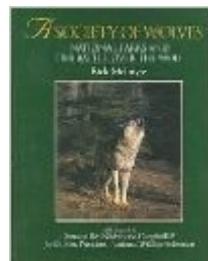


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New York Society Library.Rick McIntyre is a true expert in the study of wolves, primarily in Yellowstone, but with a nationwide reputation. He seems to enjoy destroying stereotypes. For example, we often face pressure to measure up as alpha males, to "the wolf up" as it were. Alpha male connotes the man who at every moment demonstrates that he's in total control in the home, and who away from home can become snarling and aggressive. In fact, the male wolf is an exemplary male role model. "The main characteristic of an alpha male wolf, is a quiet confidence, quiet self-assurance. You know what you need to do; you know what's best for your pack. You lead by example. You're very comfortable with that. You have a calming effect." Alpha males are not aggressive. They don't need to be. "Think of an emotionally secure man, or a great champion. Whatever he needed to prove is already proven." Imagine two wolf packs, or two human tribes. Which is more likely to survive and reproduce? The one whose members are more cooperative, more sharing, less violent with one another; or the group whose members are beating each other up and competing with one another? Thus, an alpha male may be a major player in a successful hunt but then, after the takedown of the prey, may step away and sleep until his pack has eaten and is full. Mr. McIntyre has now spent 20 years watching and studying wolves in

Yellowstone for the National Park Service. He rises early, uses radio telemetry to pinpoint the location of a pack with a radio-collared member, then heads out with his spotting scope to observe them, keeping careful notes of their activities. In all that time, he has rarely seen an alpha male act aggressively toward the pack's other members.

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