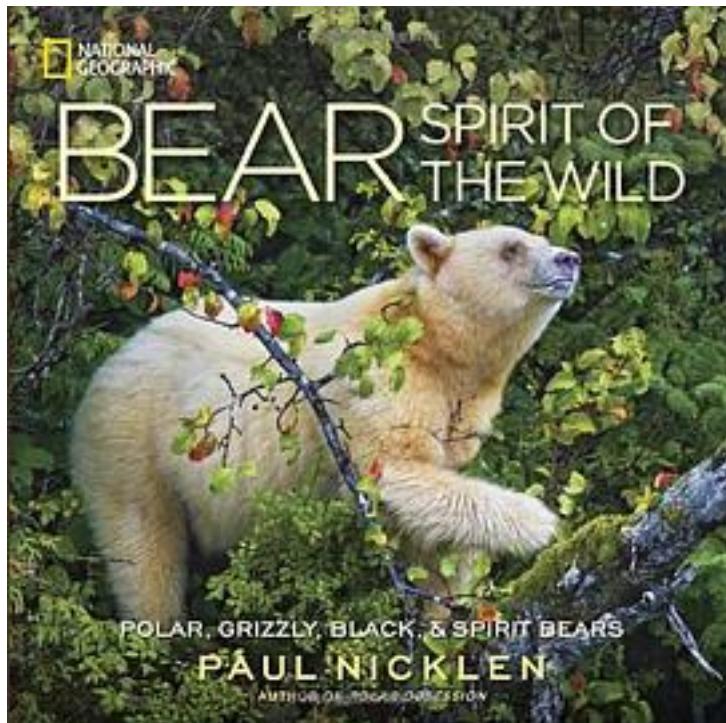


# Bear



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Few animals are as closely associated with humans as bears. From the Greek legend of "Callisto" to "Winnie-the-Pooh", bears have throughout history been a rich source of imagery, myth, story and legend. "Bear" begins 25 million years ago with 'dawn bear', the small dog-sized ancestor of all bears. Tracing the evolution of the bear family, the author discusses extinct types, such as the cave bear and the giant short-faced bear, as well as describing in detail the eight species that exist today. Several of these species are now facing extinction, and the book considers the impact of current human behaviour on bears and their environments. "Bear" explores the bear-human relationship and how human perceptions of bears have changed over time. Drawing

from cultures around the world, it discusses the various legends and myths, including the ceremonies and taboos that surround hunting, killing and eating bears. It also looks at representations of bears in contemporary culture: as the subjects of stories, songs, cartoons and films; as exhibits in pits, circuses and zoos; and also as toys. The book concludes by considering the precarious future of the bear, threatened as it is by loss of habitats, disease, pollution, global warming and poaching for the medicinal trade. "Bear" will appeal to all those interested in the past, present and future of these extraordinary creatures.

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书评

因为参加漂书实验才读的《熊》。花了一个下午在咖啡馆看完了这本书。本来对朋友拿本科普书籍做漂流实验挺气愤的，可不知觉间就入迷了……

我对《传奇之熊》这一章节最喜欢。从原始社会的崇尚力量，于是对熊奉若神明；到农牧时代崇尚智力，对熊的蠢笨屡加嘲讽；再到工业社会的崇...

小时候，妈妈常在睡前给我念《小熊憨憨》的故事。如今这本童话书已经不知去向，但其中的内容我还依稀记得：有一天，熊妈妈给了小熊憨憨一个硬币，让他出去买胡椒粉。在回家的路上，大灰狼跳了出来挡住了去路。小熊憨憨急中生智，将刚买的胡椒粉撒到大灰狼的眼睛里，把他赶...

去图书馆借书，我总是先去新书堆里找。无意中翻到了这本书，很薄很小的一本，粗看了一下，貌似是介绍熊的，还附了不少图片，于是借回来看看。我很少看科普书的，小孩子必看的《十万个为什么》我也从来没看过。好像从来对这类书没多大兴趣。但这本书，激发了我的兴趣呵呵，有机...

2019 第4本 从公司的书架上找的书，很薄的一本小册子  
可能是为了丰富书本的内容，写了有一搭，没一搭的故事，传说。可是我觉得可能那张进化的图才是最重要的。  
如果你见过真的大熊。尤其是北极熊或者是科迪亚克棕熊的话，站起来3米多~一巴掌拍下来~很多所谓原始部落都有关于熊...

在读动物系列的书，感觉还是写鸟的孔雀与乌鸦比较好玩。熊和虎都不可避免要扯上环保的话题。蚂蚁不太感冒。不过其中关于熊的故事还是满有趣的，熊与女人的故事，泰迪熊的来历。看到最后，和虎一样，替那曾经人类恐惧的生灵，面临的局面感到震撼。不知为了果腹而去屠杀其他生灵...

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