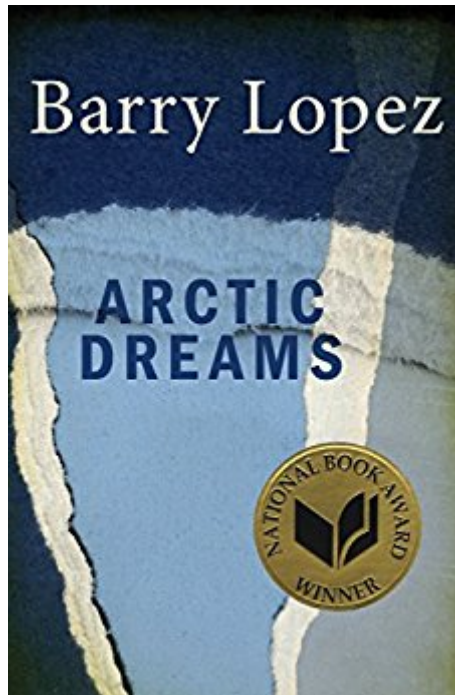




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Synopsis

This New York Times best-selling exploration of the Arctic, a National Book Award winner, is "one of the finest books ever written about the far North" (Publishers Weekly). "The nation's premier nature writer" travels to a landscape at once barren and beautiful, perilous and alluring, austere yet teeming with vibrant life, and shot through with human history (San Francisco Chronicle). The Arctic has for centuries been a destination for the most ambitious explorers "a place of dreams, fears, and awe-inspiring spectacle. This "dazzling" account by the author of *Of Wolves and Men* takes readers on a breathtaking journey into the heart of one of the world's last frontiers (The New York Times). Based on Barry Lopez's years spent traveling the Arctic regions in the company of Eskimo hunting parties and scientific expeditions alike, *Arctic Dreams* investigates the unique terrain of the human mind, thrown into relief against the vastness of the tundra and the frozen ocean. Eye-opening and profoundly moving, it is a magnificent appreciation of how wilderness challenges and inspires us. Renowned environmentalist and author of *Desert Solitaire* Edward Abbey has called *Arctic Dreams* "a splendid book." "by a man who is both a first-rate writer and an uncompromising defender of the wild country and its native inhabitants" and the *New Yorker* hails it as a "landmark" work of travel writing. A vivid, thoughtful, and atmospheric read, it has earned multiple prizes, including the National Book Award, the Christopher Medal, the Oregon Book Award, and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Barry Lopez including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's personal collection.

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Customer Reviews

Barry Lopez has put together a fascinating and pleasurable journey of the arctic. If you've ever been drawn to stories of arctic exploration or what it means to live and survive in the arctic then this is the book for you. Lopez has cobbled together a combination of stories of arctic exploration from long ago with in depth studies of certain species that survive and thrive in the arctic to give a deeply moving and interesting sense of the entire region. Lopez is a fluid and engaging writer and he masterfully paints appealing pictures that move you through a region of our planet that is underappreciated and sometimes misunderstood by most. If any of what I've mentioned sounds even remotely interesting then please do not pass up this wonderful book.

People sometimes ask me "what is your favorite book?" Or "what is the best book you have ever read?". Since first reading this book in 1999 to the present (2015), having just finished reading "Arctic Dreams" for the 3rd time, I don't even hesitate to answer. Arctic Dreams is about the North, its people, its history, its biology, its geology, its exploitation, waters, animals, plants, ice, islands, the "north pole", and everything else "north" you might think of. It sucks you in. In the end, as you step back to gain some perspective, it is about you, and me, and life, and life on earth. Another reviewer noted Lopez brings the mind of a scientist together with the pen of a poet. I concur. And I feel privileged once again to have experienced this wonderful book.

Beautifully written! Full of vivid imagery, stories and the amazing history of the land, the animals, the native people and the first arctic explorers. Fantastic read!

Anthropologists, biologists, historians, sociologists all would find a wealth of information in this book written with sensibility to the environment.

I'm glad I bought the Kindle edition of this book. There are so many pithy and/or inspirational passages in this book I've found my self going back and re-reading it a section at a time. The book is not just about the arctic, although of course it is. There are plenty of facts and historical tidbits relating to arctic climate, arctic people, arctic exploration. But at least as important is Mr Lopez's comments on the effects various cultures have on one another when they begin to blend, and the difficulties societies have trying to understand one another. I have to say, for whatever reason, it took me a couple chapters for this book to grab me. I almost quit reading it. Now I believe it is one of the more important books I've ever read.

I bought this and a slew of arctic book for my 90 year old mother who had just broken her arm. I live in the Arctic and wanted her to glimpse what life can be like here. She loved this book. She adores reading about Alaska. Barry Lopez is a consummate story teller that allows the reader to feel "first person" what he has experienced.

It is just an amazing achievement. Lopez is such a deep human being and his writing helps you understand the earth and where we fit in the universe. Just one example: When you think about polar bears, do you feel like weeping for their predicament? Maybe, but Lopez helped me understand that these creatures are sooooo intelligent that they may well find their way out of this situation and it will almost certainly be without our help. We're perhaps not smart enough or compassionate enough to help them, but we can get a lot wiser if we just observe the cyclical comings and goings of the creatures with whom we share our world. And we can see God in that ebb and flow.

Excellent book - Very well written. Good technical data written from the heart. I have been on two expeditions to the High Arctic and absolutely fell in love with the place. Barry Lopez fills in a lot of "Gaps" in my knowledge that I didn't even know existed. The High Arctic is a wonderful, magical place and Barry brings it all to life in the nicest manner. Good technical information written in such a manner that EVERYONE can enjoy and learn from it.

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