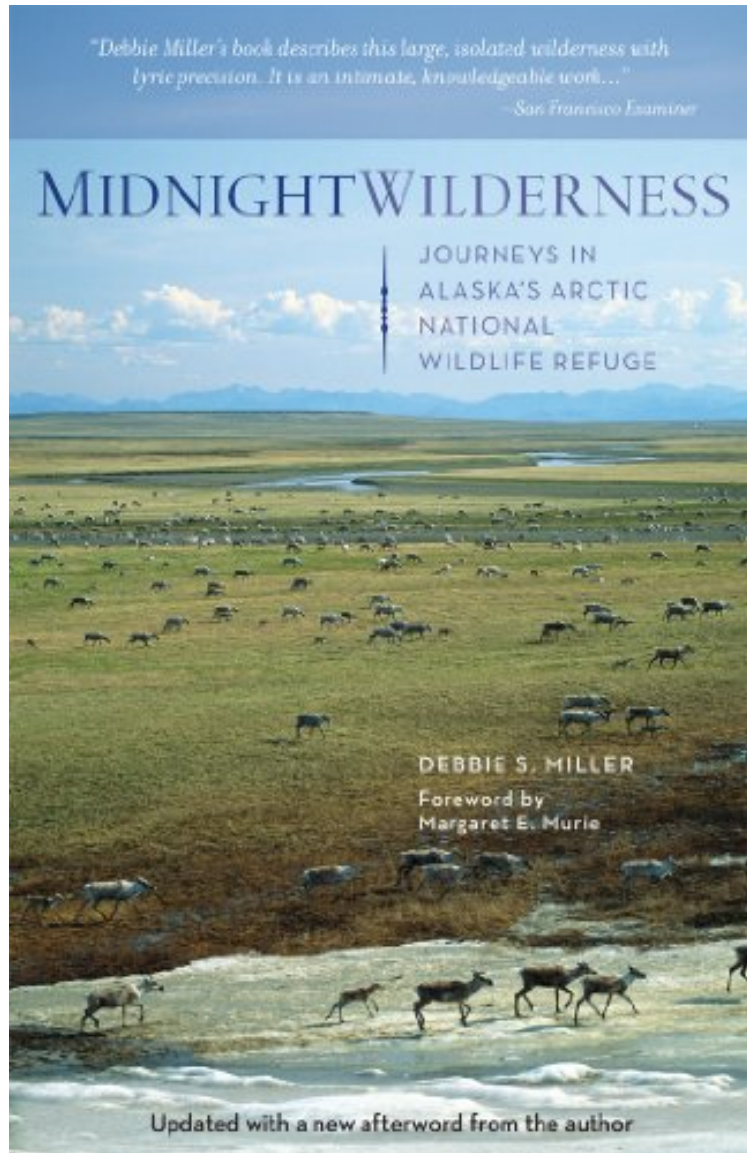


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Debbie Miller : Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

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CustomerThe book jacket states the book is a passionate and vivid account of her trips into the ANWR, and it certainly is that. Having been in many of the same places, and even flown with some of the same people, I can make an immediate connection with her book. This book is a first person account, not a naturalist documentation. Some of her trials and tribulations make for very interesting reading, and makes one glad sometimes that they did not have to trek in some of the places. Her account of some of her hiking in the rugged Romanzof mountains sent chills up my spine. A weakness perhaps is after almost each description, she states what is at risk by allowing drilling. Sometimes that gets in the way of the journey. However, the last section of the book outlines the history of the preservation attempts, and the very real dangers of oil development to such an unspoiled wilderness. This book is a personal account and not a detail as to the intricate inter-relationships among the flora and fauna, and it was not meant to be. I enjoyed the book for what it is, and that is a personal story. I wished she had described in a bit more detail her time in the arctic when the colors started to appear as fall approached. Having been along the Jago River in the 1002 lands at the height of the fall colors, it is something that cannot be imagined in advance. One can never believe such a landscape of apparent green can take on so many colors. A perfect companion book to this would be that of E. C. Pielou, A Naturalists Guide to the Arctic. With Pielou's book, one can gain a fuller understanding of the tricks of light in the arctic, and the interdependency of the animals with the plantlife. Oil company executives will not like this book. Most others will enjoy reading her accounts.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy SchwacAn amazing book, by a wonderful author. Everyone should check her out. We are looking forward to visiting Alaska sometime soon.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy James Johnstongreat!

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the first 40 pages of *Midnight Wilderness** Presents the original foreword by Margaret E. Murie* Features a new afterword by the author, providing context for the Refuge today* Includes a new map and an updated bibliographyOriginally published more than twenty years ago, *Midnight Wilderness* is a passionate and vivid account of one of Alaska's greatest natural treasures, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Author Debbie Miller draws on her years of exploring this unique, magical, and expansive territory, weaving chilling adventure, personal anecdote, wildlife observation, and Native American life into a beautiful and compelling memoir of place.Proceeds from sales of this book will benefit the Alaska Wilderness League in its ongoing efforts to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

From Publishers WeeklyMiller, a freelance writer and photographer, presents a timely plea for the preservation of the largest wilderness area in the United States, now threatened by oil and gas development. A resident of Alaska who has traveled extensively in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, she describes vividly the wonders of this magnificent 19-million-acre preserve in Alaska's northeastern corner, from its coastal plain to its mountains, glaciers and rivers. She tells the history of the establishment of this invaluable preserve in the 1950s and describes her experiences at the neighboring Prudhoe Bay oil fields, documenting the effects of oil development on a previously untouched arctic region, and concluding that such development would be devastating for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalDrawing on several years of exploration of this northernmost wildlife sanctuary, Miller interweaves personal adventure, sensitivity to the environment, anecdotes of regional history, and events pertaining to use of the area by natives. Her book is easy to read, but lacks distinguishing features. Richard Nelson's *The Island Within* (LJ 10/1/89) and Tom Walker's *Shadows on the Tundra* (LJ 12/89) are both more substantive and better-written books covering the same ground. Given the number of books on this topic, this is not a necessary purchase.- Mary J. Nickum, Fish and Wildlife Reference Svce., Bethesda, Md.Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the Author DEBBIE S. MILLER grew up near the San Francisco Bay. In 1975, she and her husband, Dennis, moved to teach in Arctic Village, Alaska, a Gwich'in Athabascan Indian village located on the southern boundary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Over the past twenty-eight years, Miller and her family have explored the refuge on many trips through all of its seasons. Miller has authored two nature books for adults, many children's books about Alaska's environment, and a number of essays and magazine articles. In 1998, she received the International Reading Association Teacher's Choice Award, and her book, *Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights*, received the 2003 John Burroughs Nature Book for Young Readers award. Her most recent book, *Big Alaska: Journey Across America's Most Amazing State*, won the 2007 Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children Award from the National Science Teachers Association. Her adult book *Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge* describes the natural and political history of the refuge through a series of wilderness adventure essays. She received the 1999 Refuge Hero Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for her writing, education, and conservation work. Miller lives near the wilderness in Fairbanks, Alaska, with Dennis and their two daughters, Robin and Casey. Debbie Miller contributed "Clinging to an Arctic Homeland" to *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land* (Braided River, 2003) and "Songs from Around the World" to *Arctic Wings: Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge* (Braided River, 2005). To learn more about her books and current work, click here.