

Nights of the Pufflings

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| Halla searches the sky every day. As she watches from high on a cliff overlooking the sea, she spots her first puffin of the season. Soon the sky is speckled with them - puffins, puffins everywhere. Millions of these birds are returning from their winter at sea. They are coming back to Halla's island and the nearby uninhabited islands to lay eggs and raise puffin chicks. It's the only time they come ashore. | 10 22 33 41 52 62 72 |
| While Halla and her friends are at school in the village beneath the cliffs, the puffins continue to land. Those "clowns of the sea" return to the same burrows year after year. Once back, they busy themselves getting their underground nests ready. Halla and all the children of the village can only wait and dream of the nights of the pufflings yet to come. | 83 92 103 111 121 133 136 |
| On the weekends, Halla and her friends climb over the cliffs to watch the birds. They see puffin pairs tap-tap-tap their beaks together. Each pair they see will soon tend an egg. Deep inside the cliffs that egg will hatch a chick. That chick will grow into a young puffling. That puffling will take flight. The nights of the pufflings will come. | 146 158 169 181 192 200 |