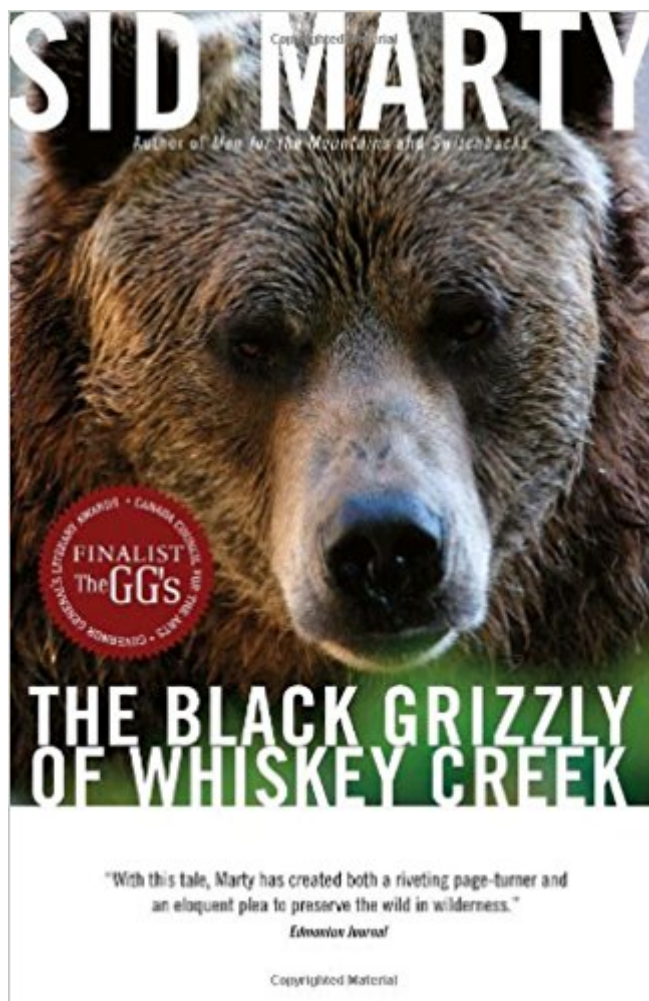


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# The Black Grizzly Of Whiskey Creek



## Synopsis

In describing the true events surrounding a series of frightening bear attacks in 1980, a bestselling nature/adventure author explores our relationship with the great grizzly. Many citizens of Banff, Alberta, valued living in a place where wildlife grazed on the front lawn; others saw wild bears as a mere roadside attraction. None were expecting the bear attacks that summer, which led to one man's death. During the massive hunt that followed, Banff was portrayed in the international media as a town under siege by a killer bear, and the tourists stayed away. The pressure was on to find and destroy the Whiskey Creek maunder, but he evaded park wardens and struck again and again. When the fight was over, the hard lessons learned led to changes that would save the lives of both bears and people in the coming years. Sid Marty's *The Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek* is an evocative and gripping story that speaks to our complex and increasingly combative relationship with the wilderness and its inhabitants. From the Hardcover edition.

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"Marty's latest, *The Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek*, is a work of poetic genius. The book combines the best of hard investigative reporting with the narrative power of the finest literary journalism. It moves along at the clip of a detective story. It's also a daring work of the imagination • much of the action unfolds from the perspective of a bear... It's as good as nature writing gets." — Terry Glavin, author of *Waiting for the Macaws and Other Stories from the Age of Extinction*  
Praise for *Switchbacks* — "Some chapters will

have your adrenalin coursing and your heart pounding; one or two others may make you weep. All of them will thrill you with the concrete vitality of landscape and language. —Globe and Mail Praise for *Men for the Mountains* —“This is a tour-de-force . . . with something vital to tell the myopic city dweller about what is happening to him in the Age of the Machine. —Farley Mowat From the Hardcover edition.

Sid Marty's work has been published in periodicals including *Equinox*, *Canadian Geographic*, *Legacy*, *Canadian Business*, and *National Geographic Traveler*. His prose and poetry have been published or reprinted in many literary periodicals, anthologies and school readers and his books about life in the mountains and prairies of Canada's west have been consistent bestsellers. Sid Marty lives and writes in grizzly bear country at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. From the Hardcover edition.

love this book

Sid Marty's approach to the "story" is intriguing. For more than half the book it is like a mystery as to who/which bear is to blame, this keeps the pages turning but also became a little irritating, if that's possible. I did enjoy the book but also had that feeling of speeding up to get to the good bit....I loved "men for the mountains" and will keep it forever, this one, not so much.

It is well written, as I find all his books. There was a lot of information about living in bear country: which we have to do in my community, so that aspect was interesting. The reason for the bear attacks that year was also well described. It was particularly poignant this year, as we have a similar situation, (different cause) with the same results!

Now I realize what a fool I was to go searching for grizzlies on my recent trip to Banff. We went out at dusk hoping to run into one. Now I am so glad we didn't!

It was a good read. It does give a different perspective that no one has given before. The author makes the reader think.

