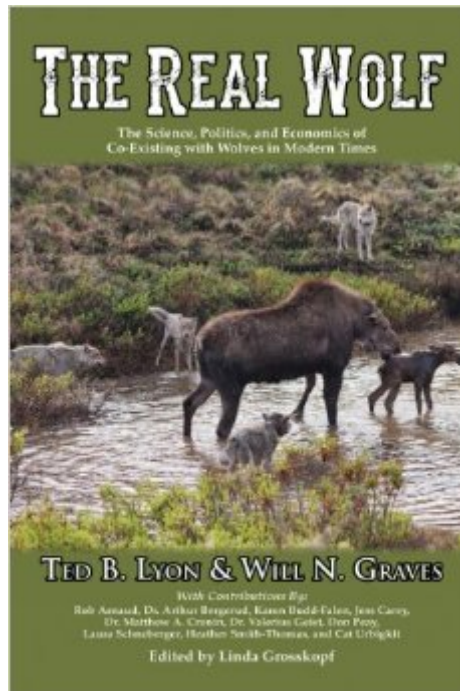


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# The Real Wolf: The Science, Politics, And Economics Of Co-Existing With Wolves In Modern Times



## Synopsis

How have thriving elk populations of thousands dwindled to mere hundreds in just a matter of years? Author Ted B. Lyon asserts the wolf is at fault. He also blames the wolf for the rampant spread of infectious diseases among livestock populations and the decimation of wild deer, moose, sheep, and domestic animals alike. A trial lawyer with over 37 years of litigation experience, Lyon proves his case in *The Real Wolf: The Science, Politics, and Economics of Co-Existing with Wolves in Modern Times*. In this detailed yet easy-to-read essay collection, authors Ted B. Lyon and Will N. Graves investigate the majesty and myths surrounding wolves in the United States and offer a new, true picture of the wolf in contemporary America. *The Real Wolf* is an in-depth study of the impact wolves as a federally protected species have had on big game and livestock populations. Each chapter in the book is meticulously researched and written by authors and scientists who have spent years studying wolves and wolf behavior. Contributing authors Rob Arnaud, Dr. Arthur Bergerud, Karen Budd-Falen, Jess Carey, Dr. Matthew A. Cronin, Dr. Valerius Geist, Don Peay, Laura Schneberger, Heather Smith-Thomas, and Cat Urbigkit each describe a unique aspect of the wolf in the United States. *The Real Wolf* does not call for the eradication of wolves from the United States, but rather advocates a new system of species management that would allow wolves, game animals, and farmers to live in harmony.

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The contributors to the writing of this book have done their homework and tell it like it is, not like

they want it to be. For anyone who REALLY wants to know about what the re introduction of wolves has done to the wildlife, domestic animals, and the real west; this is a must read. BUT.....if you want to continue to believe the misinformation put out by the "Wolf Lovers" and so called "Experts", leave it alone. Anyone who believes that wolves are "eco friendly nice animals" I believe the Governor of Idaho has offered to have a pair trapped and shipped to you for your real life approval. Turn them out in your back yard and see how long your pets and/or children last.

The book is a fair assessment of the wolf. It is a wonderful animal in terms of its ability to be the best predator in the world. On the the other hand, the wolf is responsible for severe wildlife reduction. An entire moose herd in the Gros Ventre area of Wyoming was totally eradicated by wolves that were turned loose into the area and ranchers in New Mexico are suffering huge calf losses from wolves. I love wolves for what they are, but there is also a reality to consider.

This book is an excellent effort to put the wolf reintroduction into real world perspective. While the essay format makes it seem a little jumbled, the content is to the point. I found the observations regarding cattle stress very interesting as they mirror content from historical reports of buffalo herd stress when they were still present. The book also captures common anecdotal remarks I heard from locals in Montana and Wyoming. Anyone interested in wildlife management, the environmental "movement", either pro or con, should have this book on their shelf. The authors definitely make the case that the reintroduction was over sold, under managed, and certainly not benign.

Why is it almost EVERY negative review is from someone who hasn't been verified as purchasing the book? Because the pro-wolf agenda plays on emotion, not the facts. In 2011, the USDA reported that wolves killed 8,100 head of cattle in 2010 alone.

The Real Wolf is a very interesting read. Obviously the authors know the subject matter and have done their research. I liked the way the book was written in the form of a court case being presented to a jury - by one of the outstanding trial lawyers of our time. The Real Wolf sets out ther real facts - and will be extrememly useful and valuable in correcting a devastating mistake concerning our nation's valuable wildlife resources.

Literally, every book produced in the last 20 years, has been a complete fabrication. This book, written by Ted Lyon and Will Graves, has nailed it!. This book methodically destroys many of the

myths pumped out today, as facts. This book is a great read, and will leave the reader with a clear understanding of the reality of living with wolves. The Real Wolf should be in every home, and in every library. This book destroys 20 years of lies. I recommend it to everyone.

Says what we all know about the wolves in Yellowstone and the rest of the world and no sugar coating. The author has researched the subject and lets us know what is the truth. As a former game warden for Montana in the Gallatin and Yellowstone areas I saw the elk before the wolves and the story needed to be told.

Very good read. Dispels a lot of myths and talks about a lot that doesn't get mentioned in other venues....A lot more is written about what I have seen with my own eyes. The legal side is interesting and raises a host of questions yet unanswered. Thought provoking.

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