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## Natchiq Grows Up: The Story of an Alaska Ringed Seal Pup and Her Changing Home

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An educational primer on a year in the life of Alaska's ringed seals is delivered through the vehicle of Natchiq, a seal pup, and her mother, Siku. The story uses wildlife photography, snaps from scientists, and computer-generated images to impart its information; sections of seal science pair with helpings of Indigenous knowledge provided by Indigenous contributors. An ideal title for the budding biologist, this picture book is geared toward more experienced readers.

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