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New Book: IN THE LAND OF THE BEAR

Author: Denny Geurink

### **Danger and Adventure Hunting Brown Bears in Russia's Forbidding Siberia**

In the early 1990s, the USSR wanted to boost its tourism industry. Hunters and fishermen usually aren't at the head of a list of invitees anywhere, but in 1991 the Soviet Union, working with a U.S.-based travel agency, looked primarily at the spectacular hunting opportunities of Siberia and invited the author, Denny Geurink, on a moose and brown bear hunt there.

Geurink liked that first (1991) experience so much he became an outfitter in Siberia. As far as he has been able to determine, he was the first American guide/outfitter to take clients to the brown bear capital of the world. (Sixty-seven percent of the world's brown bear population is in Russia.) Russia is a game-rich country, mainly because few people are allowed to own firearms or hunt, and thus there is no resident sport hunting culture.

He and his clients hunted Siberian brown bear (the largest, most aggressive brown bears in the world) moose (among the largest-antlered in the world), plus bighorn/snow sheep, red deer, wild Russian boar (the largest in the world), with now and then a grouse or wolf hunt.

Even more, he enjoyed the Siberian people, and learning about, adapting to and working within an unfamiliar culture and existence that, he felt, must have closely resembled the U.S. Wild West of 150 years ago or more.

For nearly 25 years, until he sold his business in 2011, Geurink lived adventure with a capital A, enjoying every minute of the hunts, the people, the culture, the political discussions, the travel ... and in the process developing strong attachments to the people of Siberia and the land. He travelled there more than 50 times and continues to hunt Siberia annually.

In addition to hair-raising adventure stories of bear hunting, his book contains historical perspective of what was happening politically at that time in Russia, detailing how ordinary people lived, worked, survived ... and what they thought of Americans.

Now he's written a 310-page book about it all -- 23 chapters of bear attacks, bear hunts, rutting moose encounters, red deer stag hunts, the people, the culture, the food,

culture shock, how Russian game wardens dealt with poachers, tours of Moscow, hunter clients good and bad, the political climate, and more..

IN THE LAND OF THE BEAR is 300 pages, paperback, \$21.95. For a free catalog or to order the book call 1-262-242-3530 (Target Communications Outdoor Books), or go to the publisher's website -- [www.targetcommbooks.com](http://www.targetcommbooks.com) -- and get the information online. The book can be purchased on the website and paid through PayPal, or call 1-262-242-3530 to order by check or credit card (MC & VISA accepted) or see if a local sporting goods retailer stocks it.

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### **23 CHAPTERS OF ADVENTURE**

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| 1) Journey To The Evil Empire                    | 13) Tales From Grizzly Camp              |
| 2) Hanging Out With The KGB                      | 14) If It Weren't For Bad Luck...        |
| 3) Bears' Natural History                        | 15) Bear Stalks U.S. Astronaut           |
| 4) Bear Attacks                                  | 16) Excitement In Camp                   |
| 5) The People                                    | 17) Big Stags On The Black Sea           |
| 6) The Food                                      | 18) Lady And The Bull                    |
| 7) The Culture                                   | 19) The Capercaillie Two-Step            |
| 8) Surrounded By Bears!                          | 20) Encounter With Rut-Crazed Bull Moose |
| 9) A Lesson On Fear                              | 21) Bear Charges Snowmobile              |
| 10) Encounter With The WWF                       | 22) More Tales Of Bear Attacks           |
| 11) Hunter Taken To Police Station               | 23) They're All Heart...And More         |
| 12) The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly (hunter types) |  |

### **DENNIS GEURINK**

Michigan native Denny Geurink has been a teacher (now retired) and for several years the Midwest Regional Editor of *Field & Stream* magazine. He wrote a newspaper weekly outdoor column for nearly 40 years. He guided/outfitted in Siberia from 1992 through 2011, when he sold his outfitting business.