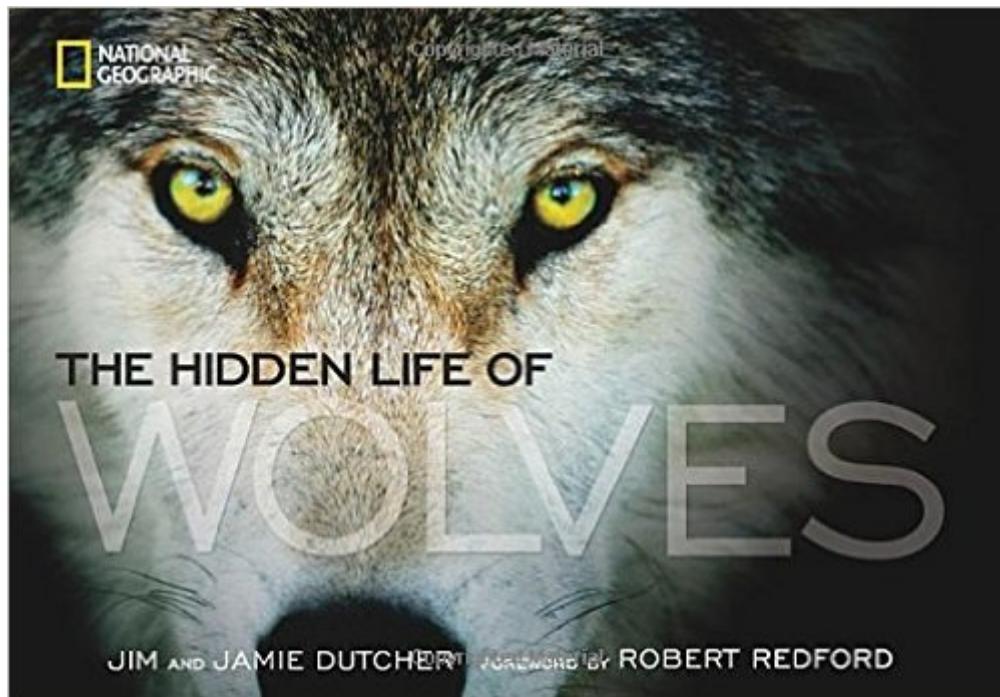


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# The Hidden Life Of Wolves



## Synopsis

The photography is stunningly beautiful and the insights that Jim and Jamie Dutcher share with us opens a world of understanding into wolf behavior."Â ª "Apogee Photo MagazineDelve 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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## Customer Reviews

As you might guess by my Pen name, Wulfstan, I am a big fan of wolves, so I was excited to get this new book. And, I was blown away. The photography is beyond fantastic, and really up close and personal. Not only great wolf shots, but stunning nature photography too. It will make you breathless! Besides the completely awesome artistic nature photos, the book also is packed with interesting facts about wolves in general, and this Idaho pack in specific. A little heartwarming and "fuzzy" but still solid scientifically. Also see "Living with Wolves" by the same author.

True friends to the wolves, the Dutchers have proven that humans have the capability to make a positive difference not only in the lives of animals, but also in the lives of man. Showing also, how we all have a perfect role in nature, if we abide by its laws. Not only do I recommend the book, I recommend you delve deeper, to learn more about one of the most important animals in our eco system and something about yourself too~

I heard the authors on National Geographic Weekend and was profoundly moved listening to them present evidence that wolves experience intense emotions, as many other animals do. I stopped hunting years ago after belatedly realizing that animals often possess surprising intelligence and a capacity for human-like emotions, often triggered in response to events that reveal minds capable of joy, sorrow, pleasure, boredom -- all seemingly just as deep as in humans. Even chickens are amazingly smart and capable of loving life, as I discussed in "Chicken-human behavioral similarities" on my blog. In the footnotes to that article, I linked to many scientific studies that ought to jolt ethical people into wondering how humans can possibly justify what they do to animals. In my opinion, there is no justification other than "might makes right," which is an execrable excuse, not a justification. I commend the authors of The Hidden Life of Wolves for superbly giving us insight into wolves, which I hope will generalize into a realization that humans need to rethink how they treat animals.

I think there is a little bit of a 'con' in this book. The wolves were contained in a 25 acre enclosure and fed (who knows how) by the humans. That is not a real wild wolf pack. Probably the real behavior would be similar but a little dissimilar to that observed in this large cage with no actual hunting by the wolves. Nice pics, some interesting observations on wolf behavior, but not enough explanation of the actual universe these wolves find themselves in.

Look at what they're doing to wolves now. Because of ranchers wolves are being systematically wiped out as I write this. States like Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and others along with the USDA's Wildlife Services have opened up trophy hunting against wolves. All the work done in wolf conservation has been for nothing. The delisting of wolves from the Endangered Species list is shameful and I am ashamed of our nation to treat a treasure of our nation's heritage, wolves, like trash.

Wonderful and very informative book on these beautiful creatures that are being destroyed by total ignorance. A must read for all wolf and animal lovers!

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.

My vote for the Academy Award for best Movie, Producer, Writer and Male and Female actors both Human and animal goes to goes to All those involved in " Living with Wolves". Hollywood could finally give a real service to Mankind and Planet Earth by delivering this message to all Humans. It would raise the consciousness and awareness of hundreds of million and finally lead to the creation of the Heaven on Earth that all have been striving for since life first set foot on our planet. This is a profound message not just about the life of Wolves the real message is a reflection back to Humans as to why we are here and how as a collective body we were created to co exist as Humans and animals together. Thank you Jim and Jamie you are truly Angels from Source.

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