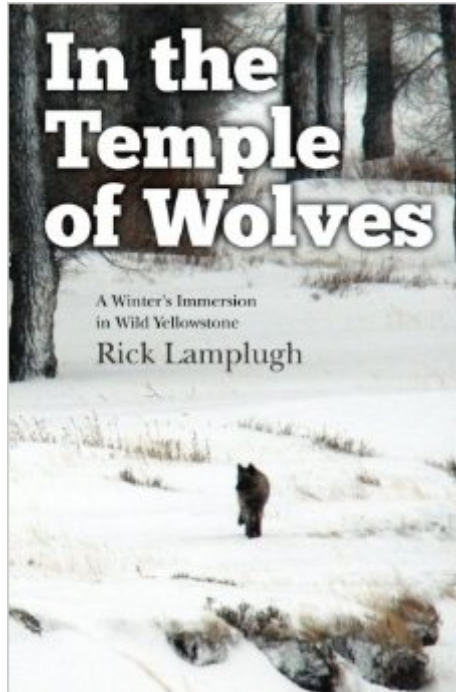


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# In The Temple Of Wolves: A Winter's Immersion In Wild Yellowstone



## Synopsis

When Rick Lamplugh arrives at the historic Lamar Buffalo Ranch on New Year's Eve, he has one goal: to learn as much as possible about the ecology of the Lamar Valley. All winter he will work and live in this remote corner of Yellowstone National Park, home to some of the best wildlife watching in the world. Winter-hungry elk and bison migrate there to graze. Wolves, coyotes, and mountain lions stalk the grazers while eagles, ravens, and magpies wait to scavenge. The snowy backdrop makes the saga of death and life easy to spot. He has three frigid months to explore on skis and snowshoes, observe with all his senses, listen to and talk with experts. A literary blend of facts and feelings, *In the Temple of Wolves* celebrates nature's stark beauty and treacherous cruelty, while revealing Lamplugh's inner battles with his own human nature.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a must read! The author has a unique talent for drawing you into his experiences as he discovers, learns and writes about Yellowstone's Lamar Valley and all that it holds. His love for nature and his desire to know how everything fits together is so evident as he writes in detail his experiences with wolves, bison, coyotes, ravens, life and death, extreme temperatures and the serenity the Valley offered him under a stand of cottonwoods. You will not put it down and will long for more after the last page. Thanks for the honesty, humor, enlightenment and the journey! JJ

Yellowstone Park, and in particular, the Lamar Valley is the place I go to shed all of the trappings of our modern lifestyle and get back to the basics of nature. Rick has done an excellent job of

combining earth history, biology, ecology, humor, the realities of nature, and his own personal feelings about the Lamar Valley. It is a book that you cannot put down, and if you have been to Lamar Valley, the book will bring back every emotion you felt while there watching nature in its purest form, the interactions between wolves, ravens, coyotes, magpies, bison, elk. I appreciate his honesty, humor, desire to know everything he can about the area, and his willingness to share his experiences.....and, despite his Trout Lake adventure, I'd still let him lead a group on a hike!

This book took me into the Lamar Valley as if I were there. I saw what Rick saw and could relate to the cold temperatures and deep snows he so eloquently described. I heard the wolves howl as he did and could picture them across the valley. I was with him when he pulled the bison carcass into the valley and examined what was left a few weeks later. Chuck Snover, Gardiner, Montana

This is a must read for anyone who has spent time in Yellowstone's Northern Range and an excellent primer for anyone who is headed to our nation's first national park. Rick captures the essences of the characters of the valley both four and two legged and writes with an eloquent sense of place. I have spent many days in the Lamar Valley of the Northern Range and every page resurrected a wonderful memory. Reading Rick's book is the next best thing to being there.

I love reading about wolves, their habitat and all things that relate to them. This book did not so much tell of wolves themselves but gives an excellent naturalist insight into the frenzy of people where wolves are concerned. It tells of their homes, their history, the people who love them and even those who do not in a fair and even manner. I am pleased with how even when the author does not agree with an issue, he treats it and those who hold those views with courtesy and respect. I'm glad I added this book to my shelf and my reading list.

In this book, Rick Lamplugh puts you directly in the story as it unfolds in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park. As you read, you can see the snow covered valley floor, feel cold wind on your face, touch the cold river, hear the howls of wolves, and even smell wolf urine (yes, that's actually in the book!). Lamplugh is a volunteer with the Yellowstone Association, and in this book, he tells stories about his time working in Yellowstone. It is evident throughout the book that he is a well-read naturalist who is very curious about the unique workings of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Lamplugh is a talented story-teller, and each chapter will get you excited about this magical place some refer to as "Wonderland". Make this book a part of your personal library.

In *The Temple of Wolves* is a wonderful read. I found myself walking alongside Mr. Lamplugh as he experienced life lessons during his time of volunteering, with his wife, in Yellowstone National Park. Mr. Lamplugh has a natural storytelling style and his "voice" resonates with the love of nature. He inspires a curiosity in the reader to understand the mind of the wolf pack, while gently reminding us that "every creature is connected" on this earth. I highly recommend this book.

I just finished Rick's book. As a huge fan of Yellowstone National Park in general, and Lamar Buffalo Ranch in particular, the book was close to my heart and mind. Rick did a marvelous job of articulating his love for and knowledge of the area. His emotional attachment to his subject enhanced my reading experience; my only complaint was that the book ended too soon. *The Temple of Wolves* is well researched and contains a wealth of information about this wonderful place and its inhabitants.

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