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Penguin Problems **by Jory John, illustrated by Lane Smith**

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This delightful story told by a penguin starts with a challenge on the front flap of the cover:

What?!

Oh, you're going to read this book?

Somehow I seriously doubt that.

I bet you won't even finish reading this flap

The penguin complains about his life; it's too bright, his beak is cold, he is hungry, where are all the fish, the ocean is too salty, and he looks silly when he waddles. All the penguins look alike. And that is not all for him to worry about; there are predators out there to worry about:

I have so many problems

And nobody cares!

Until he gets a lecture from a wise walrus who tells him life is often challenging but reminds the penguin that he has a family who adore him and that there is plenty of beauty to be found in their surroundings. This makes the penguin rethink his situation.

The expressive illustrations complement this witty story, which will have readers chuckling at a penguin's life described from a different perspective.

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