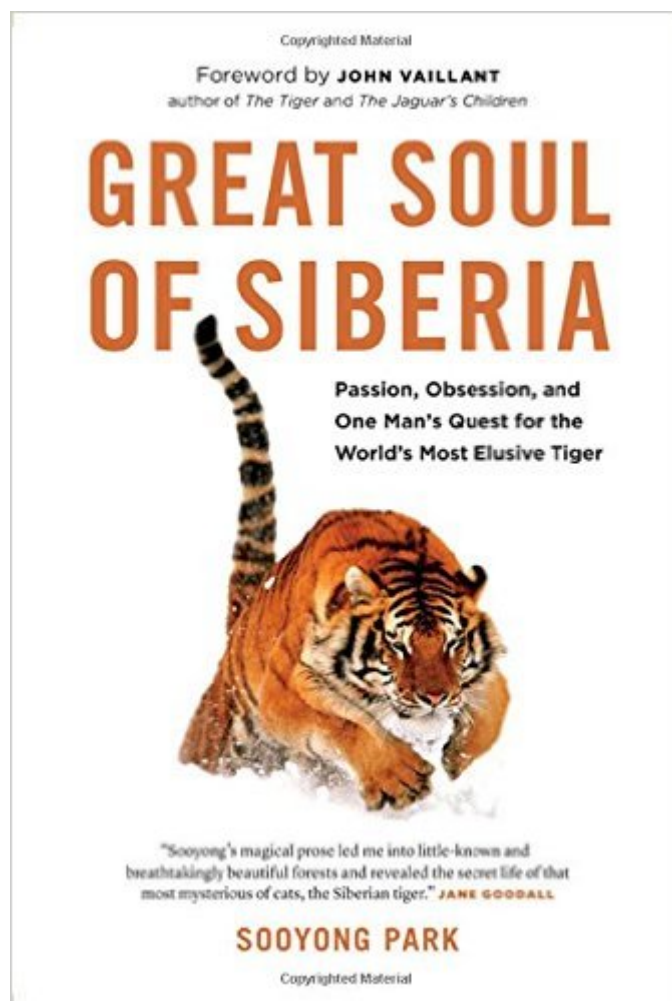


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Great Soul Of Siberia: Passion, Obsession, And One Man's Quest For The World's Most Elusive Tiger



Synopsis

In *The Great Soul of Siberia*, renowned tiger researcher Sooyong Park tracks three generations of Siberian tigers living in remote southeastern Russia. Reminiscent of the way Timothy Treadwell (the so-called Grizzly Man) immersed himself in the lives of bears, Park sets up underground bunkers to observe the tigers, living thrillingly close to these beautiful but dangerous apex predators. At the same time, he draws from twenty years of experience and research to focus on the Siberian tigers' losing battle against poaching and diminishing habitat. Over the two years of his harrowing stakeout, Park's poignant and poetic observations of the tigers draw a fiercely compassionate portrait of these elusive, endangered creatures.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book and highly recommend it. Mr Park writes beautifully about the balance of nature. It's heartbreaking and inspiring. I learned a lot by his gentle, well thought out narrative flow and careful presentation about mice, eagles, raccoons . . . I have so much gratitude towards him for telling his story and letting me feel like I was there observing, listening and being in the forest. Also, for sharing a Siberian tiger's day to day life, their intelligence and the hardships that they face in our modern world. Everything truly is connected except regretfully humans.

To read this book is to fall in love with three generations of Siberian Tigers, whose cubs we come to care for as deeply as we care for our own children. With the kind of courage these great cats embody, Sooyong Parks endures the loneliness and cold of the Siberian winter in order to reveal

the world of these secretive creatures and he delivers them to us with the lyric beauty of a modern-day Thoreau. The Great Soul of Siberia is a remarkable, and heart-rending story written by a poet whose own soul permeates each page. Heather Dune Macadam, author of *Renaissance Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz*

I have read many books about wild animals in my lifetime. No book has affected me like this one. Park is so in tune with his environment. Instead of using high tech gadgets such as GPS collars and remote video cameras, Park observed the tigers of Ussuri, in the extreme southeastern edge of Siberia, from crude bunkers measuring only 2 X 2 1.8 meters, where he stayed for 2 months at a time, often in subzero temperatures. He was able to observe the tigers intimately. I was in tears much of the time reading this book. For the tigers, whose deaths were all caused directly or indirectly by humans. For the landscape. For the traditional lives of the native people. For our planet and the natural world.

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