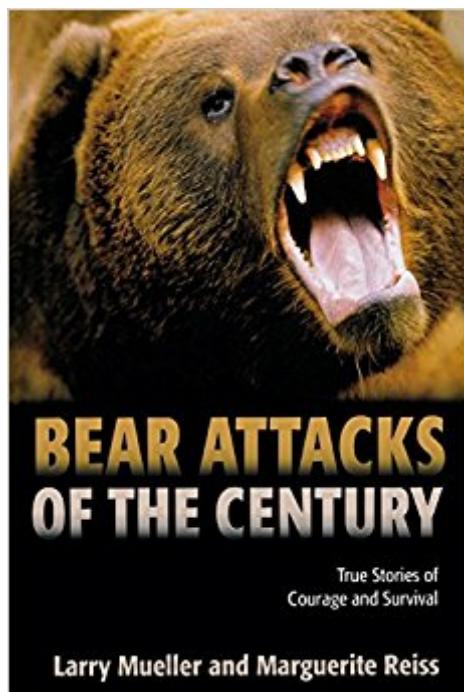


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# Bear Attacks Of The Century: True Stories Of Courage And Survival



## Synopsis

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Larry Mueller, hunting dog editor at *Outdoor Life*, has written numerous articles, as well as *Speed Train Your Own Retriever*. Marguerite Reiss is an outdoor writer who has contributed to *Reader's Digest*, *Outdoor Life*, and *Guideposts*.

Larry Mueller authors this and other historically factual books and articles, neither pulling punches nor embellishing the facts. Hikers, hunters, and the like find themselves in dangerous situations in bear country, which in most of these stories, they have been able to rise to the challenge and survive. The book was featured on the March 2015 show, "In An Instant", and Johan Otter, who was featured in that show with his daughter, Jenna, gave this book credit for some of the survival methods he employed in their near death hiking experience. They turned a corner, encountered a mother bear with her two cubs, and were viciously attacked. Mueller is known for his excellent, accurate narrations, easy-to-read yet interesting vernacular, and accurate stories of real life experiences. *Bear Attacks Of The Century* - a spell binding, difficult-to-put-down book, is certainly not for the faint of heart. Mueller, who grew up during a time when hunting was a way of life and sustenance, is also very respective of and an avid protector of wildlife. He is an excellent author and well known for bringing adventures to life and vibrancy with accuracy. If you like this book, surely you

will like, "Extreme Outdoor Adventures, Who Survives and Why!"

This book is a great read for those who travel in bear country or are simply interested in the topic. The destruction that these creatures are capable of within a small period of time is brought to light by the author by way of the accounts of the victims. It leaves the reader with a healthy respect for bears (if they didn't have it already), and a true understanding of the recent history of human and bear interaction.

I am hard pressed to imagine a more gruesome, horrifying fate than a bear attack. Such are these explicit stories of true bear encounters; however, they are also stories of unyielding courage and determination to survive against the odds. The latter portion of this book examines various scenarios, and provides knowledgeable solutions for survival when in bear territory. I found this book incredibly fascinating!!

if you like high adventure stories read this book, you'll never walk the same in the woods looking over your shoulder for sure.

Scary!

Very interesting! A wake up call for people who get their knowledge by going to the zoo!! Very exciting true stories of bear attacks, one story tells of a man that fought the beast with a Buck Knife!!

Good book to read if you're ever thinking about venturing out in the backcountry of Alaska. Just interesting read about how unpredictable the big bears are.

Very informative and described many habits and signs to watch out for if you're in the woods. Unfortunately it also describes some pretty gruesome bear attacks and how the people miraculously survived some of these brutal attacks.

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