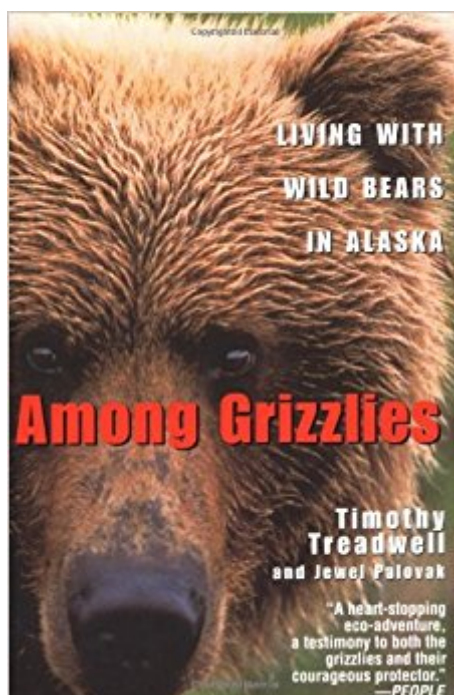


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Among Grizzlies: Living With Wild Bears In Alaska



Synopsis

Living with Wild Bears in Alaska "A heart-stopping eco-adventure, a testimony to both the grizzlies and their courageous protector."--People "The grizzly bear is one of a very few animals remaining on earth that can kill a human in physical combat. It can decapitate with a single swipe or grotesquely disfigure a person in rapid order. Within the last wilderness areas where they dwell, they are the undisputed king of all beasts. I know this very well. My name is Timothy Treadwell, and I live with the wild grizzly. . . ."After Timothy Treadwell nearly died from a heroin overdose, he sought healing far from the trappings of civilization--among wild grizzlies on the remote Alaskan coast. Without gun, two-way radio, or experience living in the wild, armed only with the love and respect he felt for these majestic animals, Treadwell set up camp surrounded by one of nature's most terrifying and fascinating forces of nature. Here is the story of his astonishing adventures with grizzlies: soothing aggressive adolescents, facing down thousand-pound males, swimming with mothers and cubs, surviving countless brushes with death, earning their trust and acceptance. In these incredible pages, Treadwell lives a life no human has ever attempted, and ultimately saves his own. To share his experience is awesome, harrowing, and unforgettable. . . . "LIKE AFRICA NATURALIST JANE GOODALL, TREADWELL GIVES PERSONAL NAMES TO HIS SUBJECTS. . . . Bears have distinct personalities, Treadwell shows, and as a group, individual roles become clearly defined by gender, size, and age."--The Seattle Times With twenty-nine photographs

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Alaska has a population of more than 30,000 grizzly bears, almost all that survive in the United States. It makes sense that Australia-born bear lover Timothy Treadwell would make his way there, then. Among Grizzlies records his adventures among Alaskan bears over the last 10 years, and adventures they are: being awakened at dawn by curious grizzly cubs, being treed by irritated mama bears, being sized up by huge males as if for a midday snack. Treadwell's affection for *Ursus arctos horribilis* is abundant in these pages, and even if other grizzly specialists question aspects of his up-close-and-personal approach, you'll learn quite a lot about the bears in his book. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This firsthand account of living among grizzly bears in a place Treadwell calls the Grizzly Sanctuary, just south of the Arctic Circle, reveals intimate details of the summer lives of these great bears. Fleeing a life of drug and alcohol addiction, Treadwell made an initial foray to Alaska to an area known for salmon fishing and encountered bears also attracted to the run of fish. Feeling a kinship with the bears he met, he returned to Alaska in subsequent summers to live among the bears and observe them close at hand. His interactions with the lives of bears, such as those he named Mr. Chocolate and Hulk, taught him their body language, and his ability to mimic their behavioral gestures probably saved his life several times. Full of anecdotal stories about the details of the daily routine of grizzly life, this story of salvation through grizzly bears will help engender concern for their future in the wild. Nancy Bent --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Glad this book was still available. It arrived one day early.

