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**Kevin Van Tighem : Bears: An Altitude SuperGuide (Altitude Superguides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bears: An Altitude SuperGuide (Altitude Superguides):

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the following review helpful. Outstanding, up-to-date Natural History By Steve Coburn Bears: Monarch's of the Northern Wilderness, by Wayne Lynch, is the best all-around natural history on bears; Van Tighem's book isn't quite as rich in natural history, but includes more practical information on safety in bear country, and environmental issues affecting bears. With spring black bear hunting a contentious issue in various parts of North America, so called "experts" writing for hook and bullet magazines have reassured readers that you don't have to worry about accidentally mistaking females for males, because cubs rarely leave their mother's side. Wrong. Van Tighem notes that a study near Canada's Riding Mountain National Park found that "when female black bears investigate bait stations, they usually leave their cubs behind." This book is filled with well-documented facts about bears. It's well-written, too. It doesn't read like a boring scientific paper. Van Tighem touches on a lot of politically sensitive issues affecting bears but doesn't have a shrill voice at all; instead, he let's the facts speak for themselves. Excellent book.

This unique book is an amazing collection of photographs, information and stories about one of North America's most feared species. The numerous sidebars in this SuperGuide highlight human interest items as well as the cultural and ecological relationships between bears and humans.

From the Back Cover Informative and visually exciting, this book is your complete guide to bears. Kevin Van Tighem draws from his considerable firsthand experience with bears to describe their habitat, family life and behaviour, as well as the way they are perceived in human culture and the ecological forces that make this great species' survival ever more precarious. This is a comprehensive picture of bears of all kinds, promoting a deeper understanding of these powerful yet vulnerable creatures. About the Author Kevin Van Tighem's western roots run deep: his family has lived in the Alberta foothills since 1883. Since graduating from the University of Calgary with a BSc in plant ecology, Van Tighem has studied wildlife and their habitats in various western national parks and protected areas. His explorations of elk and deer country have taken him to every western State and Province. A naturalist and hunter, he has written more than 200 articles, stories and essays on conservation and wildlife. His work has garnered many awards, including the Western Magazine Award, Outdoor Writers of Canada book and magazine awards and the Journey Award for Fiction. Van Tighem has served on the executive committees of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists and Alberta Wilderness Association. Currently, Van Tighem is Ecosystem Secretariat Manager for Jasper National Park, where he lives with his wife Gail and their three children.