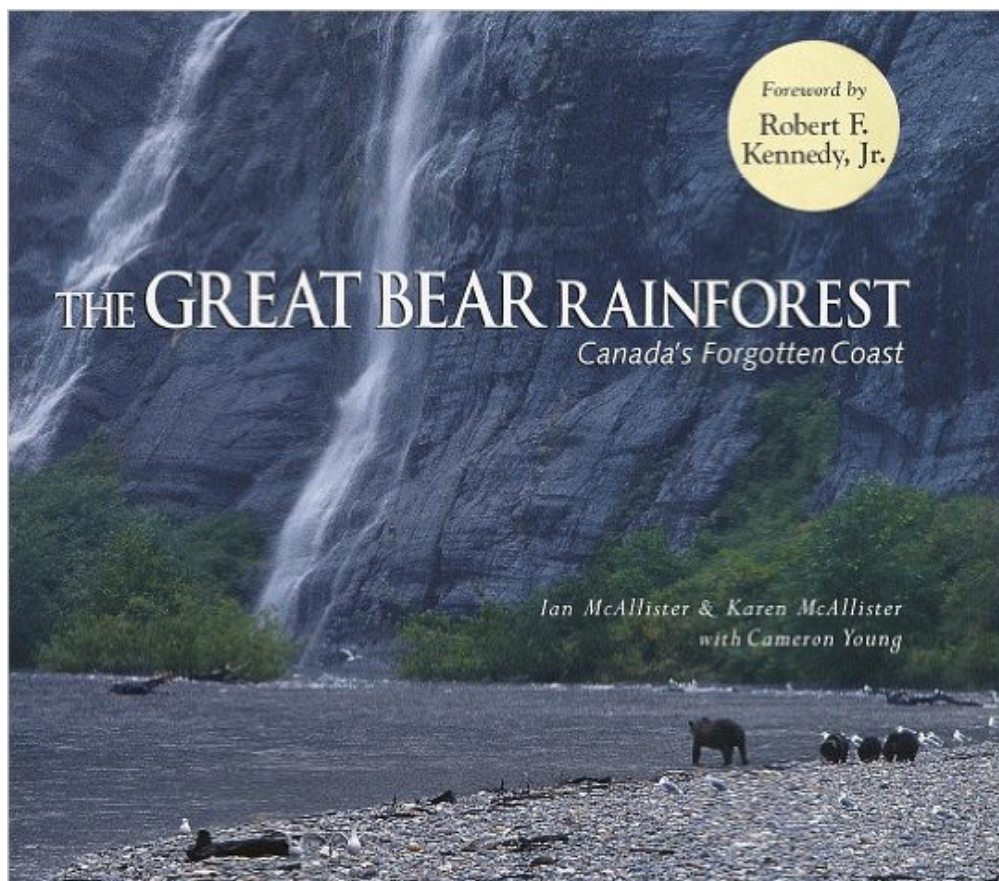


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# The Great Bear Rainforest: Canada's Forgotten Coast



## Synopsis

Between Vancouver Island and Alaska, the mainland British Columbia coast winds through 250 miles of forested islands and inlets that remain a wild ecosystem with more than 230 bird species, more than 60 mammals, and thousands of insect and plant species. It is home to as many as 3,000 grizzly bears, one of the largest concentrations in North America, as well as the rare white spirit bear. But now, clearcut logging threatens this last remaining coastal rainforest. Ian and Karen McAllister spent seven years photographing and mapping this forgotten coast in an effort to focus attention on its preservation. In *The Great Bear Rainforest*, 150 remarkable color photographs, including some of the most extraordinary images of wild bears ever published, are matched with an informative and personal text by the McAllisters and environmentalist Cameron Young to present a complete picture of this unique place.

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For years, I had always heard snippets here and there about the Great Bear Rainforest of Northwestern British Columbia, supposedly even more beautiful, wild, untamed, and much larger than other gorgeous temperate rainforest locales like Olympic National Park in Washington. But I didn't really know much about it. Where exactly was it? What does it look like? Is any of it protected in province or federal park land? And many more questions. Then, years later, I stumbled upon this book. WOW. That about sums it up. This is an amazing book about a place of transcendent, almost ethereal beauty. This book is an enchanting mix of imminently readable and interesting text and absolutely stunning photographs. It almost makes you feel like you are there, immersed in this

incredible rain drenched emerald cathedral of trees. The Great Bear Rainforest is located on the British Columbia coast. It starts a few miles north of Lund and extends all the way north in Canada to the BC's northernmost limit, around Port Rupert, and extends only a few miles inland. It is home to the largest remaining contiguous temperate rain forest anywhere in the world. You probably already know this, but a temperate rain forest is much different than a tropical rain forest because of climate. Temperate rain forests are cool and moist, whereas tropical ones are hot and moist. Anyway, enough of the obvious. What I really like about this book is that it isn't a condescending piece of fluff, and it gave me *\*exactly\** what I wanted from it. Even though it's not easily readable, it is no fluff piece that waxes prettily poetic but doesn't really tell you anything. It takes you on an incredibly detailed tour of nearly every major rain forest valley in the Great Bear Rainforest.

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