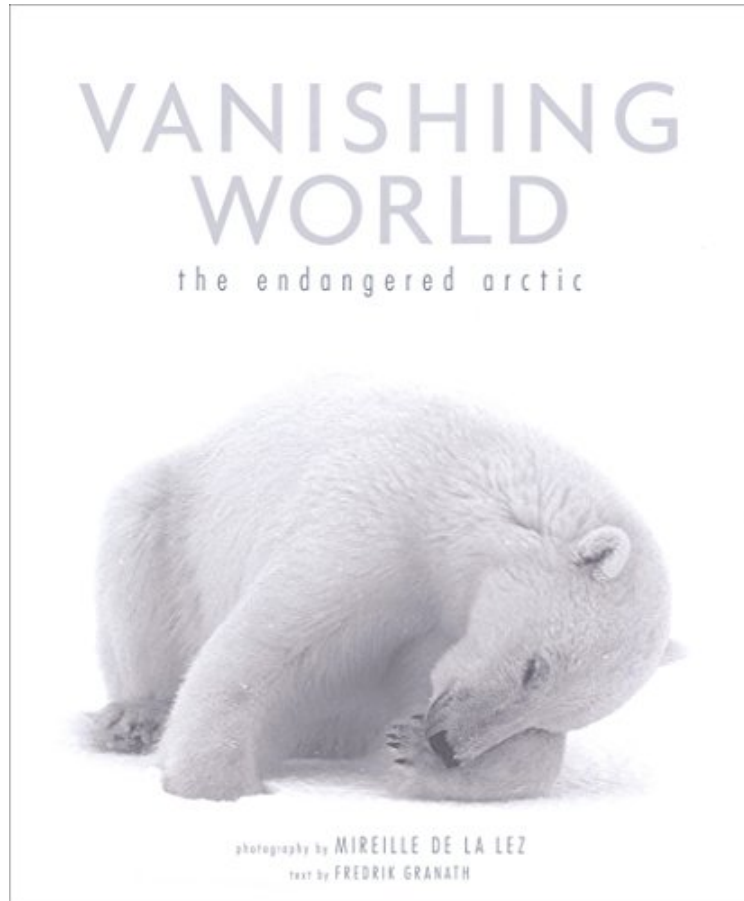


Vanishing World: The Endangered Arctic

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sense of discovery. Exploration of new environments doesn't come with instant answers. Toward the end of the book there are a few more pages of text, one section dedicated to the environmental issues that face the arctic which seemed a little unsatisfactory. It abruptly loses the poetic feel of the earlier text and takes on a academic voice. It didn't seem to fit, although the photos that follow are made poignant by these pages, especially the photo of the free swimming polar bear. The final section is a few pages about the author and photographer which are great. There is some talk of equipment, some anecdotes, so philosophizing about isolation, but it was all welcome. I am amazed at their project, they have put together a wonderful book here. Truly beautiful.

Published to coincide with the International Polar Year, *Vanishing World* is an unprecedented visual record of life in the Arctic. Five years in the making, this book is both a celebration of the wildlife that inhabits this harsh and unforgiving climate and a cautionary tale of global warming. Rising temperatures have put areas such as the Arctic at risk and the livelihoods of the animals that live there are increasingly threatened. Set against a dramatic landscape of ice floes and ragged mountains, readers will see the polar bears, foxes, seals, walruses, and reindeers who now struggle to live in this vulnerable climate. Images of a polar bear mother as she takes her newborns out for their first hunt, a seal pup only hours old, the spectacle of the polar night, and the majesty of the glaciers and pack ice are a reminder of what is at risk. Mireille de la Lez's stunning photographs are accompanied by text that explains the precarious nature of life in this dramatic climate. No one who sees the images of this vanishing world will be unmoved.

About the Author Nature photographer Mireille de la Lez and cowriter Fredrik Granath have spent years working in the high Arctic and specialize in photography and films of the polar regions. They live in Stockholm, Sweden.