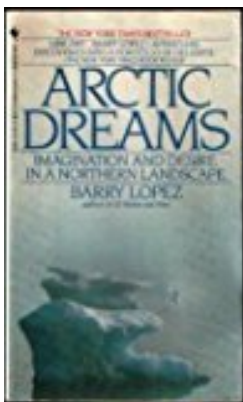


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its inhabitants--narwhals, polar bears, beluga whales, musk oxen, and caribou among them--Lopez draws powerful lessons from the land and imparts them assuredly and gracefully. *Arctic Dreams* deservedly won a National Book Award in 1986 when it was first published. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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