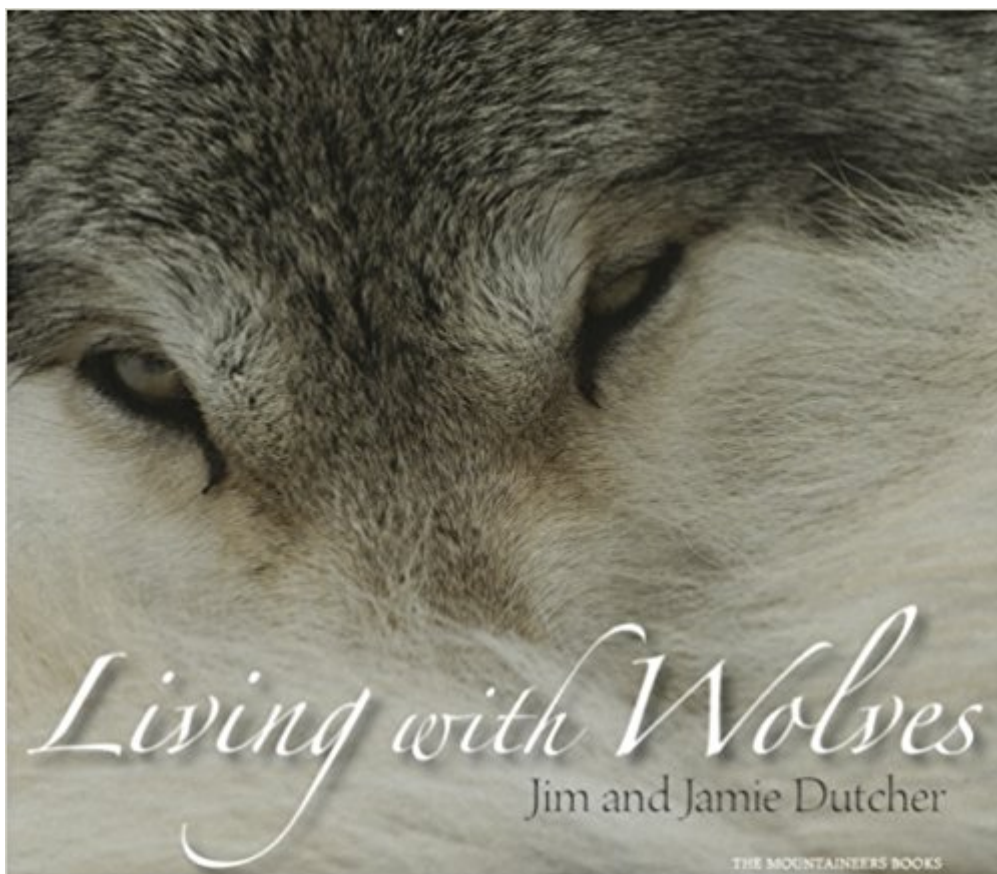


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# Living With Wolves



## Synopsis

Man has unfairly demonised wolves for centuries. More than two million have been exterminated by humans due to misconceptions about the wolf being a destructive, ruthless, random predator. The Dutchers eloquently dispel these myths. The authors' photographs and experiences living among a pack of wolves brings readers face-to-face with them to reveal an intelligent, social, family-oriented animal deserving of respect, admiration, and protection. *Living with Wolves* celebrates the wolves' fascinating lives - what makes a wolf howl, travel in packs, and relegate one member to the lowly "omega" position? How are they different from the family dog? The Dutchers call for preserving wild places with contiguous wildlife corridors that allow for a sustainable ecosystem for wolves, and one that would preclude the clashes with ranchers and encroaching civilisation that are threatening the wolf with rapid extinction.

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## Customer Reviews

(My mommy is typing this for me but she wrote down everything I wanted to say on a piece of paper first.)Hello. My name is Jordan Elizabeth and I am 8 years old. I really, really love wolves and I have read about 20 books for kids about wolves. Wolves are very special creatures but a lot of people don't know that. A lot of people think wolves are mean and want to hurt people but actually they don't.Of all the books I have about wolves, "Living With Wolves" is my favorite even though it's more like an adult book. While searching for more wolf books with my mommy on her computer, I saw "Living With Wolves" on this website and wanted to say what I also think about this book because

not many people wrote their thoughts here yet. I got this book in New York City where my family flew and we went to a museum to see and meet the Dutchers. This was the greatest time of my whole life! I've never actually met a movie star before until I met Jim & Jamie. I've seen their DVDs about a hundred times and I think it's so cool that they actually lived with wolves! After they were done speaking we bought this book. The next day we got on a plane to fly home and my mom and dad let me take out the book. They didn't want me to wreck it because it is the nicest wolf book and it is very heavy with amazing pictures. On the plane I started to read the book. My mom helped me with some of the bigger words but not a lot. The pictures are really beautiful in the book and there are some of the wolf pups that are so adorable, too! In the beginning I couldn't wait to read what the Dutchers had to say and I just started reading the book all by myself. Usually I love to find all the pictures first but this time I didn't.

This is a good book in many ways. Let me list just a few of them. First, you get David Roberts' intimate love of the Four Corners/Colorado Plateau, as well as that of his two fellow hikers. Second and related is Roberts' and their appreciation for the Anasazi ruins and artifacts they encounter, and the appreciation to not disturb them. Related to that, you can learn the basics about their "museum of the outdoors" ethos that is a cornerstone of this care to not disturb these remains. Not everybody fully appreciates this; it is part of what motivates the trio to get snarky about people's trail register comments. But, this isn't an "environmental" book or an "archaeology" book; it's also a travel book. And to fully appreciate this book, I think you have to understand that. If you want "just" an archaeology/hiking book, there's always "In Search of the Old Ones." Beyond that, you get a sense for the vastness and ruggedness of this land, both today and 700-7,000 years ago as it confronted the Anasazi and their various forbearers. But, wait, that's not all. You also get the story of the 61-year-old Roberts, wondering how much major hiking he has left, the 53-year-old Vaughn Hadenfelt, fearing he'll soon be stuck behind a desk rather than guiding people around the Plateau, and the 47-year-old Greg Child, a new father. You get the three of them trying to not wear on each other's last nerve through a couple of weeks of hiking with almost no human contact. The "whining" that some people may note, I rather saw as the personal wrestlings of three aging hikers knowing they are approaching turning points in their lives. I think it misses the point of this book to "just" look for nature photography or Anasazi ruins.

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