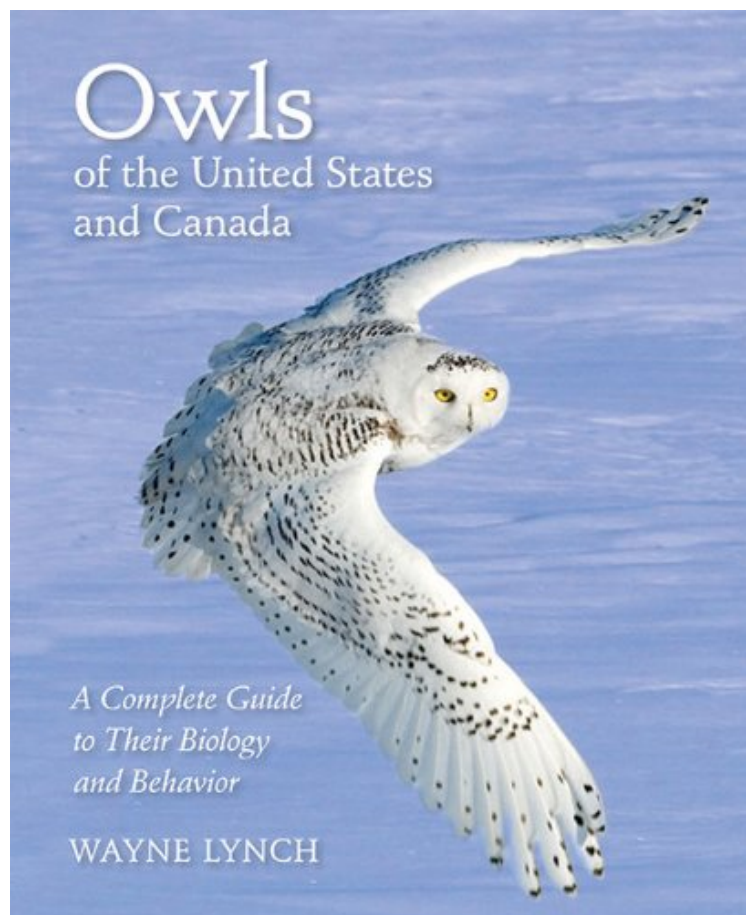


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A TRUE LABOR OF LOVE...By Franz N. I.This is a truly outstanding work with absolutely spectacular photography! The author plainly and ably contributed to our knowledge of these captivating and spellbindingly night-loving birds. It begins with its anatomy, explores the owls handicap in its chosen and challenging environment, but clearly expounding on its remarkably large eyes as compared to their body size, plus their remarkable hearing capability. One misconception debunked is that owls have superior vision compared to humans. This is simply not true. Owls and humans have relatively little difference in terms of night vision but the big difference is that owls have enhanced their sensory abilities and superior spatial memories two to

three times that of humans. Hunting techniques, their haunts and hideaways, house hunting, asynchronous hatching, the difference of the roamers and the homebodies, sexual dimorphism and many others are clearly and expertly delineated and expounded on. Some of the photos are so plainly difficult to catch on film...and to observe their far away habits and way of life is indeed a labor of love and patience. The book shows how these raptors have the courage and determination to survive their sometimes harsh and bleak environment which required fortitude and sometimes incredible courage. In the twilight and darkness of the world in which they invariably operate, it will grab the reader's attention to these raptors' remarkable biology and behavior. This is rightly a landmark book on these fascinating, mystical and astonishing nocturnal birds of prey!5 out of 50 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If I could have only one book on owls this is it!By CustomerWhat an amazing book. I check out many owl books from my local university and this was by far the best one I found. It enjoyed it so much I bought it. It is very well written and informative. It also has a lot of amazing pictures. The author/photographer has tremendous skill and knowledge of these mysterious birds. I recommend this to everyone who loves owls and wants to get to know them better.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book.By karen mayesI purchased this for my 9 year old nephew, who loves owls. The book is of high quality, with beautiful pictures and detailed information about owls. It will be appropriate for my nephew for many years as it is an adult book that he can "grow into" as his reading improves.

Celebrated natural history writer and wildlife photographer Wayne Lynch reveals the secrets of the elusive species with anecdotes, accessible science, and photographs. Unlike most published owl photos, the majority of these were taken in the wild a product of the author-photographers knowledge and patience. These photos are complimented by facts about anatomy, habitat, diet, and family life. For each of nineteen species inhabiting Canada and the United States, he provides a range map and a discussion of its distribution, population size, and status. Lynch debunks myths about owls supernatural powers of sight and hearing, discusses courtship rituals, and offers personal tips for finding owls in the wild.

Never before has one book revealed so many secrets about what is perhaps North Americas most elusive winged predator. With a text that brims with information on anatomy, habitat, diet and social life supplemented by a breathtaking array of photos of owls in flight or alighted the book is the life work of a doctor who gave up medicine so he could pursue his private fascination. (The Globe and Mail 2007-12-08)In addition to a great eye for an image, Lynch has a scientists mind for detail and a love for the natural world that permeates all of his writing. it might appear that this is just another coffee-table book with great photographs of owls, but its so much more than that. this is simply an excellent book. (Richard J. Cannings Discovery, Vol.37, No.1 2008-03-21)There is no group of birds more mysterious and fascinating than owls. They have become the stuff of lore and legend from the Roman myth that an owl foot could reveal secrets to the First Nations belief that an owl feather could give a newborn better night vision. But the truth about owls is much more exciting. In this gorgeous book, celebrated natural history writer and wildlife photographer Wayne Lynch reveals the secrets of these elusive species with stunning photographs, personal anecdotes, and accessible science. The photos alone are masterpieces. Unlike most published owl photos, the majority of these were taken in the wild a product of the author-photographers incredible knowledge and patience. Lynch complements the photos with facts about anatomy, habitat, diet, and family life. For each of nineteen species inhabiting Canada and the United States, he provides a range map and a brief discussion of its distribution, population size, and status. Lynch debunks myths about owls supernatural powers of sight and hearing, discusses courtship rituals, and offers personal tips for finding them in the wild. From the great horned to the tiny elf owl, this amazing volume captures the beauty and mystery of these charismatic birds of prey.About the AuthorWayne Lynch is the author of numerous award-winning books and television documentaries. One of Canadas most widely published photographers, his books include Wild Birds across the Prairies, Mountain Bears, and Penguins of the World. He lives in Calgary.