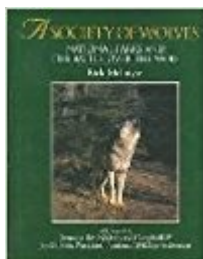


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# Society Of Wolves



## Synopsis

"A must for all wolf aficionados," said Dr. L. David Mech. Includes a new chapter with text and exclusive photos capturing the first year of the Yellowstone wolves.

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## Customer Reviews

In 1915 the federal government employed 300 full-time hunters and trappers to kill predators, mainly wolves. By the 1950s, except for isolated populations in the upper Midwest, the grey wolf had been exterminated in the continental U.S. As a park ranger for 15 years, McIntyre observed wolves in Denali and Glacier National Parks. While following one Denali Park wolf pack through the seasons, he examines in grisly detail the federal, state and local policies between 1870 and 1930. He notes that Adolph Murie's study of wolves from 1937 to 1944 changed park managers' perception of predators. Since the mid-'80s, grey wolves have been reintroduced to Glacier National Park, and red wolves to a reservation in North Carolina. Currently, there are controversial plans to reintroduce wolves in other parks. A group called Defenders of Wildlife supports a program that rewards landowners for allowing a wolf den on their property. McIntyre's photographs will captivate readers, but his narrative, interrupted throughout by extraneous digressions, is choppy. Photos. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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New York Society Library. Rick McIntyre is a true expert in the study of wolves, primarily in Yellowstone, but with a nationwide reputation. He seems to enjoy destroying stereotypes. For example, we often face pressure to measure up as alpha males, to "wolf up" as it were. Alpha male connotes the man who at every moment demonstrates that he's in total control in the home, and who away from home can become snarling and aggressive. In fact, the male wolf is an exemplary male role model. "The main characteristic of an alpha male wolf, is a quiet confidence, quiet self-assurance. You know what you need to do; you know what's best for your pack. You lead by example. You're very comfortable with that. You have a calming effect." Alpha males are not aggressive. They don't need to be. "Think of an emotionally secure man, or a great champion. Whatever he needed to prove is already proven." "Imagine two wolf packs, or two human tribes. Which is more likely to survive and reproduce? The one whose members are more cooperative, more sharing, less violent with one another; or the group whose members are beating each other up and competing with one another? " Thus, an alpha male may be a major player in a successful hunt but then, after the takedown of the prey, may step away and sleep until his pack has eaten and is full. Mr. McIntyre has now spent 20 years watching and studying wolves in Yellowstone for the National Park Service. He rises early, uses radio telemetry to pinpoint the location of a pack with a radio-collared member, then heads out with his spotting scope to observe them, keeping careful notes of their activities. In all that time, he has rarely seen an alpha male act aggressively toward the pack's other members. They are his family " his mate, offspring (both biological and adopted) and maybe a sibling. This does not mean that alpha males are not tough when they need to be. One famous wolf in Yellowstone whose radio collar number, 21, became his name, was considered a "super wolf" by the people who closely observed the arc of his life. He was fierce in defense of family

and apparently never lost a fight with a rival pack. Yet within his own pack, one of his favorite things was to wrestle with little pups. And what he really loved to do was to pretend to lose. He just got a huge kick out of it," Mr. McIntyre said. One year, a pup was a bit sickly. The other pups seemed to be afraid of him and wouldn't play with him. Once, after delivering food for the small pups, 21 stood looking around for something. Soon he started wagging his tail. He'd been looking for the sickly little pup, and he just went over to hang out with him for a while. Of all Mr. McIntyre's stories about the super wolf, that's his favorite. Strength impresses us. But kindness is what we remember best. Biologists used to consider the alpha male the undisputed boss. But now they recognize two hierarchies at work in wolf packs – one for the males, the other for the females. In fact, females do most of the decision making for the pack, including where to travel, when to rest and when to hunt. It's the alpha female who really runs the show. There may be a good lesson here for this codger: less snarl, more quiet confidence, leading by example, faithful devotion in the care and defense of families, respect for females and a sharing of responsibilities. That's really what wolfing up should mean. See "Tapping Your Inner Wolf" in "The New York Times", June 6, 2015, by Carl Safina

This is absolutely one of the BEST books on wolves I've ever read! It is packed full of information but does not come across like an encyclopedia. It's easy reading with lots of colorful photographs. I was overcome with sadness and angry when I read McIntyre's account of the story of "Raggs the Digger," one of the famous and incredibly clever so-called "outlaw wolves" that eluded federal government capture for years. The book gives a lively and animated detail of how a famous bounty hunter "finally" killed Raggs, an indomitable spirit. It is an important reminder that there is no animal who will EVER be a match to a human being with a gun intent on killing it. Excellent and readable book. I couldn't put it down. If you care about wolves, are simply interested in wolves and want to know their story, buy this!

Rick McIntyre does us a great service with this book. It is an excellent compilation of written material and photographs that will prove transformational to anyone interested in wildlife. A moving account of day-to-day life in a wolf pack, it also provides an invaluable history of wolf persecution in this country. He also lists excellent resources to contact to learn more about the fate of the wolf and how to become active in their reintroduction. This book answers the questions "Where did all the wolves go?" and "Why do we need them back?" An important and compelling read.

Running a wildlife safari company in Yellowstone, the wolves that we view have become a major attraction. I have learnt so much from this book that it is now a requirement for all my guides to read it from front to back, so they are totally educated on wolves. Rick McIntyre's *A Society of Wolves* captures everything you want to learn about wolves, including their behavior, pack structure, and how similar they are to us. This book is a must if you are interested in wolves, wildlife and Yellowstone.

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