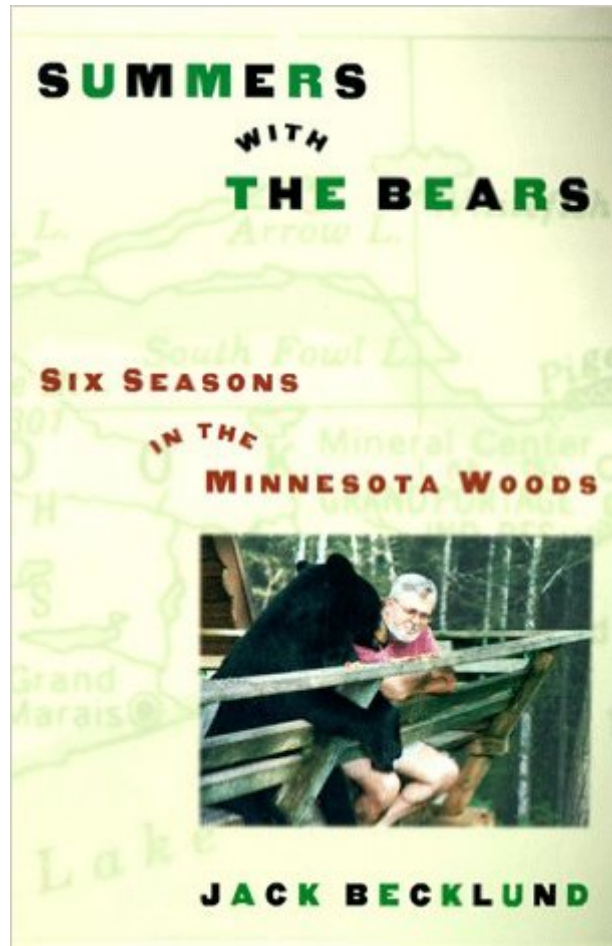


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# Summers With The Bears: Six Seasons In The North Woods



## Synopsis

In the animal-loving tradition of James Herriot, this delightful story, now in paperback, explores the relationship between man and one of nature's smartest, most interesting, and sensitive creatures—the black bear—and how this experience enriched two people's lives. Poignant and entertaining, and enhanced by photos that reveal a unique and amazing friendship, *Summers with the Bears* is a fascinating chronicle of what happens when humans and wild animals cross the boundaries into each other's world.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a book written with honesty and modesty. Just when you think you know what you're talking about where bears are concerned, they prove you wrong...over and over again. I have been involved in black bear research in Minnesota for over 11 years. It made me laugh out loud and cry. It brought back memories and experiences that I thought very few people would understand. You are two people who do understand. To this day, I have your photo of "conversation with a bear" from the Herald on my desk next to some of my own favorite bear photos. Everyday it makes me smile. Thank you Jack and Patty for this wonderful book. I will cherish it.

Summer with the bears is by far the best book I've ever read. If you don't have it or haven't read it do so now. It will change your life in some way I'm sure. I first read about it in the Reader's Digest and put my copy on order for the moment it came out. Little bit and all of the other bears touched my heart so much it's hard to describe. I felt like I was there with them as events were happening. Jack

and Patti you are so lucky to have had this special time in your lives and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your sharing it with us. Just goes to show that all animals are not as we always imagine them to be, yet we know at the same time they are not all created equal. There are those that possess a special trait and willingness to be different, that was little bit. Your book was written from your heart, and the pictures helped us to be there too. I laughed and I cried along with you. so few of us will experience what you did interacting with the bears on the level that you did. I attribute your book to helping me find a hidden talent I did not know existed in me. I started sketching, and yes mostly bears. I did one of you and Patti with little bit, if you'd ever like them all you need to do is ask and they are yours. You touched my life in such a special way that in turn I'd like to touch your lives too. Hope there will be more books and I wish you all the best in your lives. Thank You for sharing your special lives with the world.

With an appreciation of the necessities of wild animals and their general desire to remain alive this book indicates an accommodation, or better, an understanding and appreciation of the emotions of each species can create a bond and affection making life more attractive and interesting.  
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I read a piece from this book in Reader's Digest. Cut it out and carried it with me. Ordered it as soon as it came out (at Border's books). I loved it. I related to it because of knowing a person whose cabin is on a bear trail. It says alot about trust and friendship between species on this earth.

Summer With The Bears is about a couple who decide to leave the city for an adventure in Minnesota to observe the bears. At first Jack & Patti started out just observing the bears for hours to learn their habits and earn their confidence. And they do earn their trust. There were many more animals that they befriended. They kept a journal on everything that happened concerning the bears and other animals. They even named the bears. As a true animal lover, I really liked this book. The pictures added to the book. If you are looking for a short and sweet read this is the book for you.

I just loved reading "Summers With The Bear"! I really felt like I would also miss "Little Bit" and the other bears. I wanted there to be another chapter to describe the seventh summer. The way that Jack and Patti wrote about their once in a lifetime adventure was Fantastic.

I just loved this book. Hated to come to the end. A marvelous and touching story about animals, love

and trust and nature. Almost too amazing to be true but with wonderful photos to prove it! I will lie awake at night and dream of Jack and Patti and their bears. Thank you, Becklunds!

I loved this book, it's a charming story of a couple who own a summer home and the wife, warned not to feed the bears, does so and ends up with a real friendship in "Littlebit" who comes back year after year. I won't spoil the story by giving away too much, since it's a very quick read, but I can say, reading this sweet story made me cry, and it's a treasure to read.

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