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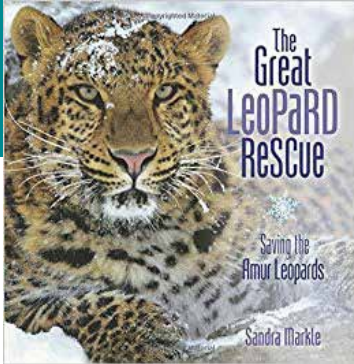
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Book Review

The Great Leopard Rescue: Saving the Amur Leopards

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Excellent

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With only fifty of their species currently living in the wild, Amur leopards are the rarest big cats on Earth. Amur leopards once roamed Russia, China, North Korea, and South Korea, but now the big cats' habitat is limited to one small area about the size of the state of Rhode Island. In recent years, a reintroduction program was launched to bring a second group of Amur leopards to the wild and thus prevent the Amur leopard's extinction by disease or other catastrophic event. The Great Leopard Rescue focuses on the success that has been made so far in saving Amur leopards from extinction and the ongoing program that is attempting to steadily increase the Amur leopard population over the coming years.

The Great Leopard Rescue is suitable for children ages nine and up but would also be interesting to adults who want to learn about endangered species and what is being done to help save them from extinction. It would also be a great tool for teachers discussing the harmful effects that humans can have on the environment and the efforts of wildlife conservation groups to save endangered species. The book is filled with beautiful photographs—each turn of the page brings a new stunning, colorful photograph of Amur leopards and the habitat they live in. With its combination of eye-catching photographs and engaging facts and storyline, the book effectively fulfills its purpose of creating awareness for the endangered Amur leopard and other big cats around the world who are struggling to adapt to smaller habitats and the effects of logging, mining, and farming can have.