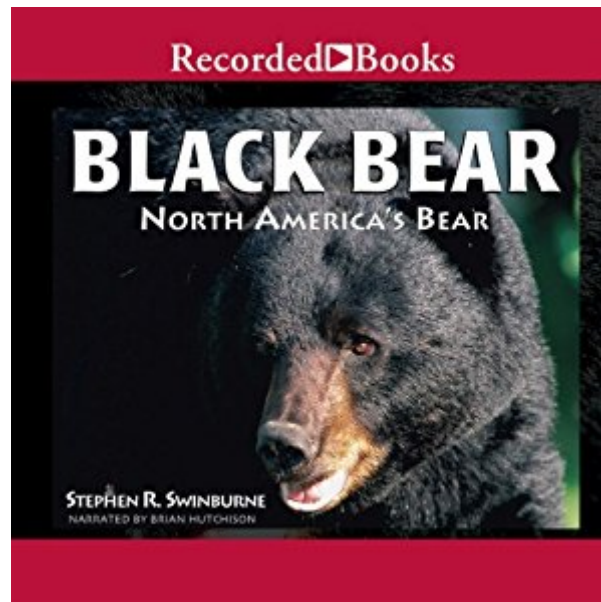




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Black Bear: North America's Bear



Synopsis

Three species of bear inhabit North America: the grizzly, the polar bear, and the black bear. But the American black bear is truly North America's bear, found only in North America. Black bears range from Canada to Mexico, from New England to California. There may be as many as 750,000 black bears roaming the forests and mountains of the continent. With its large population, and with more people moving into black bear territory, it's important that we understand this magnificent animal. Stephen R. Swinburne takes us to where black bears live. He joins biologists in search of bears in the Pennsylvania woods, where a mother bear is examined and her cubs tagged. He visits a "school teacher" for orphaned cubs who teaches them how to survive in the wild. Along the way, he offers his personal observations together with fascinating facts about black bears and their world. (Did you know that in the autumn, black bears consume as much as twenty thousand calories a day? That's equivalent to forty-two hamburgers!) With stunning full-color and archival photographs, this lively book shows how North America's bear behaves and survives.

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Customer Reviews

VERY THIN AND HARDLY ANY PHOTOS OF BLACK BEARS. EASY TO READ TEXT FOR KIDS. MY NEW-USED COPY WAS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE INSIDE 2 OUT, VERY CHEAP, AND WAS AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY. I WAS QUITE SAD TO SEE THAT THE PUBLISHER COULDN'T FIGURE OUT THAT A BOOK ON BLACK BEARS COULD USE SOME BLACK-BEAR PHOTOS. HELLO. ANYWAY, NO COMPLAINTS WITH THE BOOKSELLERS....BUT THIS BEAR BOOK IS NOT WORTH GETTING BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH BLACK BEAR PICS TO SEE.

Black Bear: North America's Bear....Not worth 10.00Wow barely 30 pages.....nice pictures...but how crazy it's more a childrens book I will be sending to the public library!~

didn't know it was a young adult book

Great book, with good accurate information and very wonderful pictures. I am a black bear lover and follower of the bears in Minnesota. Thank you for a really good book.

We live in black bear territory, my grandchildren are very excited about it, and wanted to know about them. The book was wonderful, pictures were great, text was a little hard but I was able to talk them through it. Thanks

Love the book and the clear simple way the information is presented. Perfect for my fourth grade classroom and readers.

nice kids book

Put very simply - bears are cool. Bears in a zoo, however, are very boring. I've never seen a bear in captivity do anything but roll up and sleep, so we're basically left staring at a big ball of fur. Steven Swinburne takes a much more interesting approach, venturing out to locate active bears to photograph and study. We'll have to content with living vicariously through his travels because I like to keep a safe distance between myself and animals this large and toothy. I like that the four chapters in the book all offer different types of information on black bears. Contrary to other non-fiction animal books, this one includes some first hand accounts of the author's adventures, instead of just giving us the straight facts to memorize. Of course, all the chapters include some terrific bear photographs. Combine those with Stephen's interesting stories and you have a terrific book about bears. The first chapter is a personal recounting of his first chance to cuddle with some live bear cubs. Chapter two gives us a bit of a history lesson on how bears graduated from wild animals to tourist attraction in Yellowstone National Park. In the third chapter, the author visits Ben Kilham, a man who has been helping to raise abandoned bear cubs since 1993. The final chapter finishes up the book with some great tips on the signs to look for to know if bears have been around. If you have an interest in these fascinating animals, definitely give this one a shot. This book pulls double duty by being informative and interesting. You learn the bare facts and get some great

personal stories from the author - the best of both worlds.

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