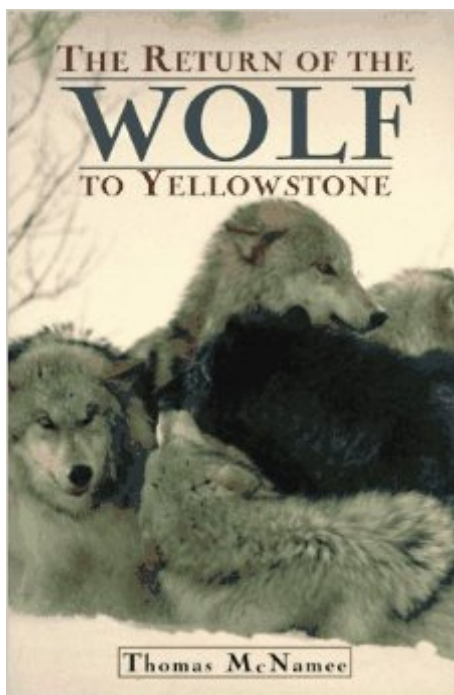


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The Return Of The Wolf To Yellowstone



Synopsis

By 1926, U.S. government agents had trapped, poisoned, or shot every wolf in and around Yellowstone National Park. In January of 1995, after a generation of struggle between the wolf's friends and foes, the wolf was returned to Yellowstone. The wolf's return has brought far-reaching changes to the cultures of the modern West and the meaning of conservation. Thomas McNamee, former president of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, chronicles the drama of the environmental story of the decade.

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Thomas McNamee is a passionate writer as well as a consummate naturalist, and what he has done in this book is a remarkable feat; to tell the story of the Yellowstone wolves from the perspective of a denizen of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem/one who owns a ranch within the wolves' new domaine/and an enviro who questions his own, in addition to other's, emotional involvement with the issues raised by the their re-introduction. To do this all in a book as readable as this one is is a great feat. If you love the West, love Nature, or just want a surprisingly suspenseful story of the animals survival, the political and social implications of the wolf and, by extension, the ideals of the Endangered Species Act, you must read this book -- You won't be disappointed. It's a personal journey with implications for all of us who care about the imperiled natural world.

Residents this reason have heard lots about wolves, but Thomas McNamee brings a fresh perspective to the story. He was a part-time rancher himself while writing this captivating book, but was also drawn to the wolves more deeply than he had first realized. McNamee himself is a character in this book, giving it an inviting and personal air, but does not force his views on the reader. He shows the reader a federal wildlife agent tracking a wolf-killer outside of Red Lodge and even opens the window on curious rivalries and tensions between agencies involved in various chapters of the wolf story. Parts of the book are almost dramatic in their intensity, while others slow the pace as the wolves romp and play.

I have been studying the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone for some time, yet this book not only gave me tons of new information it also made the information palatable by bringing with it humor and wit. Mr McNamee has an insiders view, being both a rancher and a wolf lover. Few people could see through both sets of eyes as clearly as he does, yet he makes it seem so easy. If you are to pick one book about the wolves of Yellowstone to teach you as much as possible I recommend this book to you. I do feel like he rushes details at the end of the book, but since the saga is not over, the book was hard to finish I suppose. Other than that small detail this is a great book with lots of facts and easy, witty, reading. Enjoy

I liked this book for the information it provided. I was very interested to learn about the reintroduction about the wolves, the problems they faced, the planning and process of reintroducing them and how the initial wolves fared. I thought the book was a little wordy at times and I didn't feel the need to have a list of every person and every organization that was opposed or for the project at every step of the way. Having an idea of who was involved was interesting, the opposition stories were interesting....there was just a little too much detail for what I wanted. I wanted to know about the wolves in the park and what they were doing. Overall though a decent book.

A compelling story of how the wolves finally came back to Yellowstone. A natural history story about these fascinating animals. A political story about misinformation, disinformation, political infighting, even major splits in the environmental community. The book reads like a novel. I highly recommend it.

I first read this book from a library, but I so wanted to make margin notes and highlight sections that I bought my own copy. McNamee pulls no punches, relating incidents and portraying personalities

central to the saga of the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. Among the very best of the books about this historic episode in the annals of conservation.

I loved this book! The only complaint I have against the book I bought was the lack of pictures. I had checked this book out from the library and it was full of pictures of the wolf. If you have any interest in the return of the wolf to Yellowstone, this book will definitely be an asset to your library. I would rate this book a '5', if it was the illustrated issue.

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