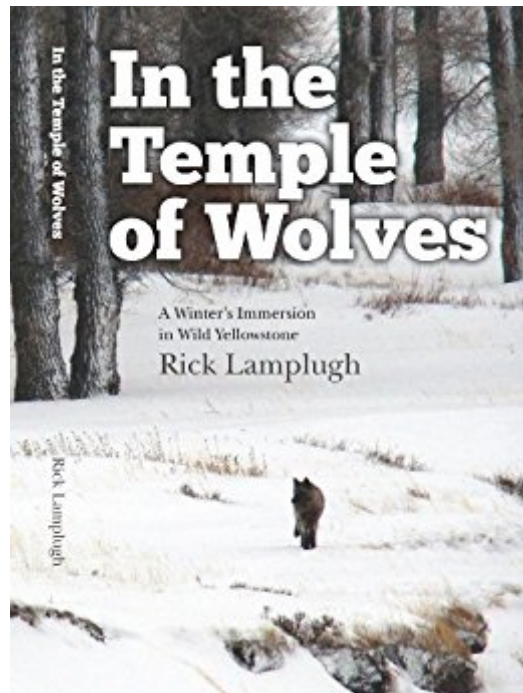




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A 5-star, best-seller, this new book is a literary blend of facts and feelings about a winter's immersion in wild Yellowstone.

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Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful book, beautifully written. I wanted to get a sense of what Yellowstone is like in deep winter (because the trips to go there cost \$6,000+). This book saved me a fortune. It's nice to see the park through his eyes. He's very humane and he did (or tried) everything I would like to have tried, but was too chicken (snowshoeing off trail). There are chapters about a lot of different animals. Great read.

In The Temple of Wolves is a wonderful read. I found myself walking alongside Mr. Lamplugh as he experienced life lessons during his time of volunteering, with his wife, in Yellowstone National Park. Mr. Lamplugh has a natural storytelling style and his "voice" resonates with the love of nature. He inspires a curiosity in the reader to understand the mind of the wolf pack, while gently reminding us that "every creature is connected" on this earth. I highly recommend this book.

I couldn't put this book down-- read it in

I just finished Rick's book. As a huge fan of Yellowstone National Park in general, and Lamar Buffalo Ranch in particular, the book was close to my heart and mind. Rick did a marvelous job of articulating his love for and knowledge of the area. His emotional attachment to his subject enhanced my reading experience; my only complaint was that the book ended too soon. In the Temple of Wolves is well researched and contains a wealth of information about this wonderful place and its inhabitants.

We have visited the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone in February several times in the past decade (as well as in the spring and fall). Its beauty and wildness always draws us back. Rick Lamplugh describes his winter volunteer experiences in almost lyrical terms, so much so that we could actually feel the bite of snow crystals, smell the sage, see the bison plowing snow with their huge heads, hear in our minds' ears the coyotes calling and wolves howling -- and he does this all without sentimentalizing the harshness of the weather, and the life and death issues faced by all of the animals in the ecosystem, large and small. Watching wolves hunt elk, watching the slow death of a bison calf, dragging a road-killed yearling bison off to become food for a host of scavengers -- these are not experiences for those who want to see Yellowstone in Disneyland terms. However, if you want to read about the real Yellowstone, and participate in the author's occasional ambivalence about what one sees when immersed in the Temple of Wolves, this is the book for you. We appreciated his analogy of the experience to things spiritual -- "the temple of wolves," "this sanctuary," the wolf expert he calls "the Archbishop" conducting "sunrise services" and giving "impromptu sermons" for the participants in the Yellowstone "Wolf Weeks" - 5-day seminars led by naturalists, for whom Rick was bus driver. This book was carefully researched, and the facts and history he gives, in between his poetic narratives, are informative and add to the overall high quality of this book. One small nit-pick: although calling the U.S. Army's Cavalry unit the "U.S. Calvary" does tie in with the spiritual connections he makes (Calvary being the hill on which Christ was crucified according to the Christian faith), we doubt he intended to do that. It's a glaring error made by a lot of people and overlooked even by his editor, but is one of those little irritations that temporarily interrupted the flow of his narrative for us. That said, it's a great read and took us back to many wonderful experiences we've had visiting the Lamar Valley. His description of hearing a wolf's howl for the first time was right on! It prompted us to get out our video recording and relive it!

"In the Temple of Wolves " by Rick Lamplugh is his story from a stay in a small valley in Yellowstone National Park. This book is a treasure! He invites us to be with him as he walks, looks, listens to the voice from the wilderness and its inhabitants. He searches, often in vain, to have a glimpse of this shy and intelligent wolf. He moves into the home of wolves with respect and dignity, sharing their hardship to survive, and also his compassion for their prey. His way of telling is filled with a deep personal and poetic outlook, which filled me with deep respect and humbleness. No animal on this planet has been so misunderstood and haunted as wolves. Why this hatred? He tries to answer...and gives us all a lesson to adjust better to facts of nature, and let go of mystical myths and fairy tales. When I closed the book I felt deep gratitude. This book should be a must to all that are in a position to learn how to adjust and improve our tolerance and knowledge towards a fellow being that makes our wilderness back to harmony with all its colors. Rick Lamplugh, Thank you!!!!

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