

# AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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I am the cutest harp seal in the world. When I hear music, I always react to it like a dog. I eat fish, crabs and shrimp. Harp seals can dive up to 1,000 feet. That's 300 meters deep! We live in the oceans of North Atlantic and the Arctic. We have white fur, a pair of flippers and a tail. We can stay underwater for 15 minutes, and have to breathe through airholes if we run out of air. Sometimes, people call us saddlebacks because of the black, saddle-like markings on our back. Females like me give birth to baby seals called pups. Now you know about harp seals, let me tell you about my life.

In my family, I have a mom, a dad and a sister. My mom is the one who gave birth to me. My dad is the one who mated with my mom. I have the most annoying sister ever. She scares me until I poof up and scream. We hang out at the Arctic Ocean on the weekends. When I am free, I will play with my best friends. My first best friend is Mistystar, she is super. She always helps me when I have problems, and she is very polite. She has a brother too, his name is Stonefur. My other best friend is Crowfeather, she always plays with me. We like to camouflage in the snow from polar bears. Sometimes, people call us Pagophilus groenlandicus, because that is our scientific name.



**This is me, lounging at the icy shores of Antarctica.**

Every year, the numbers of harp seals are decreasing because of human beings. They like to hunt us for our fluffy fur to make furry coats. And our biggest threat is pollution. I hate pollution because it causes global warming. Global warming hurts the earth and it makes the icebergs melt. Please help us! If people won't stop hunting us, we might be extinct, and people will never get to see us again.