



**Book Title:** The Middle of Everywhere

**Author:** Monique Polak

**Annotation**

Noah Thorpe is spending the school term in George River, up in Quebec's far north. He is somewhat disdainful of his Inuit peers at first but through a series of adventures and experiences, begins to understand that he has a lot to learn. A wonderful book about survival, friendship and bi-cultural competency.

**Concepts at a Glance:** family, courage, suspense, climate change, survival

**Text Set on Adventure or survival**

**Links to explore:**

[http://moniquepolak.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=514&Itemid=73](http://moniquepolak.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=514&Itemid=73)

Author: **Projects, Ideas and Activities:**

1. Read aloud using lots of expression. Give an additional copy out for students to follow along if they choose.
2. Use as a novel study—purchase a few more copies and use it as guided reading
3. Explore Monique Polak's website. Read another book by her. What are the similarities and differences between the books?
4. Explore the web site of Monique Polak. Write a comment to her.
5. Discuss foreshadowing and find examples in the story.
6. Chart all the ways that the boys had to be had to be resourceful and solve problems—with their solutions.
7. Share times when students have had to be courageous and solve a difficult problem.
8. Write a series of diary entries from the perspective of Noah and of Lenny.