

# The Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek

Sid Marty

**In describing the true events surrounding a series of brutal bear attacks, a bestselling nature/adventure author explores our relationship with the great grizzly**

In the Rockies during the summer of 1980, a failure in the berry crop and a poor garbage disposal system meant that bears, including the dangerous grizzly, were foraging closer to the small town of Banff. Many of its citizens 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 vicious and gory 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.

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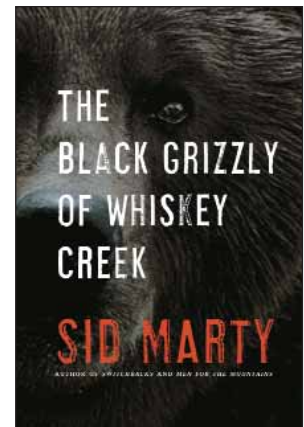
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Sid Marty's work has been published in periodicals including *National Geographic Traveler*, *Equinox*, *Canadian Geographic*, and *Legacy*. His prose and poetry have been published or reprinted in many literary periodicals, anthologies, and school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

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