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Shelter from the Storm

Polar bear

Oil on linen, 11 x 14

Polar bears are one of my favorite subjects to paint, but most difficult to research. Living primarily on ice they behave more like marine mammals than bears. Hunting seals out on the arctic ice, they live in some of the most inhospitable environments on earth—for which they are perfectly adapted. Covered in a thick armature of fat and fur, their anatomy is unique from all other bears. And when they curl up to take refuge from a storm, this enormous carnivore looks as cuddly as a teddy bear.