, but he can still be involved – even though he's far away.

Dad sends emails and photos of all his frozen adventures, telling stories of Emperor penguins and ele-seals; helicopters and quad bikes; and blizzards where the weather is minus 20 degrees Celsius. Dad also takes photos of his son's favourite toy, Roo, having his own adventures in the Antarctic.

Antarctic Dad deals with issues of separation while also providing information about the amazing animals and landscape of Antarctica. It introduces children to the real life stories of the ordinary people who work in the frozen continent.

About the author

In 2001, **Hazel Edwards** was ice-bound with Voyage 5 expeditioners on the 'Polar Bird' resupply ship near Casey Station, the Australian scientific base in Antarctica. She began writing the first draft of Antarctic Dad while waiting for the ship to break out of the ice.

Hazel, who lives in Melbourne, has written more than 150 books including *There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof Eating Cake*, read by millions of children in many languages. Her previous Lothian children's titles include the novels *Fake ID*, *Stalker* and *Antarctica's Frozen Chosen*. Check out Hazel Edwards' website at www.hazeledwards.com.

About the illustrator

Kevin Burgemeestre has illustrated Grandma Cadbury's books, *Bernard Was a Bikie*, and *Don't Forget Granny*. Kevin's recent picture book *B is for Bravo*

marked his debut as an author. He was born in Perth to Dutch migrants whose family had lived in Indonesia for generations. After studying Art and Design in Melbourne, he completed a Diploma of Illustration at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Holland. Other than his varied illustration work, Kevin lectures tertiary students in the art of illustration. Kevin exhibits his work in solo and group exhibitions and lives in Heidelberg Heights, Victoria.

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