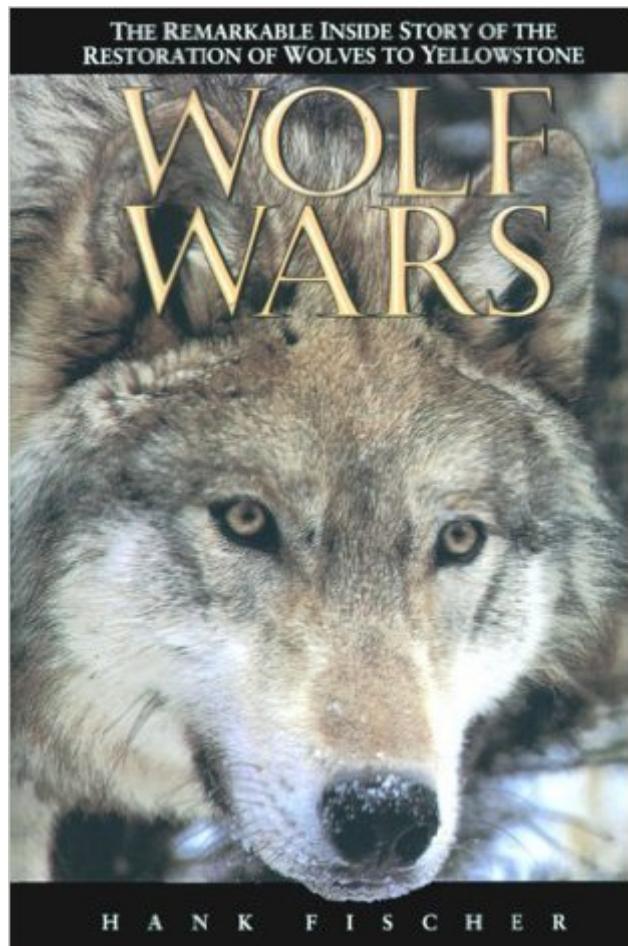


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# Wolf Wars



## **Synopsis**

The remarkable inside story of the restoration of wolves to Yellowstone National Park.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Bought this book to complement the peer reviewed papers I printed from library sources in preparation for a presentation for a Philosophy of the Environment class. *Wolf Wars* was the most informative of all the material I researched and it was a great read on top of that. My professor had told us that he scheduled 20 minutes for our talks as lax students could never get past 10 minutes and his best students were done in 20. I had to cut 40 minutes from my talk, and it was quite difficult to do that--everything I had learned (most from *Wolf Wars*) was not only interesting but compelling. This is a book that should be read and will be enjoyed.

I am writing this 14 years after wolves were restored to Yellowstone Park and central Idaho. Fischer's book describes the events leading up to the restoration in great detail. Some may find this tedious, but in the years since wolves were restored much mythology has been generated about the event. Wolf supporters and opponents have often forgotten or ignored who the principle characters were and why the reintroduction took place the way it did. Those interested in the facts need to read this book and keep it as reference.

Good account of the early days of the wolf-haters. A must read for those interested in the present

day conflicts with wolves vs. humans and their livestock and pursuit of elk and deer.

My husband read my copy first & was quite engaged. He is married to a wolf watcher, but I never thought he would be so drawn in. Thumbs up on writing style. Can't be a good judge of accuracy.

WOLF WARS is the short (170 pages), inside story by conservationist Hank Fischer on the restoration of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. Curiosity inspired me to buy the book after visiting the park last October, during which time I thought I saw a wolf crossing a snow-covered clearing way off in the distance. It was definitely a large canine. Well, perhaps it was only Sergeant Preston's dog King on a mission for the RCMP. To make a short story even shorter, WOLF WARS briefly summarizes the successful effort to eradicate the wolf from the western US at the turn of the last century, then reviews the recent, also successful, federal effort to re-establish wolves in that same region. The best chapters are the first, which describes the live capture of wolves in Alberta, Canada, and the last, which describes their subsequent release into YNP in 1995. In between, Fischer recounts ad nauseam the 20-year battle fought in the US Congress and the courts to design, popularize, legitimize and implement the plan to bring the animals back in the face of rabid opposition from the region's cattle and sheep ranchers. This relatively lengthy section focusing chiefly on government infighting was truly eye-glazing stuff, and best left to bureaucrats-in-training. Yes, reading this book did teach me something - always a good thing in itself. But, a simple 10-page pamphlet would have sufficed.

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