Grizzly Bears

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What a GORGEOUS book! This will be your first reaction. The photos of grizzlies in their natural habitat are spectacular and gallery-worthy. Rarely is an inexpensive and fact-filled book so visually appealing.

But, just as important, the written content matches the visual. From cover to cover, this book, which can be easily read in an afternoon sitting, includes all the novice reader needs to know about everything from grizzly habitat and diet to how to behave in grizzly country to bear conservation controversy. The only omission I noted is that the author neglects to mention the very valuable technique of “playing dead” during a provoked grizzly encounter. Otherwise, the advice is sound, and the facts are right on.

Children and adults traveling to grizzly country will

enjoy this concise and beautiful book, but more experienced readers will appreciate it as well. My copy is a welcome addition to my coffee table!

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