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The Hidden Life Of Wolves



Synopsis

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Delve into amazingly intimate wolf photography by Jim and Jamie Dutcher, a couple who spent many years living with a pack of wolves at the edge of Idaho's Sawtooth Wilderness, observing their complex social hierarchy. Here is the alpha pair, leaders of the pack, often the only couple that mate. Here are the pups, born with eyes shut in the spring, tousled by their mother through the first six weeks of life. Here is the omega wolf, lowest ranking wolf in the pack, whose subservience, often playful, alleviates pack tension. Here are moments of cooperation and moments of snarling dominance, moments of communication and affection. Here, too, are heartwarming moments of connection between the Dutchers and the wolves, caught in pictures that remind us how close the links are between wolves in the wild and the beloved family dog. Short chapters introduce the wolves as individuals, describe the Dutchers' years of coming to know them, and address the complex conservation issues surrounding the near-extinction and now replenishment of the species in the wild. Sidebars explore myths about wolves, including Native American spirit stories, European fairy tales, and modern ranching hearsay. For animal lovers, nature lovers, environmentalists, and especially dog lovers, this book shares the new understanding gained by six years of the authors' living intimately with wild wolves. Created to complement a traveling exhibition that makes its debut at Chicago's Field Museum in March 2013, it will also appeal to those unable to see the show.

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“Ever since, as a child, I read about Romulus and Remus and Rudyard Kipling’s Jungle Book, I have been in love with wolves. This exciting book will help their cause—they deserve our concern and our protection.” —Jane Goodall

“An inspired account. The return of the gray wolf is a proud moment in the history of our American lands.” —Bruce Babbitt, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior

The Dutchers are known for their world-class photography, and this volume does not disappoint—the mystery and awe that wolves have always evoked in humans is conveyed in crisp, color images. The photos are at once beautiful, startling and mesmerizing.” —Bill Cannon, former editor-in-chief of Motor Age Magazine

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Remarkable photographs...an in-depth and up-close look at the intimate behaviors and social bonds of [Wolves].” —American Profile

“Loaded with wonderful photographs...should go a long way to help protect these most amazing beings.” —Psychology Today

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JIM DUTCHER is an Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and cinematographer whose extraordinary camerawork has led audiences into places never before filmed: inside beaver lodges, down burrows to peek at wolf pups, and into the secret life of a mother mountain lion. His work includes the National Geographic special, A Rocky Mountain Beaver Pond, and ABC World of Discovery’s two highest-rated films, Cougar: Ghost of the Rockies, and Wolf: Return of a Legend. JAMIE DUTCHER, Jim’s wife and co-producer, has worked in the animal hospital of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., bringing her knowledge of animal husbandry and medical care to film and enabling her to quickly gain access to the sensitive and secret inner lives of wolves. The author lives in Idaho.

I bought this as a present for my dad who loves wolves. It’s hard to buy stuff and it gets old buying wolf stuff all the time, but he loved this! I think he mentally left the party for a good long time while he was looking through it. He’s always nice about the presents he gets but he rarely loves his presents. I hit it out of the ball park with this one!

I bought this book for my 92 year old mother as a birthday present. Her birthday is in February, falling this year in the deepest frozen tundra of the coldest winter here in New York since 1885. The other day she told me that "The Hidden Life of Wolves" is getting her through the winter! She has always loved wolves and this remarkable story of humans living among wolves touches her to the core. What a gift to be invited into the inner sanctum of this very precious species. Thank you Jim and Jamie Dutcher for bringing them up close and personal for so many people to enjoy.

This book is the documented dedicated research of Jim and Jamie Dutcher over many years living in the wild with wolves. I am a wolf advocate and am heart broken over the past two years since the delisting of wolves was passed in a budget bill that was conveniently slipped in as a rider. The States have taken control over wolf "management" (more like slaughter) and it is refreshing to see the work, love, and dedication of the wolves the Dutcher's studied and actively interacted with. Their book is a tremendous read and I couldn't put it down until I finished it. It is so beautifully illustrated and I highly recommend it

Wonderful book! Photographs are exactly what I was looking for-Wolves are magnificent spiritual animals, they mate for life, they take care of each other, look deep into their eyes to feel their sensual, hypnotic tangible spirit.

The photographs in this book are mesmerizing... one cannot just "scan" these photos. I was in awe of the superb photography and the touching stories behind each individual wolf during this many-year study & observations. This book is on my coffee table & it does catch everyone's eyes as they reach for this book to scan the photos. They almost always ask "Do you have the video?" I do. This book has truly elevated my knowledge & appreciation of wolves. I learned a lot about the wolf "pack" & hierarchy. Truly a blueprint that us humans should follow.

My grand daughter is a wolf lover. Now that she is 7 and reading I bought this book for more in depth info for her hobby. The pictures are beautiful and the info very comprehensive. Sure it is a reading challenge for her (altho she has already completed the first Harry Potter book!) but even just looking at the pictures is a pleasure.

I heard about this book on NPR and sent it to my wolf-obsessed ungrateful sister. She was like, "Meh." But the book was really cool! Send it to all of your wolf-enthusiast friends.

Few years ago I watched the Dutchers wonderful documentary about the Sawtooth Pack. I'll never forget those wolves, neither the Dutchers battle to give them a voice. As a dog lover I've been deeply touched. What a pleasure to find this marvelous book! Every school library across the country should have a copy. Amazing photos reveal the authors concerns and devotion to this complex and majestic wild american symbol. May their work inspires us all... May, one day, we understand that we are connected with each species in our beautiful planet.

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