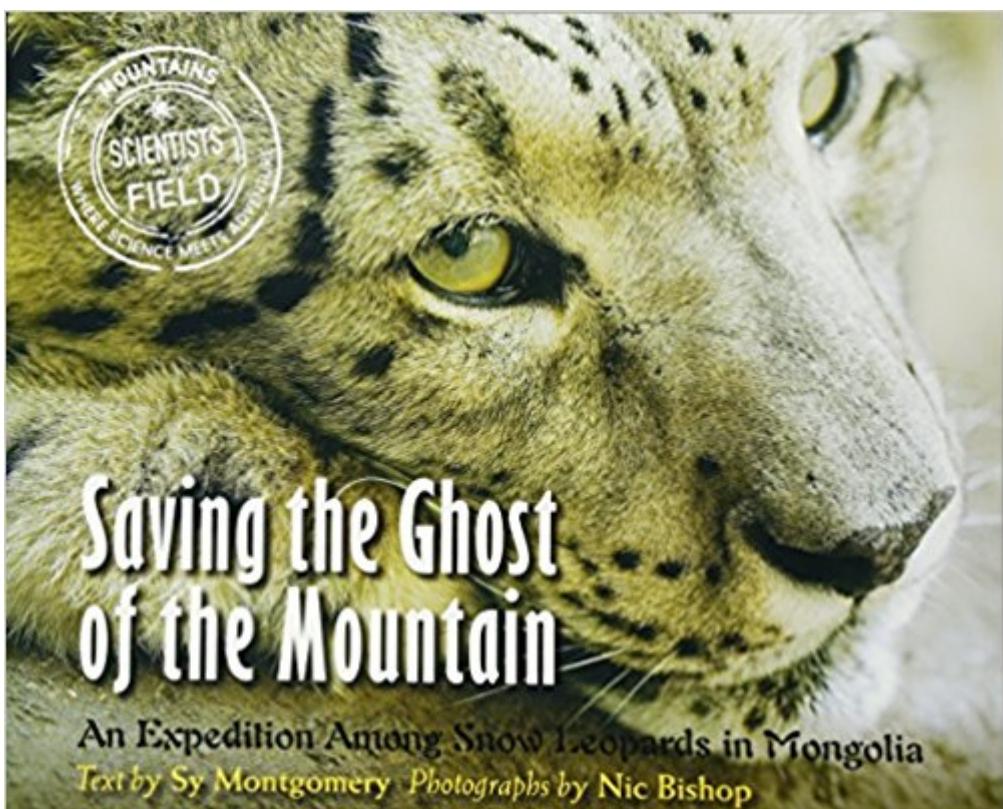


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# Saving The Ghost Of The Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards In Mongolia (Scientists In The Field Series)



## Synopsis

School Library Journal Best Book of 2009 NSTA/CBSA 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

Starred Review. Grade 4â "8â "Reading this book is an extraordinary experience. It has an elegant layout featuring ornamental lettering, watermarks, and gorgeous photos; were it not for the delightfully exuberant text, it would be a stately coffee table book. But kids will giggle about the central role of scat or, as Montgomery often writes, "poo," in the research of snow leopards' habits. Children will be swept up in the buoyant account of the journey through Mongolia led by Tom McCarthy, conservation director of the Snow Leopard Trust, in search of the elusive cat known as the "ghost of the mountain." He has devoted much of his life to studying these animals and persuading their human neighbors of the importance of their survival. Montgomery's enthusiasm

translates well to the page and will have readers cheering for the entourage as they attempt to spot a snow leopard. This slender book abounds with information, including stories of McCarthy's rare, powerful past encounters with the cat, as well as zoological and cultural sidebars. Bishop's trademark stunning photography fills out the book with breathtaking views of the extreme environs of Central Asia and warm portraits of the charming people who live there. Author's and photographer's notes aren't typically as engaging as the main text, but the reflections of Montgomery and Bishop on their experiences with McCarthy's crew are eloquent, integral parts of the book. A great way to learn about a spectacular animal and its habitat. "Alyson Low, Fayetteville Public Library, AR END --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nic Bishop, who holds a doctorate in the biological sciences, is the photographer of many acclaimed books for children. He lives in Auckland, New Zealand. Visit his website at: [nicbishop.com](http://nicbishop.com) Researching films, articles, and 22 books, Sy Montgomery has hiked the Altai Mountains of Mongolia looking for snow leopards, tracked tree kangaroos in Papua New Guinea, and more. A National Book Award finalist, she has also been honored with a Sibert Medal, two Science Book and Film prizes from the National Association for the Advancement of Science, three honorary degrees, and many other awards. She lives in Hancock, New Hampshire. Visit her website at [symontgomery.com](http://symontgomery.com) and on Twitter @SyTheAuthor. Â Â

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](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.

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.

on snow leopards, one of the rarest animals these days. My sons really enjoyed this book and I did, too!

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.

Purchased for my 8 year old. Great book, but not for an 8 year old. Not kid friendly.

Gorgeous photographs. Very interesting and well written.

Wonderful book. Loved it. Great Christmas gift.

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