Glad to help a Friends of the Library group. Thanks for the quick delivery. The condition of the book is just as described.

This book, although entertaining, reminds me a little bit of a fairy tale read. It is more like Timothy Treadwell and the Three Bears, where Comet Bear says to Baby Booble bear "Someone has been sleeping in my bed." and Baby Booble bear answers, "Timothy Treadwell is sleeping in my bed and he's still there!" What was with this guy to think he was above bear attacks? Did he really think the bears loved him that much? Okay, I am impressed that he survived 13 Summers and love his bear antics, but c'mon, bears will be bears!!!

I hope this book is written to entertain, and won't be used as a "how-to" book for others. Timothy lost his life, along with his fiancée's life, doing what he loved.

Call Timothy Treadwell what you want, but people of all backgrounds have to appreciate the knowledge and wisdom he shared in this incredibly-detailed autobiography of his adult life in the wilderness of Alaska. This memoir came nearly a decade after Treadwell began spending each summer among wild grizzly bears and other wildlife in Alaska. You quickly see how in-depth into the society of wildlife and the bears that Timothy has become, and how clearly he has willingly left the human world behind. He has developed "relationships" with many of the bears and foxes due to his continued exposure with them, even leading Treadwell to give them individual names. I am happy that Treadwell created a foundation, documented his daily experiences via photographs and video, and shared some of his experiences with the public as his work - whether it helped the animals or further endangered them by encouraging them to become comfortable with approaching human - is vital to raising awareness on protecting all species of wildlife, especially those seen as unwanted by humans. Finally, I highly recommend that during or following your reading of this book that you watch the 2005 documentary "Grizzly Man", which was produced by the great filmmaker Warner Herzog. I have yet to watch it, but the 2008 8-episode series "The Grizzly Man Diaries" featured on Animal Planet seemingly is a good accompanying visual feature to this book, as well. Both of these video projects were created after Treadwell's untimely death in 2003, so sadly that will be a large focus of both projects, but the images and video of the grizzly bears that Treadwell mentions repeatedly through this book outweighs all. I hope, and I believe, that the world will never get such a detailed book about Alaskan grizzly bears like Timothy Treadwell's ever again. There is no longer a need to get that close to wild bears in such a prolonged, unprotected environment, especially if it takes the life of an innocent person...His work is now finished. Though it cost him his life. And fittingly, his resting place is exactly where he wanted it to be. Be in peace, Tim. And rest in peace, Amie Huguenard.

This is a unique publication. A well meaning man talks to brown grizzly bears in a sing song voice while only a few feet away from them ! It is charming yet so dangerous it is hard to believe he was not killed during his thirteen years of being a visitor in their home. TT's determination to make a difference in helping Grizzlies live lives safe from predation and habitat invasion by humans is admirable. His terrible end, far worse than anything he would have imagined, make the work grim but I have admiration for his efforts. I'm not too sure the part in which he scares off poaches is

accurate, but the book and the Animal Planet series Grizzly Man Diaries show one man's attempt to cross what may be an insurmountable barrier between wild animals and humans. He well knew that in his own words, " It would be too much to hope that the bears loved him ", but he lived and died trying to make it so.

I read this book when I was about twelve. Mr. Treadwell offers bad advice on dealing with bears. The story itself was kind of interesting, a man naming bears and the like but I am happy I did not live in bear country when I was younger. Otherwise I might have tried his antics and there would possibly be a dead kid and a dead bear.

This book shows the author up close & personal with wild animals- so close that if he were in the lower 48 states, in a national park, he would be arrested. THIS is not good stewardship! He calls Alaskan brown bears grizzly bears, but these are NOT the same bears as those in the Yellowstone & Glacier ecosystems. In all places but Alaska, when people get close to bears, bears become used to people and are eventually killed by bear managers. In fact, Treadwell's presence in Alaska has been condemned by Alaskan authorities!

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