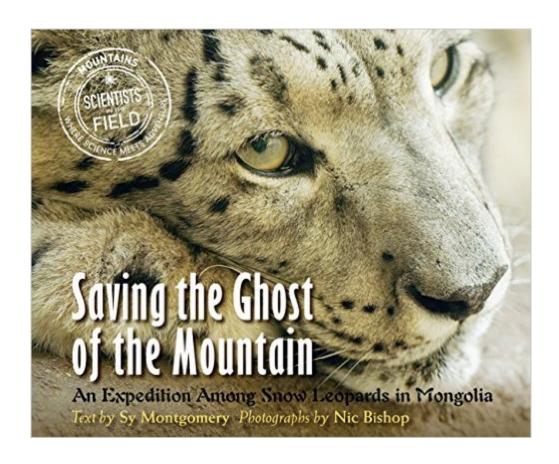
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# Saving The Ghost Of The Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards In Mongolia (Scientists In The Field Series)





# **Synopsis**

School Library Journal Best Book of 2009A NSTA/CBS Outstanding Science Trade Book for 20102009 Booklists's editors' list of the Top 10 Environmental Titles for Youth With a dazzling as-it-happens narrative and spectacular photographs, readers, young and old, will be fascinated as they discover why these mysterious cats are called ghosts of the mountain. Readers will also be stunned by how much perseverance it takes to research and protect this endangered, little-understood species. Â

#### **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop have produced a beautiful book about an expedition with scientists who study and protect snow leopards in Mongolia. Nic Bishop's photographs take us along on the expedition. They capture the generous nature of the people and Mongolia's vast sense of scale -- a scale that makes you realize that there are very few snow leopards out there. Sy Montgomery's text drives the story. It brings out the excitement, the suspense, the frustrations, the challenges, and the perseverance of the scientists. Much of scientific research is like chasing a ghost -- elusive. This is well reflected in this outstanding and highly recommended book.

This is a travelogue of a Western biologist and conservationist in Mongolia trying to track highly elusive and rare snow leopards. Despite its target age of 4-8th graders and the arresting cover image, there are very very few images of snow leopards in this book - either a 3/4 image of the head and shoulder, or a small snapshot of the researcher with a tranquilized leopard. The focus is on the research process, people, culture, terrain. The back cover of the book is much more a reflection of the focus. So, it was a bit disappointing for my 2nd grade child who adores this animal. The reality is, snow leopards are rare and hard to track. The book reflects this. It's a reality check. But if you are seeking a picture book of snow leopards so you can really see what they look like, their proportions, what their cubs look like, how they hunt or feed or socialize... this is not your book. I checked out http://www..com/Explore-My-World-Snow-Leopards/dp/1426317034/ref=lh\_ni\_t?ie=UTF8&psc=1&s mid=ATVPDKIKX0DER which has many more photos and more of an overview of snow leopards in general... but much less challenging text and not as much of a conservation message.

This is an interesting story about the scientist who collected samples of the scats that the snow leopard left behind as well as putting radio collars of 3 or 4 cats. It was hard for him and the group to see the cats up in the mountains for their spotted fur coats blend right with the rocky surroundings and they do not move. It is interesting how the locals live and their housing and cooking and their way of life.

I love snow leopards so when i saw this book i just had to read it! This book will change everyone that reads it, so in the end they too, will love snow leopards! Its about a scientist and his journey to save snowleopards with the help of his friends, family, and villagers around the world! This book is a must read!

I loved the photograpy but wish they had been able to see a snow leopard in the wild on that particular excursion. I liked the cultural information and photos of Mongolia and the people that live there.

This is an beautifully made book with gorgeous photos of the snow leopards. A must for children and adults who like to learn about these rare animals in their natural habitat.

i bought this book for my niece, she is 10. I read it before giving it to her. Loved it. Easy read and most informative. I know she will love it.

The story of a ghost but olso a story about people around him that spend their life to protect the snow leopard.

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