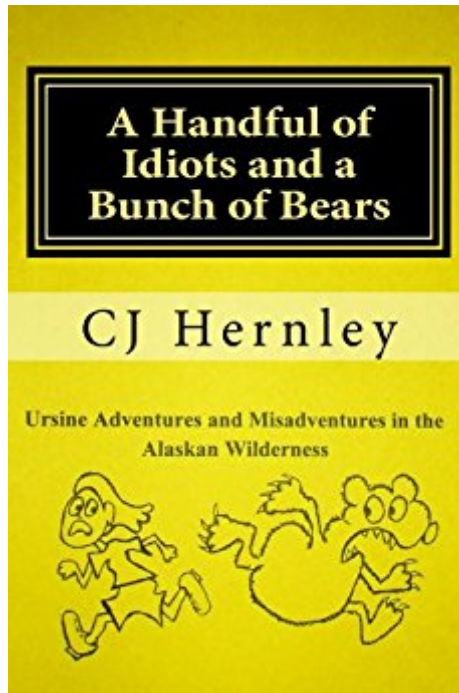


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# A Handful Of Idiots And A Bunch Of Bears (Bear Safety)



## Synopsis

This book takes a lighthearted look at bear encounters, especially when they have a happy ending. It is written with humor and deep insight into the delicate balance of interactions between bears and people, particularly when things get too close for comfort. It all takes place in the Alaskan bush, truly one of the last, great, bear strongholds left on earth. Many books about bear encounters, focus on all the things that go wrong. This book takes a different approach. First, the author and main contributor are both women. They have personally accrued over sixty years of close encounters. The premise of this book is respect and understanding of bear behavior. You will discover the subtleties in their mannerisms, and will learn appropriate responses to every possible situation. Many bears are needlessly killed each year because the people shooting them, have misinterpreted their intentions. The time has come to set the record straight, to set aside your fears, and see what bears are really all about. Sit back, put your feet up and be prepared to smile.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was an enjoyable, many times funny, document on understanding and interpreting bear behaviors. I've been wanting to figure out what to do should I run into a bear while I'm fishing.

Sometimes I fish along river banks in Alaska. I've seen their tracks, and I know they are around. However, I had no idea how to react if one approached me. This book is very helpful in providing insight in what a bear may be doing and how someone should react to various bear behaviors. It makes a lot of sense, and certainly the author has had a lot of first hand experience at this. The book also gets into how humans may cause bears to react the way they do, and it provides some advice in this area as well. It's an easy read, and I found it hard to put it down once I started reading it.

I have read nearly every bear book out there. Frank Dufresne, Stephen Herrero, the Craigheads and many more less scientific approaches. I found this book to be especially informative and very entertaining too. CJ's many years of foot travel in heavily populated bear country gives her recommendations value that is missing from most of the other books. After all my reading and parsing information through the years I think CJ's recipe for getting along with bears and surviving different types of bear encounters is spot on.

CJ Hernley is an expert on coexisting with bears. She's got experience to share, and she can tell a story that will have you wide-eyed in horror while at the same time laughing yourself sick. PLUS you get valuable info that might help you live another day if you plan to spend any time in bear country. Definitely a must-read.

CJ's (Carol) writings are informative and fun to read. I know Carol personally and always thought she was a bit crazy to purposely put herself out there as bear bait. Since I am a real chicken when it comes to being eaten, I would truly appreciate her presence and experience in bear country.

Wonderful read! It rolls along with one authentically scary (and often hilarious) story after another, all from the author's decades of Alaskan wilderness adventures. At the same time, the book is chock full of essential information about bears, useful for anybody who might ever go into bear country. Hernley writes with love and respect for the bears she knows so well. Great stuff!

Very entertaining and informative. This reads like fiction but it really happened. The writer is very knowledgeable with personal experience. Each bear encounter is a story in itself and also informative about bears. Anyone planning a trip to bear country should definitely read it And even if you're not, it still takes you there.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story of life among the bears of Alaska. As a city dweller it is hard to imagine doing and seeing the crazy things the author has done. The stories are well crafted as to make the reader feel as if they are there experiencing the bears. I really enjoyed it and learned a great deal along the way.

I read this book before doing an 8 day High Sierra hike. Good thing I did! We encountered a bear on the trail. We took CJ's advice and did the bear dance....staying pretty far away, and it worked!! I felt much more confident understanding how the bears think and act. It calmed my fears a lot. This is a must read for hikers in bear country. Besides, the book is very funny and reads quickly.

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