THE BOOK SELLER ALONG WITH WERE WONDERFUL; GREAT PRICE AND FAST DELIVERY, SADLY, I HAVE A NEIGHBOR WHO ENJOYS KEEPING A FEW OF MY DELIVERIES WHEN THE

UPS DUDE GOES TO THE WRONG PORCH AND LEAVES IT. AS FAR AS THE BOOK IS CONCERNED, WELL, IT'S AN OKAY READ. HE HITS THE NAIL HARDLY ENOUGH CONCERNING THE POLITICS OF THE PARKS' DEPARTMENT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. HERE'S MY EXAMPLE AS I LIVED NEAR GLACIER[APPROX. 500 YARDS]. A IDIOT TOURIST FROM CALIF. DECIDED IT WOULD BE FUN FOR HER AND HER SON TO "TEASE" A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE CINNAMON COLORED BLACK BEAR WITH FOOD. PERHAPS SHE SHOULD OF JUST PUT HONEY ON HER BUNNY AND LET THE BEAR...WELL, YOU GET THE POINT. ANYWAY, THE LIL' GUY SWATTED AT THE LADIES SON AND THEY WENT CRYING BUT SADLY, NOT ALL THE WAY HOME, NO, INSTEAD THE PARK PATROL DECIDED TO KILL THE BEAR INSTEAD OF WORKING WITH THE FISH AND GAME AND TRANSPORTING THE BRUIN TO THE BOB MARSHALL OR THE GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS IN OUR BACKYARD. THE POLITICS OF ALL GOVERMENTS USUALLY CONTAIN NO COMMON SENSE. OF COURSE, PEOPLE NEED MORE TRAINING THAN BEARS BY FAR. THE BOOK IS FULL OF A FEW FACTS BUT IS LIKE REALLY GOOD FROSTING OVER OKAY CAKE AS IT LEAVES YOU WANTING MORE ICECREAM WHEN YOUR COUSIN ATE IT ALL THE DAY BEFORE. I WISH THE BOOK HAD GOT INTO MORE MEAT AND BONES AS FAR AS THE ATTACK WAS CONCERNED EVEN DESCRIBING IN MORE SIMPLE WORDS THE SURROUNDINGS AND MORE[MUCH MORE] ON THE BEARS AS WELL AS WALKING IN THE BEARS' PADS. MUCH TO MUCH IN THE WAY OF HIGH-FALUTELY WORDS THROUGH-OUT THE BOOK AS IT COULD HAVE A PART TWO WHERE THE AUTHOR COMBINES A REAL GOOD BEAR STORY WITH FACT AND FICTION. AS FAR AS "BLACK" GRIZZLIES CONCERNED; I HAVE HUNTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED MANY A BRUIN. I HAVE SEEN BLACK BEARS FAR BIGGER THAN GRIZZLIES IN MULTIPLE COLORS. BLACK BEARS WITH MULTIPLE COLORS. WHEN A TRULY BIG BOAR STANDS ON A HILL FACING UP, HE WILL OFTEN LOOK LIKE A GRIZZ. I HAVE SEEN GRIZZLIES NEARLY AS DARK IN COLOR AS SOME OF THE ALMOST BLACK PHASED BLACK-BEARS. I HAVE WATCHED TOURISTS IN GLACIER WATCH BLOND COLORED BLACK BEARS AND TELL ME THE BRUIN IS A GRIZZ. WHO IS TO SAY THAT BLACK BEARS AND GRIZZLIES DON'T DO THE HORIZONTAL MAMBO LIKE POLAR AND ARTIC GRIZZ HAVE DONE AS THEY ARE FORCED INTO LIVING CLOSER. ANYWAY, THE BOOK IS OKAY AND GOOD TO HAVE ON THE SHELF BUT SERIOUSLY, COULD USE ALOT MORE CREATIVITY. THANKYOU TO THE BOOK-SELLERS AND . I LOVE YOU GUYS!

Sid Marty is an excellent story teller, something he has proven with several publications. In "The

Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek" he not only tells a gripping story but has the advantage of being there for the climax. He knew (or knows) many of the participants and interviewed all that he could find. Banff National Park has helped develop many of the methods used in wildlife management today, and the attempts to solve the problems associated with the Grizzly and Black Bear problems experienced in Banff in 1980 were instrumental in how bears and their management are handled today. As with many advances, however, several people were injured before those improvements were implemented. Many true accounts are less than entertaining due to the insistence of the writer to stick with "the facts, ma'am. Just the facts." Sid Marty has no such problem with this story. Highly entertaining while still being informative. Dave[...]

After reading the account by Stephen Herrero of this bear and the events surrounding its attacks in Banff and its ultimate death, I have remained intrigued and wishing I knew more details. Sid Marty has done that in his book. Herrero is a noted and respected bear biologist who reports the facts. Sid Marty has gone into the hearts and minds of those involved with this bear and has tried to describe the whole situation from both a factual and personally descriptive manner. I was very satisfied when I finished the book, as Marty had given me the insider story of what went on in the park, in the minds of the people, and even in the mind of the bear. I think he told a great story, regardless of any negative critiques on Marty's writing style. I am keeping this as one of my "forever" books on my special bookshelf.

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