



This story flows poetically and the writing celebrates the bonds between people, the natural world, and the connectedness of all living things.

To celebrate those themes, why not tell your child a story that's all their own. Most children love to hear about the day they were born, or why you chose their name, etc.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Discuss with your child the qualities of their favourite animal. For example, they might say that their dog is“friendly, patient, loyal, loving, funny, energetic.....”
- For 5 minutes be a dog (or whatever animal your child chooses) together!
- The animals in the book are Arctic animals. Think of the animals that live around you. What gifts do they bring? Spend some time on the internet finding out some fun facts about your favourite animals.
- Draw pictures of the animals in the book. As you re-read the book, put the pictures in the correct order. Talk about the gifts that each animal brings. Then retell the story using your drawings instead of the book.

WONDEROUS WORDS

As you are reading, stay alert for new words!

Adoration *Parents' adoration (love) for their children is shown through their actions every day.*

Spontaneity *Let's not plan out the whole day. Let's try some spontaneity.*

Foundation *My grandma's house sits on a rock foundation.*

Reflection *The face looking back at me in the pond is my reflection.*

heritage *The rock paintings at the canyon are part of my heritage.*

Magnificent *Last night's sunset was magnificent.*