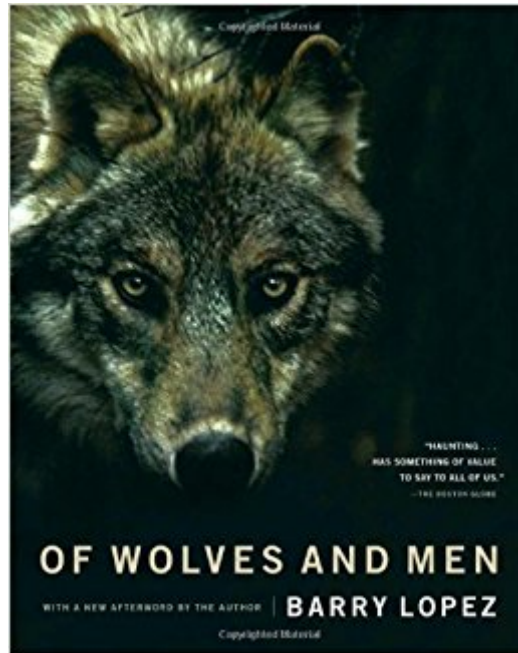




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Originally published in 1978, this classic exploration of humanity's complex relationship with and understanding of wolves returns with a new afterword by the author. Humankind's relationship with the wolf is based on a spectrum of responses running from fear to admiration and affection. Lopez's classic, careful study won praise from a wide range of reviewers and went on to improve the way books about wild animals are written. *Of Wolves and Men* reveals the uneasy interaction between wolves and civilization over the centuries, and the wolf's prominence in our thoughts about wild creatures. Drawing on an astonishing array of literature, history, science, and mythology as well as considerable personal experience with captive and free-ranging wolves, Lopez argues for the necessity of the wolf's preservation and envelops the reader in its sensory world, creating a compelling picture of the wolf both as real animal and as imagined by man. A scientist might perceive the wolf as defined by research data, while an Eskimo hunter sees a family provider much like himself. For many Native Americans the wolf is also a spiritual symbol, a respected animal that can make both the individual and the community stronger. With irresistible charm and elegance, *Of Wolves and Men* celebrates scientific fieldwork, dispels folklore that has enabled the Western mind to demonize wolves, explains myths, and honors indigenous traditions, allowing us to further understand how this incredible animal has come to live so strongly in the human heart.

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I bought this for a friend of mine who hasn't seen his copy in 20 years. The copy I got was not only in perfect condition but seeing his eyes light up for joy made it worth it.

A stellar and fresh account of wolves, and of men. The book starts out with one of the most eloquent depictions of a wolf alone on a trail, then picks up from that path and into the statistics and quantifiable facts of wolves as humans have accounted. Then the author takes the reader into a whole new angle of wolves as described by the humans who have closely lived with wolves and handed down their knowledge of wolves through their oral history and daily lives...I'm only about 1/3 of the way into the book and looking forward to returning to it each moment that I am away from its pages.~the cost of the book is worth the first chapter alone

A wonderful book, it helped me understand our thoughts and feelings of wolves over time. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting a better understanding of the wolf.

I have read several books about wolves, but this was the best. One learns how wolves live, communicate, what their place is in our world and how people have acquired attitudes towards wolves.

I am interested in wolves and men (and women). I would like to see this species succeed. Barry Lopez helps by going through the experiences of wolves and men through the ages. I haven't finished the book. This is just my thoughts thus far.

Excellent!

a great record of the persecution of wolves by humans, will read again

Book is one I have been wanting, I have added it to my collection. I would recommend used books to all of my friends. Book is in excellent condition and I received it within the time frame listed!

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