Bear Portraits by Jill Greenberg

A top celebrity portrait photographer, Jill Greenberg has a unique ability to coax powerful emotions out of her subjects - whether human or animal. Her portraits of bears, collected here for the first time, surprise and engage. We encounter cubs as cute as a child's Teddy, grizzlies that look like they might swallow you whole, and Polar bears seated in Sphinx-like tranquility. Full-grown brown bears, grizzlies, black bears, Polar bears, and bear cubs are photographed on location against a portrait backdrop. The poses and facial expressions are at turns oddly comedic, pensive, terrifying, and sometimes unexpectedly human. Alive with Greenberg's signature lighting and seen through the unique perspective of her lens, these startling bear portraits bring us face to face with our fears and fantasies.
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My Personal Review:
There's no question that the pictures in this book are odd looking. At first, we thought they were stuffed bear pictures. It turns out they are real, live bears (tame) but the pictures were taken with artificial lighting and backdrops.

The photographer has lots of celebrity quotes for amusement and quite a few different kinds of bears. Their biographies are in the back - very interesting stuff.

Mostly, though, you'll want to flip through the pictures, which are just amazing. If you're a fan of bears, you'll probably enjoy this.

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