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The Aztecs called them *mitzli*. The Apache called them *yutin*. Others call them cougars, Florida panthers, or puma. Call them what you will, North America's largest cats are celebrated in this beautiful book, simply entitled *Mountain Lion*. Rebecca L. Grambo has written a highly readable guide to these felines, with information on their habits, their habitats, and their interactions with humans. What make this book special, however, are the pages of stunning photographs. Nature photographer Daniel J. Cox spent more than 10 years observing mountain lions and snapped these remarkable images of the animals in their native habitats. The fact that most of the pictures are of "captive-bred mountain lions under controlled conditions" (sort of a feline fashion shoot?) doesn't detract from their beauty. Cox presents amazing photos of newborn cubs taking their first breaths and older cubs, fluffy and spotted, at play. Even more impressive are the gorgeous, clear shots of mature cats roaming their territory, hunting prey, and simply resting. Cox has certainly managed to capture what he calls the "elegant fluidity" of these magnificent animals. Any nature lover would be thrilled with this beautiful and informative book. --C.B. Delaney

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The cougar, puma, mountain lion (or any number of other names) is considered extirpated from the eastern United States. An endangered population of a (debatable) subspecies, the Florida panther, numbers about 50 individuals. However, in the West, cougars are encountering humans more often, and their numbers are estimated to be strong. Unfortunately, as a result of increased contact, more humans (nine) have died from cougar attacks in the last 25 years than in the previous 100. Hence the timely publication of these two titles and others (e.g., Karen McCalls Cougar: Ghost of the Rockies, LJ 11/15/92). In *Mountain Lion*, wildlife photographer Coxs collection of outstanding color photos features cougars in action, in repose, at play, with their young, on the hunt, and more, as well as views of the rugged terrain that supports the great cats. Grambos text offers a concise natural history, comments on human encounters and future concerns, and a brief bibliography. *Shadow Cat* is an anthology of 20 essays on the American mountain lion by such noted writers as Rick Bass, David Quammen, and Terry Tempest Williams covering natural history, human encounters, hunting issues, and predator politics. This nicely balanced collection covers the issues from more than one perspective. Both titles are recommended for public libraries and natural history collections. Nancy J. Moeckel, Miami Univ. Libs, Oxford, OH

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