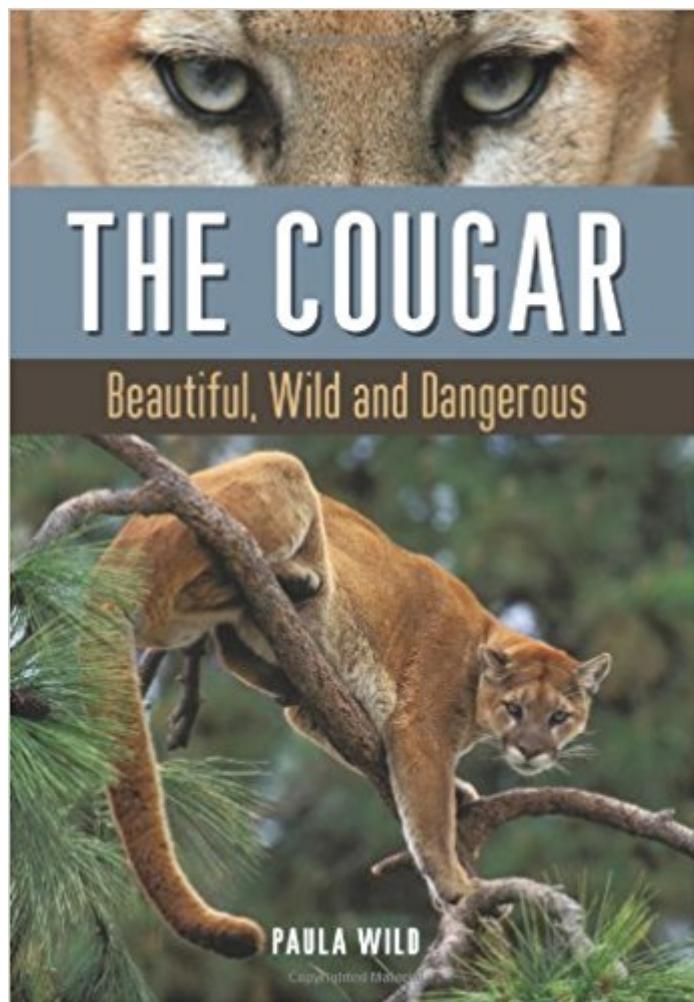


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The Cougar: Beautiful, Wild And Dangerous



Synopsis

Winner of the Foreword Reviews 2013 Book of the Year Awards (Non-Fiction, Nature)The Cougar is a skillful blend of natural history, scientific research, First Nations stories, and first-person accounts. With her in-depth research, Paula Wild explores the relationship between mountain lions and humans and provides the most up-to-date information on cougar awareness and defense tactics for those living, working, or traveling in cougar country.

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Customer Reviews

Astonishing research across all North America on the habits of the big cats; cougars, mountain lions, panthers, known by many names, and of human interaction with them. Beautifully written with great photographs as well. What struck me most was knowing that the big cats are out there in the mountains and wilderness where we humans love to hike, cross-country ski, mountain bike and walk our dogs... and they leave us alone for the most part. There are very useful and time-tested tips on how we can keep enjoying Nature but also protect ourselves effectively from the hungry or wounded cats who decide to stalk us. The survivors of such attacks have incredible stories in this book as well.

Pumas have one of the largest distributions of any mammal. Unfortunately their population has dropped considerably or they were eradicated completely in many parts of their range. Some experts believe that in recent decades the Puma (or Cougar, Mountain Lion) has recovered in parts of western North America. Conflicts have increased with livestock owners. Pumas also have attacked

and killed some dogs or house cats and in some rare cases they have even killed or injured humans. Although this is a very rare event, it always makes the media go crazy and some people use those incidents to cry for more population control. For humans and Pumas to coexist it is important that the general public knows something about the biology of those big cats and how to behave in Puma country and in the rare event of actually seeing a Puma in the wild. This is where Paula Wild's books comes in. Written for the general public it has enough information about the Pumas biology that the reader can have a good understanding of the life of the cats. The book covers basic Puma behavior, tells many stories of encounters (incl. where people where attacked) but also tells the story of scientists studying and protected pumas. Other chapters covers Cougar hunting in the past and changing attitudes among the people in North America towards Cougars. The book also has a great chapter with information about the correct behavior once you are outdoor in Puma territory. Many injuries or even fatal encounters can be avoided if people know how to behave correctly. The book also tries to find ways how people can coexist with this fascinating predator. Vital for ecosystem health, it is important that humans find a way to protect (and restore where extinct) large predators like Pumas or Wolves. The writing is very good, always interesting and the book is hard to put down. For the general public, the author found the right mix between personal stories of people who have encountered pumas and biological information. If the reader wants more details about the live of Pumas after reading this book, I highly recommend "Cougar Ecology and Conservation". Paula Wild has done a great job writing this book and I hope that many people read it and get a better understanding of Pumas and maybe even fight for their conservation. Highly recommended!

It was good to read a cougar book written by an author who lives in Canada. One gets a different perspective and it was very interesting. Great photos I'd never seen before. I highly recommend this book.

Outstanding of the seven books I have reviewed (research) on the Cougar. This is a well researched book on my favorite local (Cascades, Bitterroots, and Rockies) big cat along with the Cheetah (endangered in Africa). And no political agenda or partisan agenda. Copywrite 2013.....much has been learned since by Pantera, Cle Elum Wa HS, and other research organizations (small locals and large) that should be put together for a better understanding of this big cat and not published, possibly an extension of this book. We, as caretakers, must learn to live in harmony with the wild animals and not just randomly kill/disturb the natural predator/prey balance.

This is quite a different book about cougars than others that I have read, and in an interesting way you see a lot more of the human interaction component in here. The stories this book tells are quite diverse some happy, some sad and disappointing, some scary. It doesn't skimp on information about the cougar itself, either, and I've learned some interesting stuff about them that I didn't know already. Anyone who likes the animal should be a fan of this book.

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