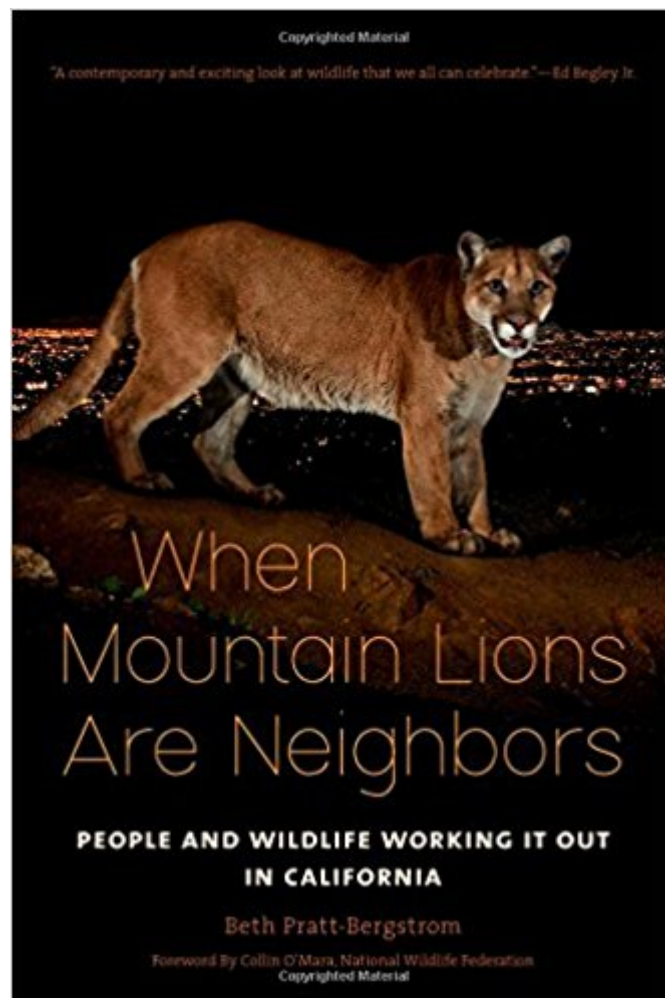




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When Mountain Lions Are Neighbors: People And Wildlife Working It Out In California



Synopsis

Wildness beats in the heart of California's urban areas. In Los Angeles, residents are rallying to build one of the largest wildlife crossings in the world because of the plight of one lonely mountain lion named P-22. Porpoises cavort in San Francisco Bay again because of a grassroots effort to clean up a waterway that was once a toxic mess. And on the Facebook campus in Silicon Valley, Mark Zuckerberg and his staff have provided a home for an endearing family of wild gray foxes. Through actions as sweeping as citizen science initiatives and as instantaneous as social media posts, a movement of diverse individuals and communities is taking action to recast nature as an integral part of our everyday lives. When Mountain Lions Are Neighbors explores this evolving dynamic between humans and animals, including remarkable stories like the journey of the wolf OR-7 and how Californians are welcoming wolves back to the state after a ninety-year absence, how park staff and millions of visitors rallied to keep Yosemite's famed bears wild, and many more tales from across the state. Written by Beth Pratt-Bergstrom of the National Wildlife Federation, these inspiring stories celebrate a new paradigm for wildlife conservation: coexistence.

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Several years ago, many Los Angeles residents were thrilled to learn that their newest neighbor was a young mountain lion. Labeled P-22 by researchers, the cougar was prowling around Griffith Park at night hunting for deer. Griffith Park is where, perched high on a hillside, sits the iconic HOLLYWOOD sign, the symbol for all the world of countless fantasies created by the film industry

based in Southern California for the last century. P-22, just two years old when he first appeared, had somehow managed to survive the harrowing crossing of two of Southern California's most immense and intense freeways – Interstate 405 and U.S. 101 – in his journey across the Santa Monica Mountains. Freeways like these of course are death zones for wildlife. They are clogged almost 24-7 by cavalries of cars and trucks traveling at 60 mph (or more): hundreds of thousands of two-ton, insensate, hurtling metal and hard rubber that will crush the bones and deliver death swiftly to any living creature hapless enough to get caught in the volley of vehicles. P-22's amazing story is recounted with genuine affection and awe by Beth Pratt-Bergstrom in her new book *When Mountain Lions Are Neighbors: People and Wildlife Working It Out in California*. Pratt-Bergstrom is the California Director of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). *When Mountain Lions are Neighbors* is a heartwarming look at Californians' continuing love affair with their wildlife. NWF has long promoted wildlife-friendly yards, gardens and neighborhoods. The enthusiasm for these topics extends to the community wildlife habitat certification program NWF created. NWF, headquartered in Reston, Virginia, where I now live, is the very first conservation organization I joined as an eager young conservationist, some 45 years ago.

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