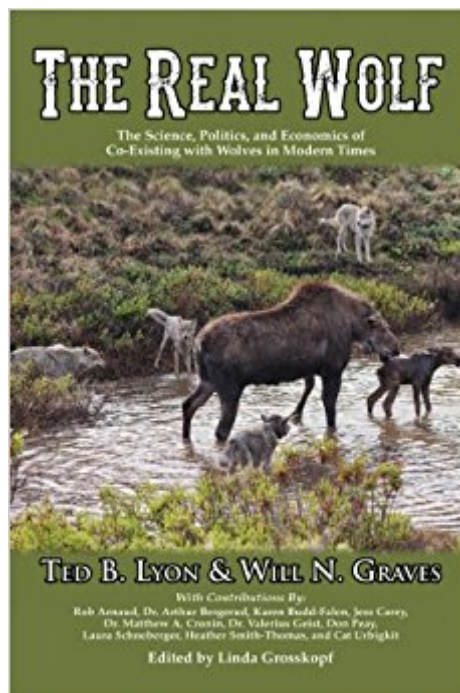




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# The Real Wolf: The Science, Politics, And Economics Of Co-Existing With Wolves In Modern Times



## Synopsis

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This is the book that we have been waiting for: a definitive, thorough source of information about the

historical experience resulting from the introduction of the Canadian wolf into Yellowstone Park, as well as an encyclopedic array of information about the wolf in the United States and the world. *The Real Wolf: The Science, Politics, and Economics of Co-Existing with Wolves in Modern Times*, by Ted B. Lyon and Will N. Graves, deserves widespread readership for methodically and scientifically setting to rest the sentimental modern mythology about the wolf so prevalent here in the East, where the lack of accurate information has allowed radical environmentalists to recruit well-meaning people to their pro-wolf movement. Each of the essays in *The Real Wolf* bolsters the mission of the authors to fully inform the reader on the truth about wolf behavior. For example, Don Peay, a chemical engineer who started a consulting firm Petroleum Environmental Management Inc., is the founder of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS). In the chapter "Mathematical Error or Deliberate Misrepresentation?" he refutes the oft-repeated claim by proponents of wolf introduction that wolves kill only the sick and weak, thereby helping the health of the herd. Recalling that his professors told him that mathematics is a universal language, he used engineering analysis to predict the wolf's destructive effect on the elk herd. A review can only hint at the depth and importance of this masterpiece setting the record straight about wolves. It awaits world-wide readers who long to know the truth about *The Real Wolf*. --Carol W. LaGrasse, president of the Property Rights Foundation of America, Inc. 'The Real Wolf' has all been based on what has actually happened. There's nothing fictitious about the information, details, facts, or data found on those 368-pages. --Toby Bridges, LOBO WATCH --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I have not finished the book, but so far so good!

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 the real facts - and will be extremely useful and valuable in correcting a devastating mistake concerning our nation's valuable wildlife resources.

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.

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 reintroduction 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.

very good tells how we the people are lied to by USFW and the other big money people

Well documented with facts, not emotions and hype. A easy read to understand what the wolf is really about. I think it should be required reading for all Wildlife managers and wildlife students who want to truly understand what the wolf is about and its history. A must read if you want to be

informed and understand how we got to where we are today with the wolf.

Full of information that reiterates the ineptness of the government when it comes to monitoring and regulating. This book is a must read if you have feelings on either side of the wolf issue.

A very good book.

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