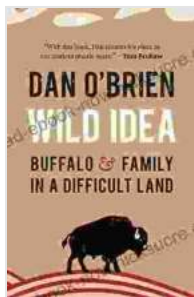


Buffalo and Family: Surviving in a Difficult Land

The American bison, or buffalo, is a large, hooved mammal native to North America. Bison once roamed the Great Plains in vast herds, but their numbers were decimated by hunting and habitat loss in the 19th century. Today, bison are a symbol of the American West and are protected in national parks and wildlife refuges.



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Bison are social animals that live in herds of up to 1,000 individuals. Herds are led by a dominant bull, who is responsible for protecting the herd from predators and other threats. Bison are herbivores that eat grasses, sedges, and other plants. They are well-adapted to the harsh conditions of the Great Plains, where food and water can be scarce.

Bison are pregnant for about nine months and give birth to a single calf. Calves are born in the spring and are able to walk and nurse within a few hours. They stay with their mothers for about a year, learning how to survive in the wild.

Bison are an important part of the ecosystem of the Great Plains. They help to keep grasslands healthy by grazing and fertilizing the soil. Bison also provide food and shelter for other animals, such as wolves, coyotes, and birds.

Bison have faced many challenges over the centuries, including hunting, habitat loss, and disease. However, they have also shown a remarkable ability to adapt and survive. Today, bison are once again thriving in the Great Plains, thanks to the efforts of conservationists and landowners.

Buffalo Family

Bison live in family groups called herds. Herds are typically made up of related females, their young, and one or more adult males. The dominant male, or bull, is responsible for leading the herd and protecting it from predators.

Cows and calves form the core of the herd. Cows are pregnant for about nine months and give birth to a single calf each year. Calves are born in the spring and are able to walk and nurse within a few hours. They stay with their mothers for about a year, learning how to survive in the wild.

Bulls join the herd during the breeding season, which runs from July to September. Bulls compete for the attention of cows by roaring, pawing the

ground, and charging at each other. The dominant bull mates with the most cows and sires the most calves.

Bison herds are very social animals. They spend their days grazing, resting, and playing. Bison also have a strong sense of family and loyalty. They will defend their herd members from predators and other threats.

Buffalo in a Difficult Land

The Great Plains is a harsh and unforgiving environment. Bison have adapted to survive in this difficult land by developing a number of unique physical and behavioral characteristics.

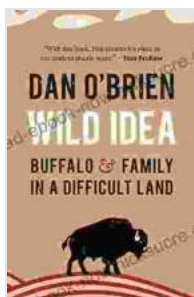
Bison have a thick, shaggy coat that insulates them from the cold and wind. They also have a large hump on their shoulders that stores fat for energy. Bison are also able to travel long distances in search of food and water.

Bison are also very social animals. They live in herds that help to protect them from predators and other threats. Bison also share food and water with each other, which helps them to survive in harsh conditions.

Despite their adaptations, bison still face a number of challenges in the Great Plains. Hunting, habitat loss, and disease continue to threaten their survival. However, bison are a resilient species that has shown a remarkable ability to adapt and survive. With the help of conservationists and landowners, bison are once again thriving in the Great Plains.

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