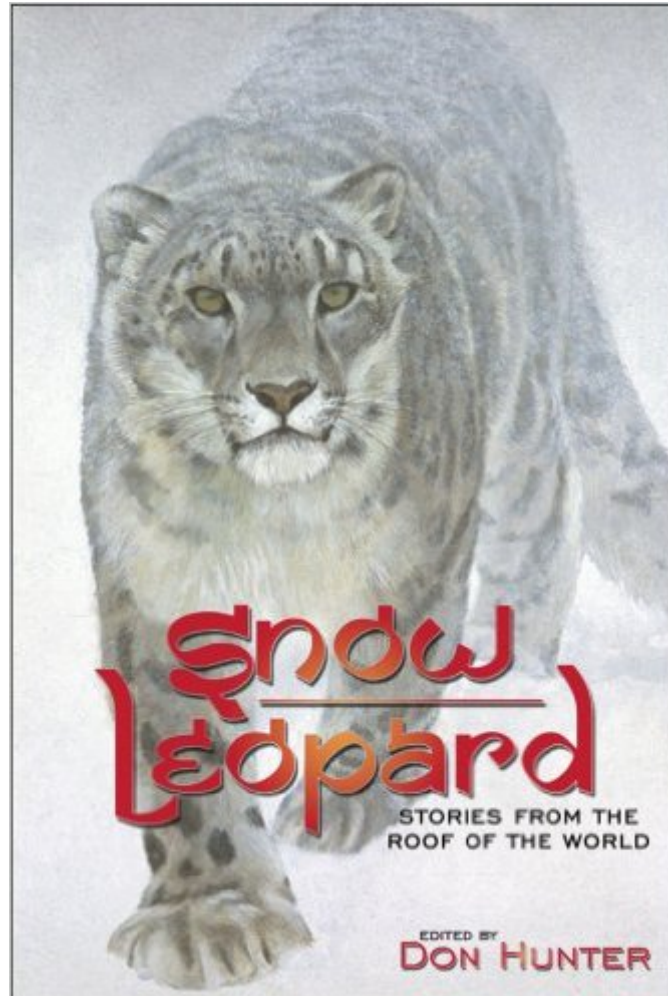# Snow Leopard: Stories From The Roof Of The World

Synopsis

"Just recently, we once again traveled the high roads of snow leopard country, enjoying the beauty of Ladakh's iconic monasteries and watching blue sheep graze steep mountainsides. We saw no snow leopards but sensed their presence, feeling lucky and thrilled to be under the distant gaze of this magnificent cat. May you experience a similar feeling as you read about the snow leopard in this remarkable collection."-Robert Bateman, from the foreword.Like no other large cat, the snow leopard evokes a sense of myth and mysticism, strength and spirit shrouded in a snowy veil, seldom seen but always present. Giving a voice to the snow leopard, this collection of powerful first person accounts from an impressive cadre of scientist-adventurers grants readers a rare glimpse of this elusive cat and the remarkable lives of those personally connected to its future. These Stories from the Roof of the World resonate with adventure, danger, discovery, and most importantly hope for this magnificent big cat.Very little has been written about this mystical creature. Its remote and rugged habitat among the mightiest collection of mountains on Earth, proclaimed "The Roof of the World" by awe-struck explorers, make it one of the most difficult and expensive animals to study. After a millennia thriving in peaceful isolation, human encroachment, poaching and climate change threaten the snow leopards survival. Speaking on behalf of the snow leopard, these heart-felt stories will inform and inspire readers, creating the vital connection needed to move people toward action in saving this magnificent cat. Contributors include: Ali Abutalip Dahashof, Som B. Ale, Avaantseren Bayarjargal, Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Joseph L. Fox, Helen Freeman, Darla Hillard, Don Hunter, Shafqat Hussain, Rodney Jackson, Jan E. Janecka, Mitchell Kelly, Ashiq Ahmad Khan, Nasier A. Kitchloo, Evgeniy P. Kashkarov, Peter Matthiessen, Kyle McCarthy, Tom McCarthy, George B. Schaller, and Rinchen Wangchuk

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Customer Reviews

Though I don't often review `nature books', this one came to me back in July when I received an email from Beth Svinarich at University Press of Colorado. I must admit that an enquiry from University of Colorado at that particular time caught my eye, it being just days after the atrocity committed by James Holmes. Anyway, Beth wanted to bring my attention to this book, and beyond the morbidity of the story about Holmes, the content caught my eye. I have an affinity for cats, and this book is a collection of powerful first-person accounts from an impressive group of scientist-adventurers (Helen Freeman, Rodney Jackson, Peter Matthiessen and George Schaller among them). It grants readers a rare glimpse of this elusive cat, its remote and rugged habitat, and the remarkable lives of those personally connected to its future.My "To Be Read List" was crammed full and I was falling way behind with my various trips to the hospital this year, but I committed to reading and reviewing the book, first, to bring attention to a happier piece of work from the University, and secondly because Beth bribed me. That's right. It was a down right case of bribery. She opened the University Press catalog - and what a catalog it is - to me, and from there I became a willing accomplice.Usually with a book like this you would expect to find a dry, academic report written in language that it straight ahead science, filled with terms you would have top look up in the dictionary. Not so here. The editor, Don Hunter has managed to assemble a collection of accounts from a large number of contributors that reads like diary entries, literature and in some cases adventure stories. It is also educational on many fronts, informative and surprisingly enthralling.

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