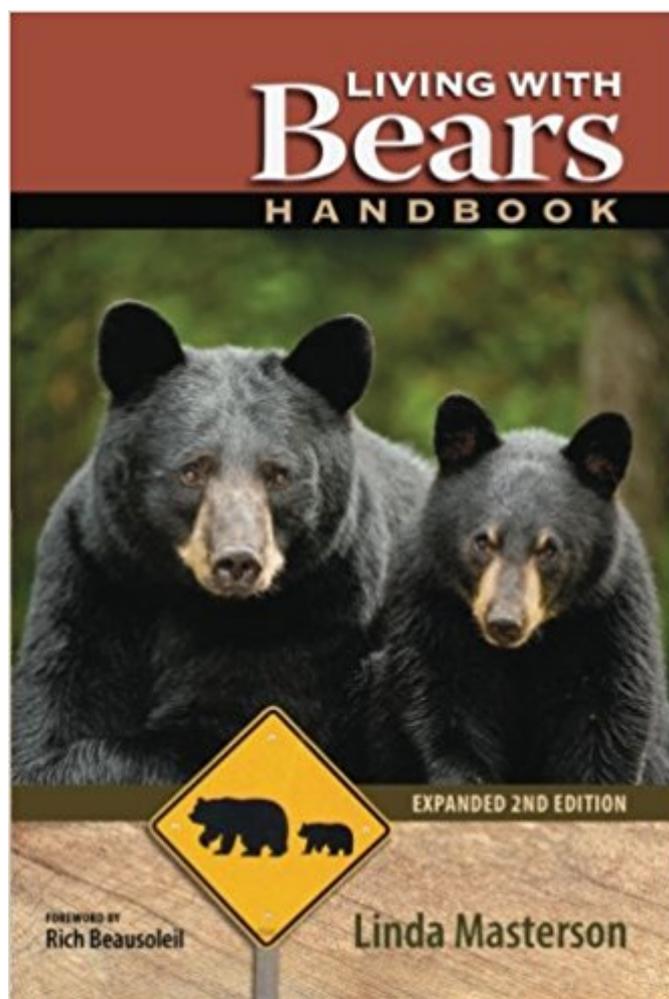


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# Living With Bears Handbook, Expanded 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

Today bears have a growing people-problem: their backyards are full of humans and people-provided food is everywhere. Discover practical solutions and real-world examples of how to prevent conflicts at home and at play so we can do a better job of sharing space with these intelligent, adaptable animals. CONTENTS - Understanding Bears and Bear Behavior - Bear-Proofing Your Home - Being Bear-Smart in the Outdoors - Attractant Management: Garbage, Bird Feeders, Fruit Trees, Chicken Coops, Gardens and more - Creating Bear-Smart Communities - Preventing Conflicts - Responding to Encounters and Attacks - A Bear Manager's World - Case Studies from the U.S. & Canada - North American Bear Populations - Lexicon of Terminology & Extensive Resources

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## Customer Reviews

Bears don't just live in national parks or remote wild areas, and as more and more of their habitat vanishes as a casualty of our developing it, they have little choice but to live in closer proximity to people. The good news? As Masterson shows in her excellent Living with Bears Handbook, it's not all that hard to share our space. Whether you are simply visiting bear country, or living with ursine neighbors, this easy to use and comprehensive guide offers many simple and practical solutions on how to coexist safely with bears. I am fortunate to have spent most of my life living in bear territory. I have black bears regularly wandering in my backyard near Yosemite, and I frequently encountered grizzly bears when I worked in Yellowstone. Yet I've never had a single negative incident, largely a

result of following many of the practices outlined in this book. Even though bear attacks are rare, learning how to avoid conflict is important for human safety. And the stakes are even higher for bears each year thousands of bears are destroyed in North America largely because of our carelessness. Use this book and you can help ensure the bear has a wild future in our increasingly human-dominated world. --Beth Pratt, California Director of the National Wildlife Federation

The best single source of information and inspiration on how to understand and live compatibly with bears. Linda Masterson writes with understanding, authority and wit and invites readers to share in her encyclopedic knowledge of bears and how to reduce human-bear conflicts. --Stephen Herrero, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science, University of Calgary, Canada

A remarkable book that will change the way you think and act in bear country. Masterson is a master writer and researcher. Her book should be on the shelves of every library and in every home by which a bear has ever strolled. --Sylvia Dolson, Executive Director, Get Bear Smart Society

Author and researcher Linda Masterson is an award-winning writer and the author of two popular books: *Living With Bears Handbook*, and *Surviving Wildfire*, a practical guidebook for homeowners born from real-world experience. Masterson has been a featured presenter at conferences and workshops, both for bears (International Association for Bear Research and Management) and wildfire (National Fire Protection Association). Her business background includes extensive experience in strategic planning, marketing and communications, including years as a creative director and senior vice president of Ketchum Communications. Linda was a member of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Bear Aware team for more than a decade, and along with her husband Cory Phillips, has hiked through more than a hundred parks and forests throughout the U.S. and Canada.

I read her previous version, which was excellent. So glad she revised and expanded; I'm sure their knowledge has increased greatly in the last ten years. She is an excellent writer. This is a "must-read" for people who live near wildlife.

read this book a few years ago and loved it...thoroughly enjoyable reading and yet very informative...since we are always where the bears are... ought as gifts

Ok so I am a little biased here. Because of my profession, I have first-hand knowledge of what happens when bears and people interact in shared spaces. I have had my heart broken when human carelessness and selfishness results in a bear having to be killed. BUT I have also seen the

great things that happen when people become educated about bears. This book is geared towards everyone who lives, works, or recreates in bear country or those just interested in bears. It addresses why bears do what they do and what we can do to make sure that bears have a place in our collective future. It is written in such a way that it can be easily understood and enjoyed by a person of any age and interest, from beginning readers to professionals. I really think that everyone should read this book. Not just because it is based on years of collective expertise, and not just because it would make my job easier, but because it is interesting and gives people all the tools and information they need to participate in making sure that bears and people can go on coexisting without conflict on this beautiful planet we share.

A must read especially if you live in Bear country. Call me biased, our community is documented in the book, the techniques work. It is a thoughtful, well written book that is informative and entertaining even if you do not live in Bear country. For those of you who do it gives you insight on how your community can CAUSE and CURE problems with bears. Yes you can peacefully "live with Bears". Great job Linda.

Spoiler Alert! If you follow the information in this book, you'll only appreciate, value, and enjoy a deeper understanding of bears and our duty to live wisely with them. Ask yourself, am I living near bears, have I ever seen a bear, do I know someone that has seen a bear? If you've arrived at this point in searching, chances are the answer is, Yes. If so, you really need to read this book, you won't regret it.

Living with Bears is a fun and interesting way to get the information you need to co-exist with bears. Linda Masterson nailed it with this entertaining and thorough resource that is a must read for anyone living, recreating, or working in bear country. Real world examples of communities struggling with how to prevent or resolve issues with these crafty and hungry critters really makes the book come alive and provides practical solutions for others struggling with some of the same issues. Living with Bears doesn't disappoint!

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