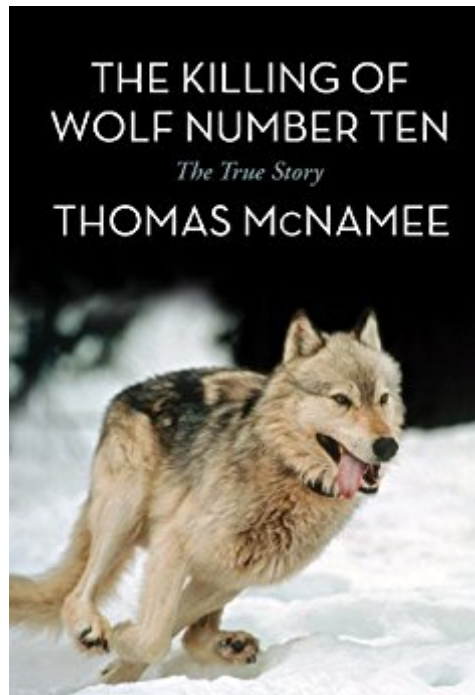


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The Killing Of Wolf Number Ten: The True Story



Synopsis

A killer. A manhunt. The triumph of justice and of the wolf. The greatest event in Yellowstone history. Greater Yellowstone was the last great truly intact ecosystem in the temperate zones of the earth; until, in the 1920s, U.S. government agents exterminated its top predator, the gray wolf. With traps and rifles, even torching pups in their dens, the killing campaign was entirely successful. The howl of the "evil" wolf was heard no more. The "good" animals; elk, deer, bison; proliferated, until they too had to be "managed." Two decades later, recognizing that ecosystems lacking their keystone predators tend to unravel, the visionary naturalist Aldo Leopold called for the return of the wolf to Yellowstone. It would take another fifty years for his vision to come true. In the early 1990s, as the movement for Yellowstone wolf restoration gained momentum, rage against it grew apace. When at last, in February 1995, fifteen wolves were trapped in Alberta and brought to acclimation pens in Yellowstone, even then legal and political challenges continued. There was also a lot of talk in the bars about "shoot, shovel, and shut up." While the wolves' enemies worked to return them to Canada, the biologists in charge of the project feared that the wolves might well return on their own. Once they were released, two packs remained in the national park, but one bore only one pup and the other none. The other, comprising Wolves Nine and Ten and Nine's yearling daughter, disappeared. They were in fact heading home. As they emerged from protected federal land, an unemployed ne'er-do-well from Red Lodge, Montana, trained a high-powered rifle on Wolf Number Ten and shot him through the chest. Number Nine dug a den next to the body of her mate, and gave birth to eight pups. The story of their rescue and the manhunt for the killer is the heart of *The Killing of Wolf Number Ten*. Read this book, and if you are ever fortunate enough to hear the howling of Yellowstone wolves, you will always think of Wolves Nine and Ten. If you ever see a Yellowstone wolf, chance are it will be carrying their DNA. The restoration of the wolf to Yellowstone is now recognized as one of conservation's greatest achievements, and Wolves Nine and Ten will always be known as its emblematic heroes.

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I wanted to read the story of the wolf reintroduction from the beginning and this book does just that. The journey, struggles and victory of the people that made this project happen. The wolves journey is amazing strength and sadness at times. I continue to follow their journey through joining and daily reading of, "Yellowstone Reports"

Good book, sad story. Easy reading with an obvious ending. Kept my interest. While I love the noble and brave wolf, I can also understand the plight of the rancher. I can only hope the wolf can find its own niche and survive and thrive. It would be a shame to have this beautiful and magnificent animal be hunted to extinction.

Many of the books about wolves are artificially "sweet," like a Walt Disney cartoon, but this author produced an accurate picture of the encounter between a wolf and a community, with personalized accounts of family and individuals, who had spent additional time developing a close relationship with the animal; unfortunately, there are some "humans," with serious psychological problems in society, who have the ability to ruin a wolf-human inter-action. Shop for this and other significant material!

After waking up to watch the Lamar Canyon Pack while on vacation in Yellowstone, I was fully intrigued and wanted to learn more about the reintroduction of the Gray Wolf to the area. This is the story of the first wolves that were introduced to the area of Yellowstone to revive the endangered

species.

Loved the book; however sad at what happened. Poor wolves.

This is the most engaging read, taking one aspect of the re-introduction of wolves into Yellowstone, and using it to demonstrate how many factors from political to emotional to animal came together.

This was a heartbreaking journey to go on. It was informative and beautifully written. The dignity and honor owed to these majestic wolves radiates from each page. Thank you for sharing the details of a truly heroic endeavor.

Spoilers!! Very sad but wonderful tale of a wolf who lived a short but spectacular life. Thank you Thomas McNamee for telling his story!

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