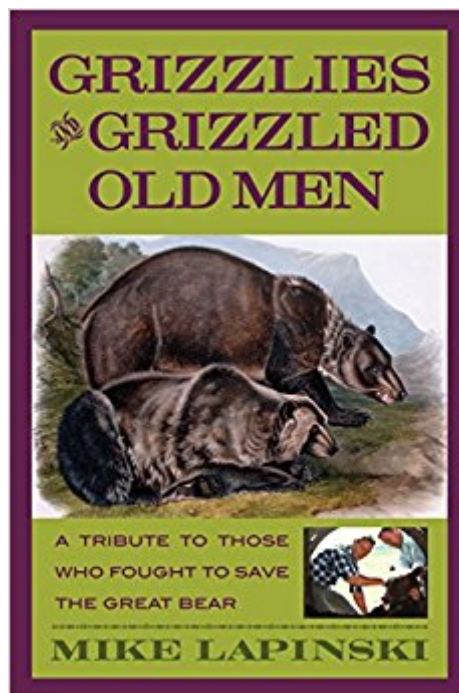




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Grizzlies And Grizzled Old Men: A Tribute To Those Who Fought To Save The Great Bear



Synopsis

Grizzlies and Grizzled Old Men is a tribute to the core of men who were largely responsible for saving the grizzly bear from extinction by questioning public opinion and policies of their day, a time before professional biologists and wildlife managers developed strategies for proper human coexistence with the grizzly. The brutal bear trapper of a century ago, Grizzly Adams, said before he died that he preferred the company of bears to men. The great bear hunter, William Wright, wrote of his grudging admiration for the grizzly that eventually compelled him to stop killing them. Other men followed, questioning the popular opinion that the only good bear was a dead bear. This book gives honor to those men and explains how and why the grizzly disappeared from the western landscape. The book begins with a brief history about how the grizzly was pushed to the verge of extinction and then each of the following chapters focuses on one of the men who promoted the plight of the grizzly bear through printed word, actions, or deeds. Lastly, the book discusses the generation of men and women who labor today to conserve the grizzly and offers the reader approaches to take up the cause.

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dedicated conservationists began preaching a radical philosophy: that the grizzly, rather than a vilified beast, was a majestic animal worthy of our respect and awe. Grizzlies and Grizzled Old Men is a tribute to eight men and one woman – including biologists, writers, and photographers – who fought the idea that the only good bear was a dead bear. Beginning with riveting accounts of how the grizzly was very nearly annihilated, this important contribution to the struggle to save the grizzly includes information about today's new breed of great bear conservationists and suggestions on how readers and wildlife enthusiasts can help ensure the bear's survival.

Mike Lapinski is an award-winning author whose eleven books include *Globe Pequot's Death in the Grizzly Maze* and *Wilderness Predators of the Rockies*. His recent nature book, *Elk Mystique*, won the Walsworth book-of-the-month award. Mike is also a contributing editor of *Bowhunter Magazine*, and other outdoor magazines. He lives with his wife Aggie most of the year in Superior, Montana, close to grizzlies and grizzly country. While the bears are hibernating, Mike and Aggie live in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, where Mike writes about jaguars, ocelots, and other wilderness animals of the Southwest.

Very interesting book.

Once again Mike Lapinski has written a book that combines adventure and education. The stories of the near destruction of grizzlies with poisons, traps, and bullets are appalling. Our gratitude to those like Theodore Roosevelt, who worked to preserve both our parks and our majestic animals. And finally, Mike Lapinski reaffirms what he has said in other books....stay far away from the bears, don't think they are cuddly friends, and you and the majestic grizzlies will both survive.

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