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Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Seasons of Life and Land

The coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge provides early-forming snowdrifts for polar bears to den. It is host to more than 160 resident and migratory bird species that journey from six continents and all fifty states to feed on the abundance of mosquitoes and grasses, and nest and rear their young. Massive herds of porcupine caribou converge on the coastal plain to calve each spring. The coastal plain is the biological heart of the Refuge; the Refuge is our own American "Serengeti."

Through images and stories, Subhankar Banerjee tells of his 4000-mile trip with Inupiat guide Robert Thompson—on foot, raft, kayak, and snowmobile to produce the first comprehensive photographic portrait of the Refuge in all four seasons. He devoted fourteen months in the field over two years documenting the landscape, its wild species, and its Native people who have coexisted in harmony with the landscape for over 10,000 years. Banerjee will also share his perspective on the political debate raging over the drilling of oil in the Arctic Refuge.

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