

Discuss Soundings by DOREEN CUNNINGHAM with your book club

- 1 How does Doreen's experience as a reporter and editor inform her understanding of climate change?
- 2 Doreen and her son, Max, face many challenges on their journey following the gray whales' migration. How does Doreen meet these challenges? In what ways is their journey conventional, and in what ways does it offer an original approach to the adventure narrative?
- 3 Describe how native peoples' approach to whale hunting differs from white colonists' extractive practices. How did the commercialization of whale hunting affect Utqiagvik and the people who live there?
- 4 How does climate change affect gray whales? Does Doreen observe any of these changes herself?
- 5 What does Doreen learn when she reaches Alaska? Would you describe this as a journey of healing, or something else?

