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Stephen J. Kraseman : Diary of An Arctic Year before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diary of An Arctic Year:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Nunassiaq - The Beautiful LandBy ealovittWildlife photographer, Stephen J. Krasemann begins his Arctic diary on February 9, not far from the Greenland village of Thule. It is an unusually warm day--only -40 degrees F, and on the following day the sun will slide above the horizon for the first time in 99 days.Imagine living without the sun for over three months out of the year. February 10th, the return of the sun to the High Arctic is definite cause for celebration--"Never mind that subzero temperatures will be with us until the end of May, or that the sea will still be frozen over come July."The Inuit who live in Thule call their land 'Nunassiaq,' the Beautiful Land. Krasemann captures much of that beauty in his photographs and the text of this coffee-table-sized book.The author spends the latter part of February in the Barrens of Canada's Northwest Territories, in an eighteen-wheeler hauling explosives to the goldmine in Lupin, and discusses the perils of trucking on the Arctic's 'ice roads.'John Franklin and other 19th century British explorers are prominent in the author's diary, especially when he is discussing the difficulties of surviving in the northernmost reaches of our continent.This book takes us into Alaska, following in the tracks of wildlife such as the skittish Dall sheep, Barren Ground grizzlies, great gray owls, and harbor seals. At one point in his travels with a herd of musk-oxen, his tent was mistaken for a rival in love by an angry bull, but the sound of human voices caused the musk ox to bolt without doing any harm to the author's gear.Autumn finds the author in the Aleutian Archipelago, photographing bald eagles--or more accurately, waiting for the rain to stop so that he can photograph the bald eagles--"Rain falls on Adak some 265 days out of every year, and most of the rainless

days are characterized by a pea-soup fog that rolls in from the ocean like a thick, suffocating blanket."The final season of the Arctic year is dominated by polar bears, chickadees, the Northern Lights, ravens, and the difficulty of retaining one's sanity in the long Northern winter. I only wish the author had gotten a photograph of the bull moose kicking the headlights out of an unfortunate Toyota!As with any book about the Arctic, this appealing narrative is in part an elegy for a way of life that is receding into the mists of history, as pressure to mine, drill, and hunt Nunassiaq continues to mount.

Freshly removed from shrink-wrap to determine edition, etc. A beautiful work at an excellent price due to competition.192 pages by this famous wildlife photographer.