

Bill Berry Award—Feature Article

Jimmy Petterson

"Skiing Around the World, Vol II"



Jimmy Petterson has been named the winner of the Far West Ski Association's Bill Berry Award (Featured Articles) for 2021 for his book, *Skiing Around the World Volume II*.

Named after longtime and renowned ski journalist, Bill Berry, the award celebrates outstanding contributions to skiing by the media.

It is not the first time that this honor has been bestowed on Petterson. In 2006, he also was the recipient of the Berry Award when he published Volume I of *Skiing Around the World*.

As one might be able to surmise from the 15-year interim between the awards, these books — more like tomes — are not the sorts of works that one can throw together quickly.

In fact, Petterson has skied 650 ski resorts in 75 countries and all seven continents to amass the information and photos that make up his two-volume seminal work.

When he was informed about winning the award, Petterson was extremely

happy. He states: "The long process of creating a document of this kind has given me many rewards along the way, and I might add that 'the way' has been a long and winding ski slope. My initial reward has been the many wonderful mountains and ski resorts that I have been able to visit and ski while working on this almost-never-ending project.

"And of course, there have been innumerable kind people that I have met on the snow during the process. Travel is always a reward unto itself.

"Another reward has been the creative process. I have very much enjoyed weaving my experiences into a series of interesting stories. I have gotten great pleasure out of my photography work and have made some great friends with skiers who have helped me by modeling for the photos. In addition, I have also enjoyed working extensively with the layout for the book.

"Now, after working about 15 years on Volume II, I'm very pleased and honored to have received the recognition

of my peers in the ski industry who have chosen me once more to receive the Bill Berry Award.

Petterson continues, "Still, I don't want to forget one more reward of my many years of work — the many skiers and boarders who have written me to tell me how my books have inspired them to embark on exotic ski travels of their own, visiting destinations that they first read about in one of my books. To be able, in some small way, to enhance the lives of other people is also something that I am very proud of and happy for."

In addition to his two books on skiing, Jimmy has had more than 650 feature articles published, and his work has appeared in 20 countries. He is also an annual contributor to the *Far West Skier's Guide*.

Each of Petterson's books also won the Harold Hirsch Award given out by the North American Snowsports Journalists Association, and Volume II also was honored with the Baldur Award from the International Ski History Association.

Volume I of *Skiing Around the World*, which had for many years been sold out, has been reprinted and is currently available again. Both books, as well as, a number of other items produced by Mr. Petterson, can be purchased from his website:

www.skiingaroundtheworldbook.com.

