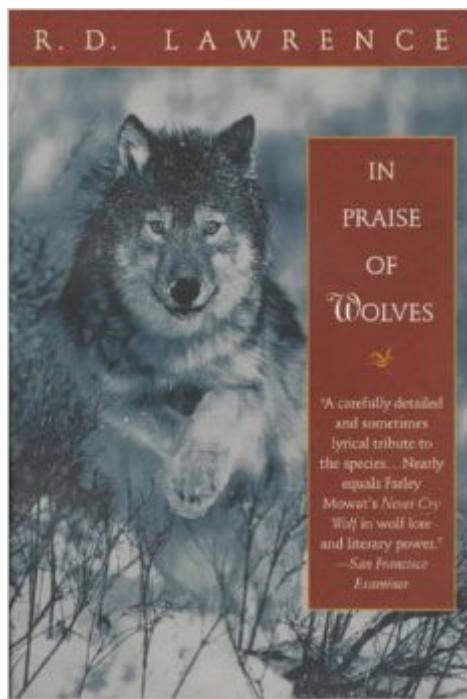


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# In Praise Of Wolves



## Synopsis

In the spring of 1983, award-winning field biologist, R.D. Lawrence, traveled to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to live among and observe a captive pack of untamed wolves. The result is an extraordinary look inside the society of a much-maligned, much-persecuted animal. HC: Henry Holt. From the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

I read this book from the library, but soon I will try to buy one for myself, because it is very special. I refer to it and forward what I remember from it onto various email lists all the time. The author includes substantial detail of the sort there is usually not enough of in wolf books, without overwhelming with boring or inaccurate statistics, or losing a good writing style. The author respects and loves the wolf FOR WHAT IT IS INHERENTLY. If you are studying dog or wolf behavior as a "serious layperson" this is a must have. The kind of detailed insight this book has is hard to find, one of the rare similar books is CALMING SIGNALS ... by Turid Rugaas(sp?), which is about dog body language (and therefore based on wolf pack language).

Mr. Lawrence tells us all about wolves in laymans terms he does not get to deep in this book for the normal person interested in wildlife to become overwhelmed with the subject. Always the perfect nature writer this time Mr. Lawrence spends time on a captive wolf area studying the wolves and relating the details. Good reading for the people out there who have bad ideas about this animal you

might change your mind on these wise creatures.

This book is increadable it really gives a person a true understanding of such a beautiful animal as it tells about their traits characteristics and personalities. It also explains the hierarchy of the pack and the mating of the wolves and interaction between the pack members and with humans. For me it was especially enjoyable as I was able to really relate to the discription of the wolves in Jim Wuepper's pack in upper Michagan after seeing a film on this pack narrated by R.D. Lawrence shown at the Wolf Centre in Haliburton, Ontario as so much of his focus in this book is on that particular pack. It was also very enjoyable to me knowing that Jim Wueppler's pack came to the the Wolf Centre in the early 1990's where some of it's decendents still reside. I recommend this book to anyone who would like a better understanding of such a beautiful animal it was truly very interesting and enjoyable.

Being the first book on wolves that I read, 'In Praise of Wolves' is very enlightening and informative. The relationship that the author had with the wolves and all the personal encounters, both with the people involved and the wolves, are very touching. I think the author has done a marvelous job in explaining to us about this much-misunderstood species. The book is written in a 'story' form, thus making it, i think, an informative but yet 'light' book to read during pleasure time. And for those who are not much familiar with the wolves like myself, this book does not contain too much scientific writings that are too overwhelming and hard to digest. And in cases where there are, the author dealt it with much comprehension thus making it very easy to understand especially to those who are ignorant to that certain aspect. Personally, I had a wonderful time reading this book and it got me into reading many other wolves books.

This is a wonderful book about Wolves written by a man that raised 2 wolf pups from birth in a somewhat wild environment but he was able to control their lives and protect them from people who hate wolves without really understanding them! Certainly wolves have taken a bad rap for just trying to survive in the wild. People usually have no basis for their extremely prejudiced feelings toward them. I learned so much about wolves from Mr. Lawrence's book that I look at wolves quite differently now. It is a sin as to what is happening to the wolves in the western part of the U. S.. Our government spends a lot of money in a non-stop hunt to kill and exterminate wolves as much as they can. I understand ranchers viewpoints, but they just don't even try to understand the wolves. As for our government, they just don't care and proceed to kill wolves in unbelievable numbers. They

hunt out the Alpha males and females all the time, which is disastrous to wolf packs and how they live. Frankly, if you read this book, you will understand that wolves have a "society" that lives by rules that are quite admirable. In fact, if humans lived like wolves, we would have a much better world. The wolves respect their rulers and accept that the Alpha males & females have earned their place in the pack, for the good of the whole family! This is a wonderful book on so many levels, not just boring facts - I would recommend this book to anyone that wonders just what it is like to be a wolf in this hard cruel world of today !!!

Great book for both adults and teenagers. Surprisingly, it reveals data suggesting that the wolves have a hierarchical/social structure most close to us humans (when we act on our animal level.) It was an insight into office life around me and into human jealousy situations around.

Like Dr. Mech and many others who has been writing with authority and intimacy about these "Special/Majesty Creatures called Wolves" . Strongly recommended , doubtless ...

I ordered this book for a research project on wolves that i was doing and found loads of information and it was written in a form that kept me more than interested

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