

The Fortunate Tiger and Other Close Encounters: A Journey into the Heart of the Wild

In the realm of wildlife photography, few names carry as much weight as Mike Herd. His iconic images have graced the covers of countless magazines and books, and his work has played a pivotal role in raising awareness about the plight of endangered species. In his latest book, *The Fortunate Tiger and Other Close Encounters*, Herd shares his most captivating stories and photographs from a lifetime spent exploring the remote corners of the globe.



The Fortunate Tiger and Other Close Encounters: Selected Writings by Jim Corbett

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From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the verdant jungles of India, Herd's journey takes us into the heart of the wild, where he has had the privilege of witnessing the extraordinary behaviors of some of the world's most elusive creatures. In the company of snow leopards, tigers, elephants, and gorillas, he reveals the intricate connections that bind all

living things and the profound impact that humans are having on the natural world.

Through stunning photography and heartfelt narratives, *The Fortunate Tiger* is more than just a collection of wildlife encounters; it is a testament to the resilience and beauty of the natural world and a call to action for all of us to play a role in its preservation. Here are just a few of the extraordinary encounters that Herd recounts in his book:

The Fortunate Tiger

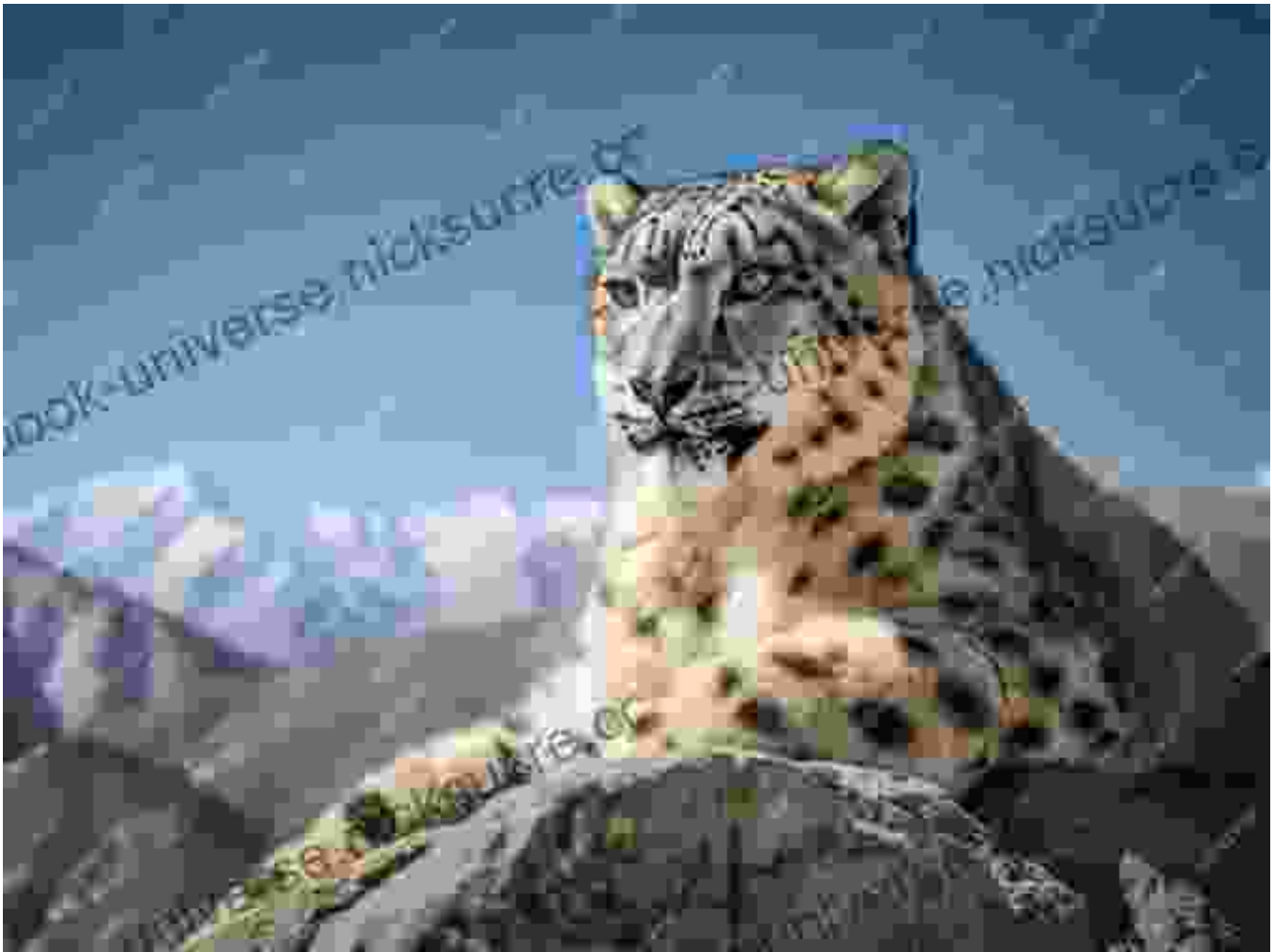
One of Herd's most memorable encounters was with a tigress known as Maya, who lived in the Ranthambore National Park in India. Maya had a reputation for being elusive and difficult to track, but Herd was fortunate enough to spend several days observing her and her cubs. He captured intimate portraits of Maya nursing her young, playing with them, and teaching them the skills they would need to survive in the wild.



The Snow Leopard's Dance

Herd's quest to photograph the elusive snow leopard took him to the remote mountain ranges of the Himalayas. After weeks of searching, he finally spotted a lone leopard resting on a rocky ledge. He spent hours observing the leopard's movements, marveling at its grace and agility. As the sun began to set, the leopard stood up and stretched, its long tail

twitching. In that moment, Herd captured a breathtaking image that perfectly captured the snow leopard's beauty and power.



Snow leopard. Photo by Mike Herd.

The Gentle Giants

Herd has also had the privilege of spending time with some of the world's largest land mammals, including elephants and gorillas. In the forests of Central Africa, he observed a group of gorillas interacting with each other. He witnessed their playful antics, their affectionate bonds, and their remarkable intelligence. In the savannas of Africa, he marveled at the sheer

size and strength of elephants, and he learned about the importance of their role in the ecosystem.



A Call to Action

Throughout *The Fortunate Tiger*, Herd weaves a powerful narrative about the interconnectedness of all living things and the profound impact that humans are having on the natural world. He shares stories of habitat loss, poaching, and climate change, and he urges readers to take action to protect the wildlife and wild places that we all depend on. He writes:

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“ "We are all part of the web of life, and what we do to the environment, we do to ourselves. We need to wake up and

realize that we are running out of time. We need to act now to protect the natural world for future generations." ”

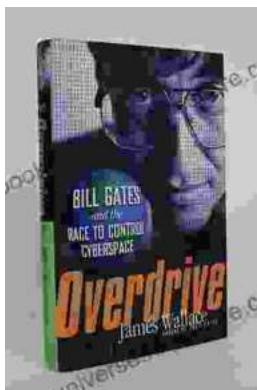
The Fortunate Tiger is a beautiful and inspiring book that is sure to captivate readers of all ages. It is a reminder of the beauty and wonder of the natural world, and it is a call to action for all of us to play a role in its preservation.



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