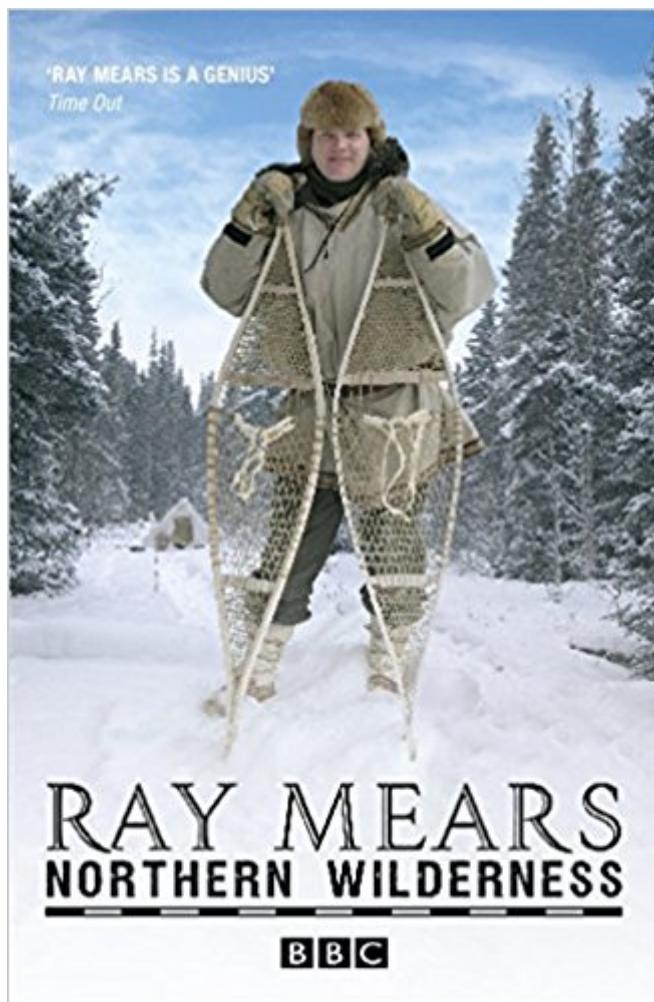


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Northern Wilderness: Bushcraft Of The Far North



Synopsis

Northern Wilderness is a stunning celebration of one of earth's great wildernesses. Ray Mears journeys on foot, by canoe and by snowshoe through mountains, forests, tundra and ice in a land where roads are still scarce. He explores the vast Boreal Forest and its rich animal life, and travels across the Hudson Bay by canoe, telling the story of the fur trappers who traded with the hat manufacturers of England. Ray follows the paths of the great early northern explorers, Samuel Hearne and David Thompson, who survived through their knowledge of what we now call bushcraft, as they trekked across the tundra and the Rocky Mountains. He explores the frozen north and learns the ways of the Inuit, who teach him how to combat snow blindness and build shelter. This book is rich in bushcraft, as Ray explains the unique survival techniques of the Native Canadians and the Inuit, as well as how the prospectors in the gold rush used bushcraft skills to survive in this inhospitable but awesome landscape.

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rejoice that their man is back, doing what he's best at...He begins in the vast Boreal forest that covers a third of Canada, which Mears illuminates in his wonderfully quiet, relaxed and understated way. ©Daily Mail

Born in 1964, Ray Mears has travelled the world studying and teaching the art of survival. He has appeared extensively on TV programmes such as Bushcraft Survival and Ray Mears Goes Walkabout. In 2003 the Royal Geographical Society honoured him with the Ness Award for the popularisation of geography.

This is a great book, if you have not seen Ray's series Northern Wilderness. It is a GOOD book if you HAVE seen the series because it pretty much repeats what he related in the series. Either way, I recommend owning it. It is definitely a keeper! In this book, Ray covers the great explorers of Canada including my favorite Samuel Hearn. What these great men accomplished opened up not only Canada, but the US as well. The tactics and principles that these men developed were copied by every other backwoodsman and explorer -- and are still being copied today. As one reviewer has said, this is not a book on the techniques of bushcraft, nor was it intended to be. Ray has already written, what is to be written on those subjects. This book is a book on the history of Canadian bushcraft and reiterates the guiding principle of what Ray has always espoused: By adopting aboriginal techniques, technology and knowledge you can survive and even exist in the bush.

Not a survival/bushcraft book. This is more of a history book about the Hudson Bay Company and the early exploration of Canada. There is a bit of bushcraft knowledge but it is mentioned in passing.

I bought this book thinking that in it would be bushcraft and how to handle life in the northern boreal forest. There is little of either of these in the book. It is more of a history of the early settlement northern Canada, particularly that of The Hudson's Bay Company, with some description of flora and fauna thrown in. Within its context, it is a well-written entertaining book. Just don't expect much bushcraft if you buy it.

Good companion to the video series, which I wish was available on blu-Ray in the U.S.

Awesome

... this is not a book containing practical information about bushcraft skills or the natural world of the boreal forest. The back cover blurb is quite deceptive in this regard, so please just be aware. It is primarily a history of the exploration of the place that would come to be called Canada by the various agents of the European fur trading companies, and it is not the most compellingly written history to be had. It is an okay book, but not necessarily one worth spending one's hard earned cash on. If this era is of interest to you, consider checking it out from a library, spending a couple hours with it as a survey of the history of the Hudson's Bay Company and North West Company and the search for the Northwest Passage, and then move on to more interesting and well-written accounts of same. There are some nice color photographs throughout. The main underlying thesis of the book -- that wise intelligent newcomers treated the North American continent's indigenous inhabitants with respect and adapted to the new environment by adopting the skills and methods of those who had lived there for centuries -- is a bit of a no-brainer for me. Maybe such a perspective would be a revelation to some folks, and maybe those folks would find this book more useful on a conceptual level than I did. All the same I respect Ray Mears and find him eminently likeable. But this book -- meh.

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