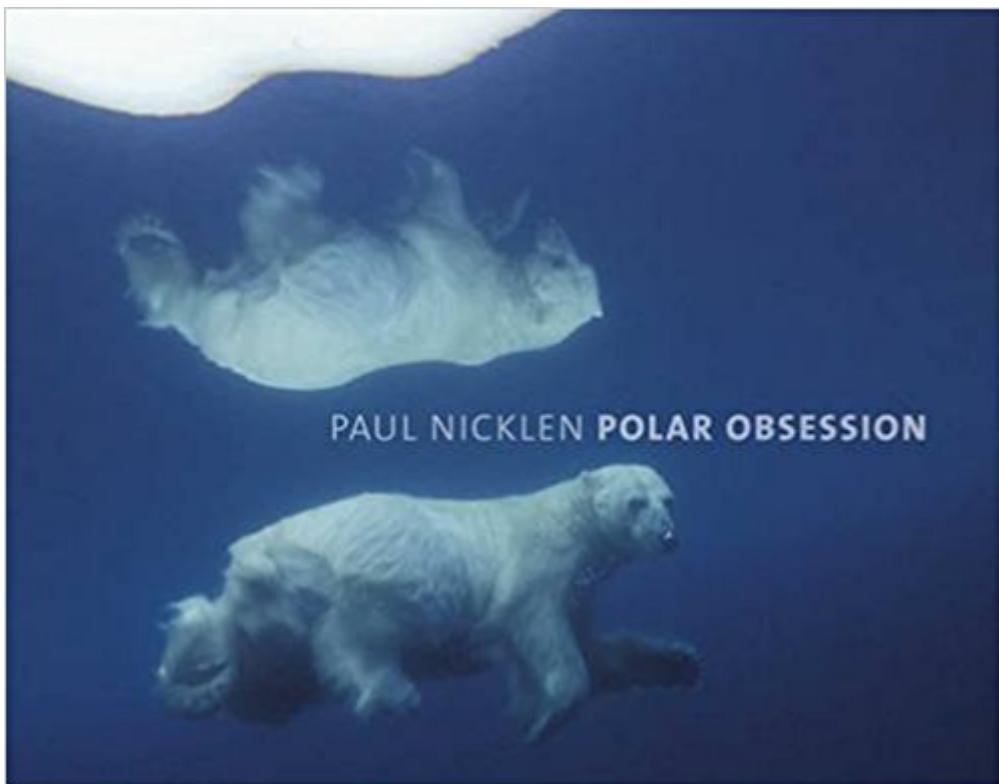


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# Polar Obsession



## Synopsis

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A large female leopard seal greets photographer GÃ¶ran EhlmÃ¶. Anvers Island, Antarctica

A young polar bear leaps between ice floes. Barents Sea, Svalbard, Norway

A kittiwake soars in front of a large iceberg. Svalbard, Norway

Narwhals dive deep under the ice to feed on Arctic cod, then return to the surface to breathe and raise their tusks high in the air. Lancaster Sound, Nunavut, Canada

Mother bear and two-year-old cub drift on glacier ice. Hudson Strait, Nunavut, Canada

A gentoo penguin chick peeks, checking for patrolling leopard seals before tempting fate. Port Lockroy, Antarctic Peninsula

A leopard seal feeds Paul Nicklen a penguin. Antarctic Peninsula

A large bull walrus returns to the shores of Prins Karl Forland after diving and feeding on clams. Svalbard, Norway

Looking towards an uncertain future, a huge male bear triggers a camera trap, taking his own picture. Leifdefjorden, Spitsbergen, Norway

In the Arctic spring, meltwater channels drain toward and down a seal hole, returning to the sea.

Paul Nicklen has been published in magazines around the world, including ten articles for National Geographic. He began his career as a wildlife biologist and took up photography fifteen years ago with the desire to bridge the gap between scientific research and public knowledge on wildlife subjects and climate change.

Binding fell apart almost immediately. Great photos.

This is a wonderful book

Beautiful and inspiring almost beyond words Paul Nicklen has produced a book that stays in the minds eye long after the first look. I no doubt will dream of seals and bears for weeks to come. Well written and photographed with a skill and passion expected of a National Geographic photographer Paul Nicklen has really done it proud. What I wouldnt give to have been there myself is the feeling you get. What more could you ask for in a book?

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Fantastic! Loved it! I enjoyed reading this book so much. I was sad when I finished it. The book has gorgeous photographs and interesting text. I particularly enjoyed the part about a leopard seal trying to feed Paul Nicklen. It was also very interesting to learn about life and survival in the polar regions.

This book has some amazing shots of some magnificent animals, mammals and birds. I bought this for my dad for Christmas because he loves National Geographic, as well as nature and wildlife. He is a long time Alaska resident and worked on the water for many years. I found him lost in this book many nights when I was home for Christmas. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who appreciates photography and wildlife. 

Paul Nicklen is one amazing man and an outstanding photographer. The book is such a superb quality item that I highly recommend it to anyone into wildlife, animals, photography, adventure or whatever gets you going. Not only does it contain loads of beautiful images but these also come with very interesting texts and explanations. I am very happy that books like these exist! Thank you Paul!

Heard the author on NPR and bought it as a Christmas present to my husband and myself. It is a beautiful coffee table book; it is quite large (approx 16x13), so it would not travel easily. The pictures are awesome! From listening to the author on NPR he tells how the pictures are taken, which is amazing! I have just started reading it and I am sure it will be well worth the read. A+ in AZ.

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