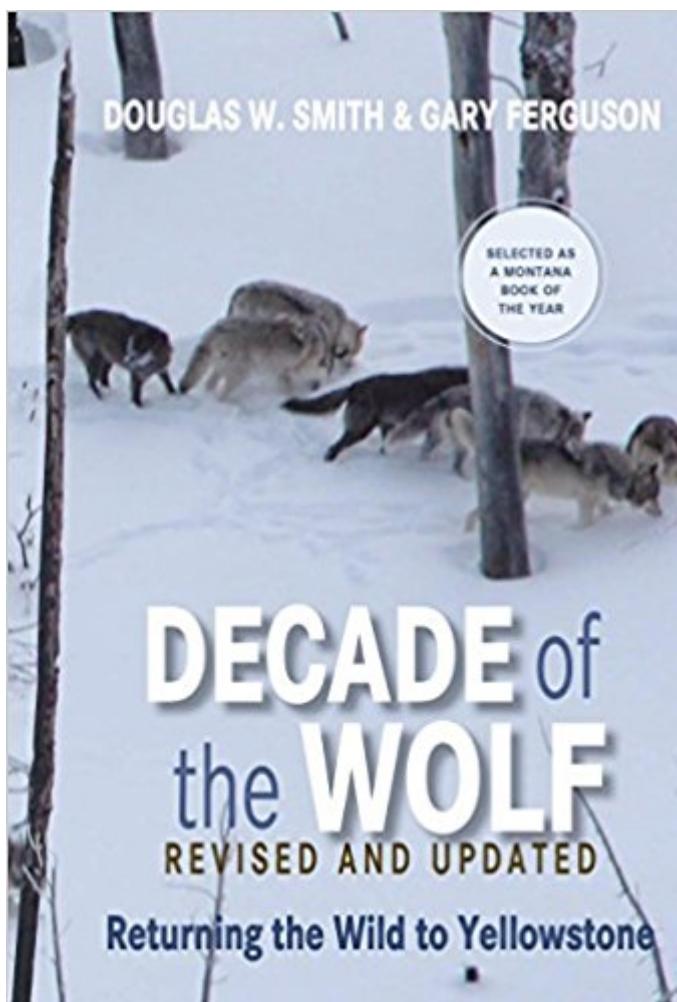


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# Decade Of The Wolf, Revised And Updated: Returning The Wild To Yellowstone



## Synopsis

Written by an award-winning writer and the leader of the Yellowstone Wolf Project, this definitive bookÂ Â recounts the years since theÂ Â wolvesÂ¢Â return to Yellowstone.

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Wolf biologist Smith and nature writer Ferguson (Hawks Rest) deliver a compelling inside look at the Yellowstone Wolf Recovery Project, covering the 10 years that have passed since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the controversial decision to reintroduce wolves into the national park. Their book is a detailed look at how the return of the wolvesÂ¢Â once among the most numerous of North American predatorsÂ¢Â Â has provided scientists with a chance to witness "the dynamic forces of nature that drove this region before the coming of the Europeans" as well as to puzzle out what wolves mean to the area's ecosystem. Smith worked on the project, and the two authors offer hard facts (e.g., the number of elk killed by wolves each year is 9% of the elk population; the average life span of a wolf in Yellowstone is 3.4 years) as well as impressionistic "Portraits" of individual wolves that reveal their "epic lives, full of struggle and conquest." It's a perfect balance to Hank Fischer's Wolf Wars and will please fans of that well-received overview of the controversy.

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\*Starred Review\* In 1995, after an absence of 70 years, wolves were returned to Yellowstone

National Park. Trappers captured 14 wolves from three packs in Canada and transported them to acclimation pens in the remote north of the park, from which they were released 10 weeks later. Seventeen more from four packs followed the next year, and it is from this 31-animal nucleus that the current 170 wolves in the park descend. Smith has worked with the Yellowstone Wolf Project since its inception and has studied wolves for more than 25 years. With the help of nature writer Ferguson, he has produced a marvelously intimate look at the ups and downs of wolf reintroduction. From problems with their release (the wolves initially would not leave the acclimation pens) to the only wolf that escaped before the official release (he hung by his teeth until he could scramble over the chain-link wall), Smith was in the thick of it all. Well illustrated with black-and-white and color photographs, this intimate history of the return of the top predator to Yellowstone will find an eager audience. Nancy Bent

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After having caught the love of wolves following two visits to the park, I was interested in learning all I could about the wolves there. This book is a great introduction to the wolf restoration project and the wolves themselves.

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!

.. 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 ...

Great book. Well written. I will read again and again

I've read several books about wolves and the reintroduction to Yellowstone, and I enjoyed this the most. This book is fact-intensive while still narrating the story of the wolves and the people who helped the program succeed.

If you're at all interested in the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone this is a fascinating book.

Amazing coverage of the Yellowstone wolf reintroduction. A must read by the people who were there making it all happen. Does a good job covering both sides of the story and touching on the controversy - yet keeping things in perspective and not standing on a soap box.

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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