

RAVNE GLEMMER ALDRIG RAVENS NEVER FORGET

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Ravnene glemmer aldrig. Når vinteren strammer grebet om den vilde natur, bevæger de sorte fugle sig ind til bosætningerne og fouragerer omkring menneskets huse. De gamle fugle viser ungfuglene, hvor det gode menneske har sat foder ud på altan eller terrasse.

Mine fotografier bringer mig tilbage til en tid, der var en gang. En tid, hvor jeg boede i en mindre bosætning i det sydligste Grønland. Afstanden fra min hjemby til Grønlands hovedstad, Nuuk, var næsten fem gange længere, end hvis jeg kunne flyve ud til det sted, hvor vi fortælles, at vi forlader vores planet, og hvor verdensrummet begynder.

Den lille bosætning ligger lidt inde i den store fjord. Fra bjergene omkring byen kan vi

se ud til det store hav, som vi kalder Davisstrædet. Bevæger vi os mod syd er der under to hundrede kilometer til Grønlands sydligste punkt, Kap Farvel. Nord og øst for byen afgrænses det relativt snævre, bare kystlandskab af Grønlands Indlandsis.

I november er bjergene omkring byen dækket af sne. Godt nok er der mørkt her langt mod nord, men sneen lysner op i de mørkeste vinterdage. Mine fotografier viser dagligdagen i Qaqortoq og også mine rejser med den lille helikopter, når jeg skulle besøge andre bosætninger i det store sydgrønlandske område.

Ravnene glemmer aldrig, og jeg glemmer aldrig mine sydgrønlandske venner.

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My photographs take me back to a time that once was. I lived in a small settlement in the southernmost part of Greenland. The distance from my hometown to Greenland's capital, Nuuk, was almost five times longer than if I could fly to the place where, as we're told, we leave our planet, and where outer space begins.

The small settlement is situated a little way into the great fjord. From the mountains surrounding the town, we can look out to the

vast ocean, which we call the Davis Strait. Moving southward, it's less than two hundred kilometres to Greenland's southernmost point, Cape Farewell. To the north and east of the town, the relatively narrow, barren coastal landscape is bordered by Greenland's Ice Sheet.

In November, the mountains around the town are covered in snow. Although it is quite dark here far to the north, the snow brightens even the darkest winter days. My photographs capture daily life in Qaqortoq and my travels by small helicopter whenever I needed to visit other settlements in the vast South Greenland region.

The ravens never forget, and I will never forget my friends in South Greenland.



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