

# The Old Man and the Penguin: A True Story About Friendship

Written By: Julie Abery  
Illustrated By: Pierre Pratt

**Synopsis:** The true story of Joao Pereira de Souza of Brazil, who cared for a Magellanic penguin that had been caught in an oil spill.

**Suggested Reading Date:** January – National Penguin Awareness Day, January 20th.

## Activity Descriptions:

- Use a map to **introduce the setting**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Generate a chart about **WHAT we know** about Penguins in general, **WHAT we want to learn** about story's main character, Magellanic Penguins, and **WHAT we learned** after researching with students. (PebbleGo is a very user-friendly for elementary students.)

## Related Websites:

- Author's Website - <https://www.kidscanpress.com/products/old-man-and-penguin>
- Illustrator's Website - <http://www.pierrepratt.com/2020/>
- YouTube - Meet Joao and Dindim - <https://youtu.be/oks2R4LqWtE>
- YouTube - Penguin Corner Bookmark - <https://youtu.be/b6fcExaAYEI>
- YouTube - Penguin Origami - <https://youtu.be/zRXo7ziQbGo>



## Text to Text Connections:

*Pierre the Penguin* by Jean Marzollo  
*Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers  
*Penguins don't Wear Sweaters!* by Markikka Tamura  
*Penguin* by Polly Dunbar  
*Blue Penguin* by Petyr Horacek  
*The Emperor's Egg* by Martin Jenkins

**Created By:** Charisse Tsukamoto