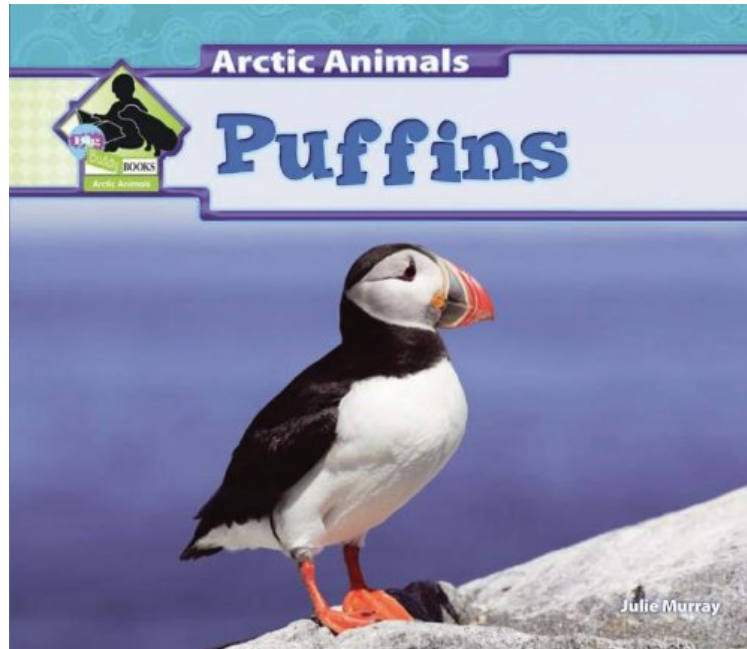


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Presents photographs and general information about puffins, including where they live, their physical characteristics, how they have adapted to their cold environment, their behavior, and how they raise their young.

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