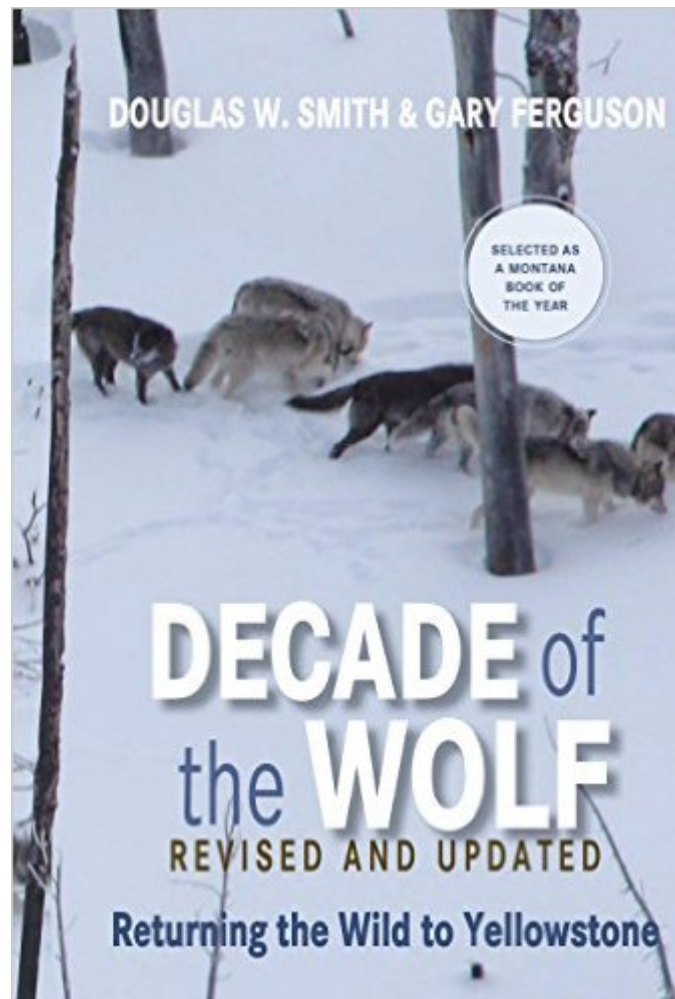


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Decade Of The Wolf, Revised And Updated: Returning The Wild To Yellowstone



Synopsis

Written by an award-winning writer and the leader of the Yellowstone Wolf Project, this definitive book recounts the years since the wolves' return to Yellowstone.

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Customer Reviews

No one is more qualified to write about the Yellowstone wolves than the wolf project leader of the Park for the last 8 years, Dr. Douglas Smith. Gary Ferguson is a very accomplished writer about western wilderness and wildlife issues. I read almost every one of his books in one sitting. The book is a series of stories about individual wolves, packs, plus well known and lesser known events in the Park's wolf recovery. Chapters also explain concepts of wolf biology, and the effects wolves are having on America's first national park. Those people who go to Yellowstone to watch wolves or follow these events will want to snap this book up. Others interested in wildlife will find it less compelling, but still a useful and good read. The book is a fitting story of ten years of wolf recovery in Yellowstone Park. Still to be told is the history of wolf recovery in areas outside the Park, especially in Idaho where the number of wolves outnumber those of the Park almost three to one. Readers will enjoy a number of photographs of wolves and wolf interactions with other animals in the photo insert in the middle of the book. Many of these, such as those in the Park's remote Pelican Valley, could only be taken by the Park's wolf biologists.

Fascinating! I really enjoyed reading this book and have since read several others about wolves in

the US. We have historically vilified wolves and hunted them to near extinction... this book helped me understand the value of predators and their very important place in the natural world. It was a pretty easy read, full of word pictures that helped me appreciate this formidable animal. I can't wait for our next visit to Yellowstone!

Many books have been written about *Canis Lupis* since it attained nationwide fame as a predatory species reintroduced to a National Park. I have read most of them and *Decade of the Wolf* has to be one of the very best. Those who have read extensively about this fascinating species will be charmed by this book and those who have not done so will be stimulated to learn even more than it contains.

I read with great interest this next chapter in the ongoing drama of the wolf restoration to Yellowstone National Park. Ten years ago I studied the works of Smith, as a biologist on that effort, as well as Mech, Phillips, Ferguson, Schullery, Askins, and others in preparation for writing my novel, "Woman's Sigh, Wolf's Song". I became familiar then with 31 wolves bearing numbers instead of names, and in this book Smith and Ferguson gave me the unique pleasure of discovering how their families have fared since 1995. This very public controversy was well-documented a decade ago by Smith and fellow project leader, Michael Phillips, and here Smith and Ferguson continue to tell the story with the voice of those who have followed pawprints in the snow and fallen asleep with the scent of wolf on their hands. The photographs lend to their text a sense of reality - what it is like to manage wild animals in a wild environment. Without question the restoration of wolves to Yellowstone has been a stunning success - for the ecology of the park, its animal residents, and the humans that visit. Smith and Ferguson were there at the beginning and tell this story with heart and mind both fully engaged, not only for the wolves, but also the human residents that surround the park. For those interested in the whole 10-year story I recommend Smith and Phillips, "The Wolves of Yellowstone", and Ferguson's, "The Yellowstone Wolves". Thanks, gentlemen, for a new look at the *canis* major family album.

.. Well ... After getting Douglas' Masterpiece in front of my Wild door left "my jaw on the floor/ground" ... Because , this Blessed/Enlightened Wolf Biologist spent a good half-dozen years simply daydreaming about Wolves in a land of snow & birch & pine , of rivers & lakes : .. A Land of Wolves ... That's why we really appreciate the way He Loves Wolves ...

This is an engaging and informed account of perhaps the most important environmental story in recent years, the successful reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. The authors have been involved in this project from the ground up, and it shows. They provide an impressive amount of information but even more important, they use some fascinating stories to convey the behavior of these remarkable animals. I've been fortunate enough to see the Yellowstone wolves, but when I see them the next time, it will be in a new light.

This book is very well written and doubly interesting. They tell the real life stories of the Park and the wolves. Makes you want to go to Yellowstone and volunteer your time to them. I've read 3 books so far about the restoring of the wolves in Yellowstone and this one is by far the best. Couldn't put it down.

I am preparing for a field trip to Yellowstone and my instructor recommended I read this book before going. It gives you an idea of all they had to go through to reintroduce wolves. There are so many stories on the wolves themselves, the packs and what the biologists have learned that is unique to Yellowstone.

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