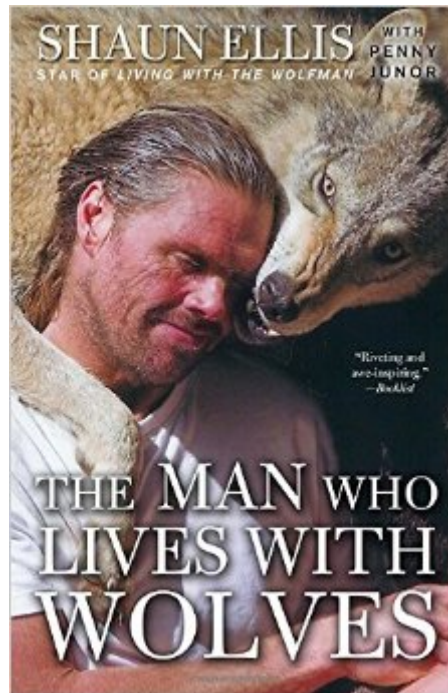




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The Man Who Lives With Wolves



Synopsis

What would compel a man to place himself in constant danger in order to become a member of a wolf pack? To eat with them, putting his head into a carcass alongside the wolves' gnashing teeth? To play, hunt, and spar with them, suffering bruises and bites? To learn their language so his howl is indistinguishable from theirs? To give up a normal life of relationships and family so that he can devote himself completely to the protection of these wild animals? In *The Man Who Lives with Wolves*, Shaun Ellis reveals how his life irrevocably changed the first time he set eyes on a wolf. In exhilarating prose, he takes us from his upbringing in the wilds of Norfolk, England, to his survival training with British Army Special Forces to the Nez Percé Indian lands in Idaho, where he first ran with a wolf pack for nearly two years. Offering an extraordinary look into the lives of these threatened, misunderstood creatures, Ellis shares how he ate raw kill and little else; washed rarely, and only in plain water; learned to bury his face into the carcasses of prey and, when necessary, to defend his share of the kill; communicated with the pack by his howls and body language, which over time became seemingly identical to theirs; and observed from this unique vantage point how wolves give birth to and raise their young, and enforce order among the pack. After years of living in the wild, Shaun Ellis was barely able to recognize the feral face that stared back at him from the mirror. And in *The Man Who Lives with Wolves*, we discover the life of a rare and fascinating man who abandoned civilization but never lost touch with his humanity. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Ellis, the self-trained wolf behaviorist featured on TV's *Living with the Wolfman*, has spent years living, literally, with wolves in the U.S. and England: eating what they do (raw meat), fitting into their pack, meeting challenges from other pack-members, and more. Ellis describes in detail (some repetitive) the astonishing rigors of living with wolves; readers might ask why one would stick with the pack after sustaining bites, knockout blows, and other injuries, but Ellis maintains that fulfilling his "overwhelming need to find out the truth and do whatever I could to help and stand up for these creatures" is reward enough. Ellis's prose is informal and conversational, and his experiences are highly illuminating regarding animals classically met with fear and hatred (an ancient reaction, Ellis notes, rooted in humankind's shift from a hunter-gatherer society to a farming society). Ellis also shares his goals, how they've evolved over years of study, and the challenges of scientists who disapprove of his methods; among well-earned observations of the natural world, Ellis also includes stories from his own life and family, as well useful information for dog owners. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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An unusual subject, beautifully written. A bit slow in a few places, but all-in-all, 5 out of 5 stars for this TRUE story. Not everyone will relate to the writer and his subjects, but there is a lot to be learned. (First, that the myths we've grown up with about how dangerous wolves are, are largely false.) Wolves form a tightly knit family (we call it a pack), and they look out for one another like families should - and they and the natural world around them benefit from their approach to survival in the wild. Every member has their role to play, and they take care of each other as best they can. Some reviewers seem to think the author was 'making things up.' If so, he did a very careful job of making his 'made-up' stories self-consistent. That is, one realization discussed in one situation, fits well with the effects seen in much different situations. Yes, I understand that PhD Biologists, etc. may disagree with his techniques (i.e., violation of the Scientific Method), but he's looking at the real world, not some esoteric 'model' of how things 'might' work. If I was facing a large wild wolf in a

forest, I believe I'd follow his suggestions over people who only investigate through binoculars

This book was interesting and easy to read. I appreciated Ellis' relentless determination to learn about wolves and his desire to save them from man's encroachment. His methods are unorthodox, to say the least. He is more attuned to wolves than humans and that is one of the reasons I didn't give the book a higher rating. He marries and has children, but is away from his family so much that he can't be a good husband and father. He puts his third wife in a dangerous situation where she could have been killed. I did enjoy reading about his childhood and his time with the wolves in Idaho, but thought the latter part of the book was less interesting. This was a good book group selection as it generated a lot of discussion.

Loved, loved, this book. Can't express how I felt about his choice for a life with Wolves but it held my attention and I was amazed that Shaun had so much love and respect for the endangered wolves. The way he became so engrossed he lost sight of everything else and during his journey actually lived in a den so he could become a helper wolf and be able to raise the baby's when they were born. He gave all the wolves names and became so adept at learning how to be accepted by a pack that he was able to live with them long term. (he was accepted by them) this book was so good and interesting I could not put it down! If you love animals and have ever thought wolves should be shot to extinction this book will change your mind!

My husband whom hasn't read a book in 10 yrs is thrilled, and very involved in this book!He is so excited to share the awesome details, that I almost feel like I have read it.I'll read it asp, to write a full review. If this is helpful to you vote on it, keeps us reviewing:)

It's okay, interesting reading, though you need to see the video to more appreciate it.

Wonderful and true. So much we fail to understand about those living things that we share this world with; especially their emotional lives and their intelligence.With books like this, we are just now breaking the ice.

Raw , authentic and transforming ; this is a book about a person who captures the essence of what it means for humanity to be an integral part of Planet Earth. Shaun Ellis was allowed to go out to play as a child ... This freedom created the most mesmerizing mind.

Honest, real story about a man's endeavour to fully understand the complex and intrinsic patterns of wolf behaviour, which adds to our often superimposed ideas and biases, of the true nature of the natural world. It leaves the reader with a sense of wonder and awe and also with many questions about how these patterns of behaviour could also be applicable to our human evolution and levels of consciousness. We are after all one in our quest to survive in this world into which we have been born. I have found this story to be life changing and it left the reader with a deep sense of wonder and respect for the natural order of things.

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