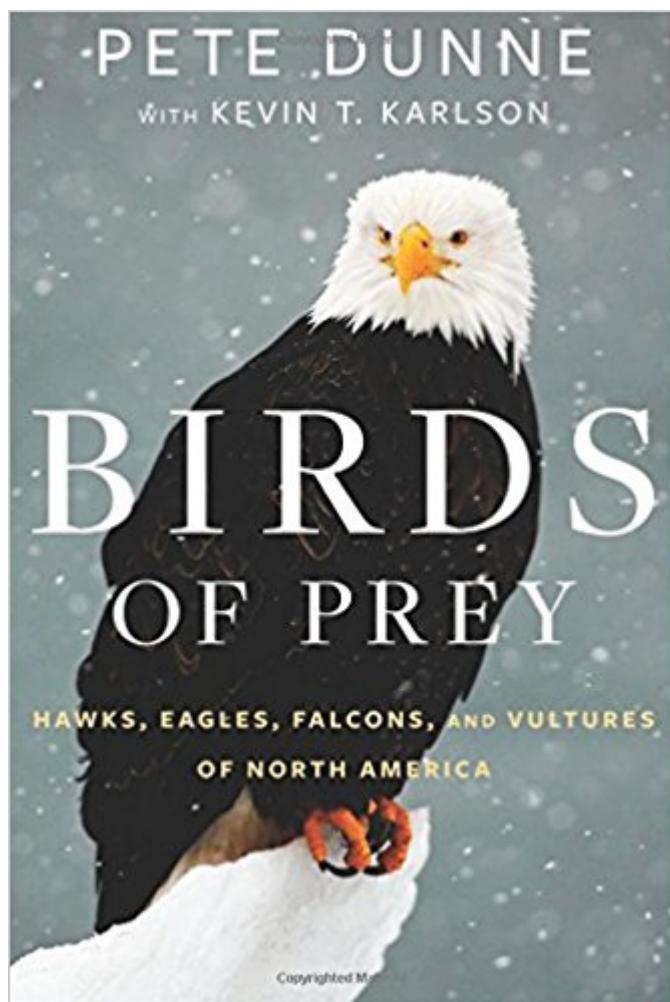


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# **Birds Of Prey: Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, And Vultures Of North America**



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