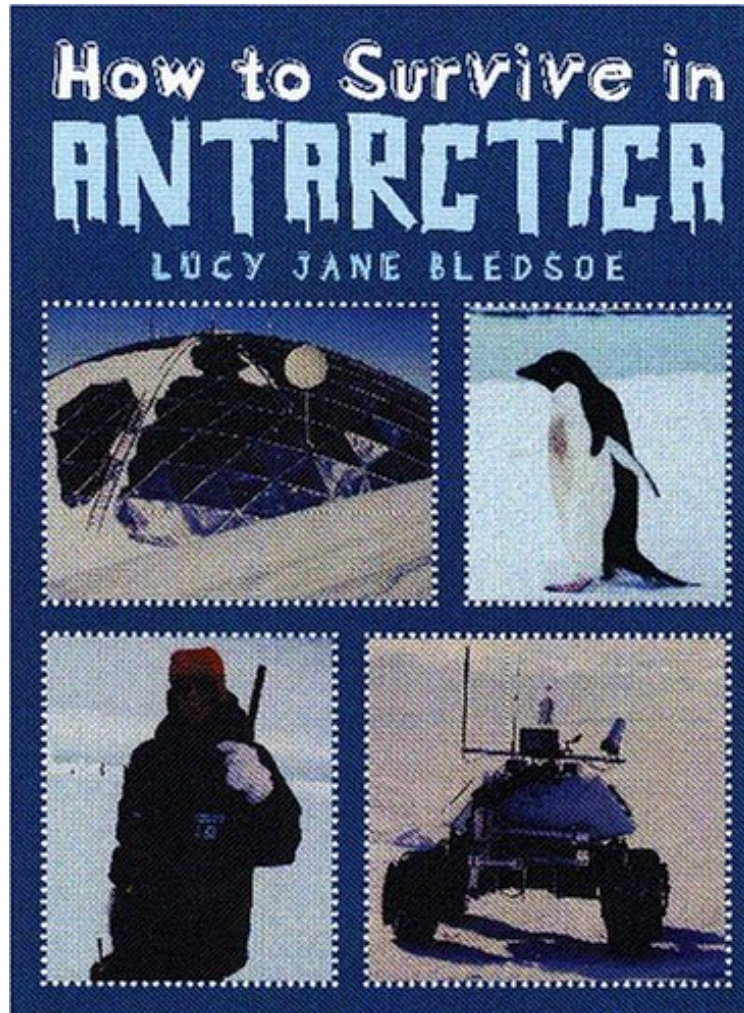


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During her exploratory sojourns to Antarctica, Lucy Jane Bledsoe witnessed many amazing sights, such as mummified seals, and picked up more than a few survival tactics; for example, if you should find yourself in danger of falling into a crevasse, you should stretch out your body to avoid dropping farther. Part memoir, part survival tips, part curiosities, Lucy Jane Bledsoe's book lets readers vicariously experience the author's adventures while exploring the Antarctic.

From School Library Journal Grade 7 Up Bledsoe combines memoir with survival tips and fun facts in this friendly, come-along book about her experiences in Antarctica. She builds a snow shelter and spends the night in it, observes wildlife, visits a number of research stations, takes a helicopter ride, and gets plenty cold! Her first-person narrative adds excitement to the already interesting adventure, and her enthusiasm for the continent comes through on every page. Clear and informative maps and line drawings appear throughout. Black-and-white snapshots and sidebars give further information on the people and events that shape the continent. This is an engaging book to be read through and enjoyed rather than used as fodder for reports. Amelia Jenkins, Juneau Public Library, AK Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred* Gr. 5-8. Antarctica is drier than the Sahara Desert, so how come an ice sheet, three miles thick in places, covers 98 percent of the continent? Bledsoe, who has made three trips to study Antarctica, bases her informal, chatty narrative on her thrilling adventure, bringing close the amazing science and geography as well as the gritty facts of human survival in the frigid environment (all human waste is collected and taken to the U.S. so that Antarctica does not get contaminated). The information is exciting enough without all the exclamatory punctuation, but Bledsoe's tone never seems condescending or self-important. The open book design features lots of boxes with information about the historic explorers and their daily challenges, and Bledsoe's own black-and-white photos showing wildlife close up and scientists at work will grab students across the curriculum. A detailed glossary and time line conclude. A list of further readings, especially about the history, would have been helpful, but this is still a fascinating journey to a little known and understood place. For readers wanting more, suggest Laurence Pringle's *Antarctica: The Last Unspoiled Continent* (1992) and Jennifer Ownings Dewey's *Antarctic Journal: Four Months at the Bottom of the World* (2001). Hazel Rochman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author Lucy Jane Bledsoe was selected twice by the National Science Foundation to travel to the Antarctic. She has written a number of books for children, including *Tracks in the Snow*, *Hoop Girlz*, and *Cougar Canyon*, which *School Library Journal* called "an entertaining adventure story with fast-paced action and a strong female protagonist." Ms. Bledsoe lives in northern California.