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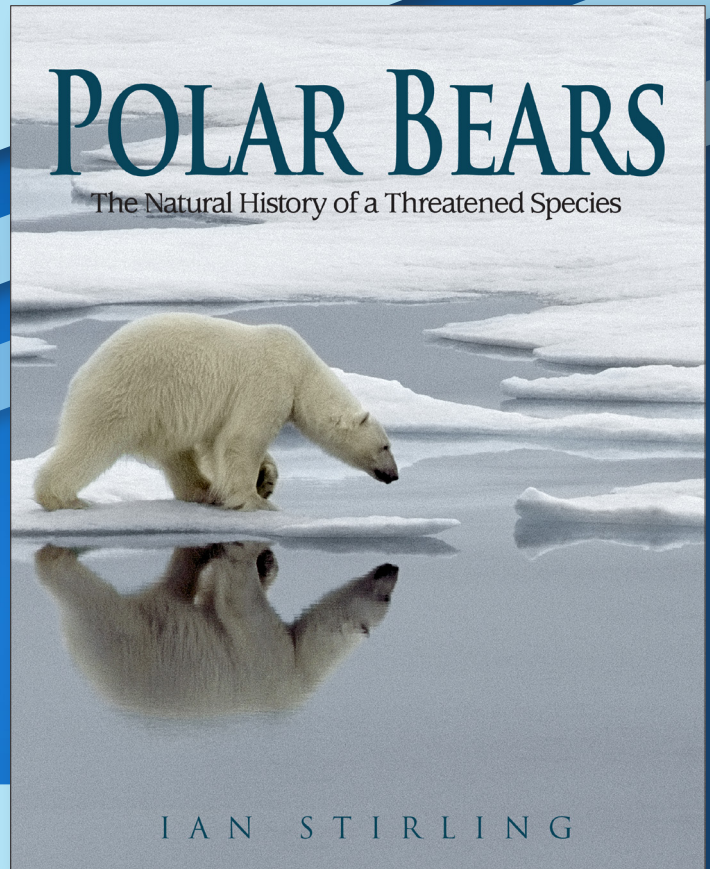
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## Polar Bears: The Natural History of a Threatened Species

Dr. Ian Stirling, the best known polar bear scientist in the world, compresses the major new discoveries of the last 40 years of research on this iconic Arctic mammal into a major, new, easily readable, and scientifically comprehensive book about the ecology and natural history of polar bears. In an accessible non-technical style, he explains how polar bears evolved, how researchers study them, aspects of their behavior, how they prey and live on various marine mammals for their very survival, how the seals and bears have evolved in response to each other, and how, specifically, they have come to be threatened by climate warming.

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As a Research Scientist with the Canadian Wildlife Service and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta, Dr. Ian Stirling has studied the behavior, population, ecology, and predator-prey relationships of polar bears for 40 years—longer than anyone else in the world.

"[N]o scientist in the world has earned more credibility for describing both the natural history of this species and the threats it faces than Ian Stirling...His new book, *Polar Bears: The Natural History of a Threatened Species*, is a landmark in the literature on this animal."

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