



Solitude: Stories from the Barentsregion

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A 3000 kilometre road trip along the arctic circle; a photographic travelogue.

Published as a luxurious diary, *Solitude* provides an intimate image of people living in remote places. Within the Arctic Circle, north of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia – known as the Barentsregion – is one of Europe's last remaining wildernesses. Dutch photographer Jeroen Toirkens and writer Petra Sjouwerman went looking for stories in this region, comparing their own adventures with the historical diary of Gerrit de Veer, one of the crew on Dutch navigator Willem Barents' third voyage in search of the Northeast passage, during the sixteenth century. Text in English and Dutch.

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