

# *To Run with Wolves*

## *A Bulletin Dozen Booklist*

**L**AST MONTH WE LOOKED AT THE Big Bad Wolf commonly found in folk and fairy tales. This month we look at books that present a different view of this animal. Most of the nonfiction on this list directly addresses the image of the ferocious and rapacious wolf gorging himself on sundry pigs and small children and counters those myths with facts about the real life in and out of the wolf den. The fiction often shows humans and wolves bonding, while the picture books use their wolfy protagonists to address human issues. No matter which ones you choose, you'll be tempted to let the wolf in the next time he comes knocking at your door.

—Debra Mitts Smith  
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The *Bulletin* Dozen is a monthly theme-based booklist available from the *Bulletin's* website. Since we're awfully fond of bakers here at the *Bulletin*, we thought we'd adopt their philosophy of generosity and throw in an extra one or two when we have them to offer—so don't expect an even dozen.

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**Brandenburg, Jim. *Scruffy: A Wolf Finds His Place in the Pack*; written and illus. by Jim Brandenburg; ed. by JoAnn Bren Guernsey. Walker, 1996. Gr. 2-4**  
As the author-photographer discovers, even Scruffy, the lousy hunter and easy target for fellow pack members, plays a vital role in the pack. (BCCB 10/96)

**Brandenburg, Jim. *To the Top of the World: Adventures with Arctic Wolves*; written and illus. by Jim Brandenburg; ed. by JoAnn Bren Guernsey. Walker, 1993. Gr. 4-7**

An easygoing fact-filled text about a season in the life an Arctic wolf pack supplements Brandenburg's visual account of his summer with the wolves. (BCCB 11/93)

**Brimner, Larry Dane. *The Littlest Wolf*; by Larry Dane Brimner; illus. by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. HarperCollins, 2002. 4-6yrs**

Big Gray Wolf reassures Little Wolf that even though he can't roll, run, or pounce as well as his litter mates can, these skills will come with time. (BCCB 7/02)

**Corcoran, Barbara. *Wolf at the Door*. Karl/Athenaeum, 1993. Gr. 6-9**

As Lee and her mother find out, wolves in Montana are neither welcome nor safe. (BCCB 11/93)

**Denslow, Sharon Phillips. *Big Wolf and Little Wolf*; illus. by Cathie Felstead. Greenwillow, 2000. 3-5 yrs**

Big Wolf's and Little Wolf's bedtime ritual of sharing songs is interrupted by a mysterious scritch and scratch coming from the bushes. (BCCB 7/00)

**George, Jean Craighead. *Nutik & Amaroq Play Ball*; illus. by Ted Rand. HarperCollins, 2001. 4-7 yrs**

In this picture-book spinoff to George's Julie books, Julie's younger brother Amaroq and his wolf Nutik chase a ball until they realize that they are far from home and evening is coming. (BCCB 7/01)

**Johnson, Sylvia A. *Wolf Pack: Tracking Wolves in the Wild*; written by Sylvia A. Johnson and Alice Aamodt. Lerner, 1985. illus. with photographs. Gr. 5-9**

The authors look at life within the wolf pack and human attempts to track and study wolves in the wild. (BCCB 12/85)

**Jordan, Sherryl. *Wolf-Woman*. Houghton, 1994. Gr. 6-10**

Raised by wolves, Tanith must decide between remaining among her warrior-rescuers and returning to live among the wolves. (BCCB 12/94)

**Judes, Marie-Odile. *Max: The Stubborn Little Wolf*; tr. Joan Robins; illus. by Martine Bourre. HarperCollins, 2001. 4-6 yrs**

Horrified by Max's announcement that he wants to be a florist, Papa Wolf uses several different tactics to change his son's mind. (BCCB 4/01)

**Malterre, Elona. *The Last Wolf of Ireland*. Clarion, 1990. Gr. 5-7**

Devin and Katey struggle to raise and protect a wolf pup whose pack members have all been killed by the local squire. (BCCB 10/90)

**Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *Dogs: The Wolf Within*; illus. with photographs by William Munroz. Carolrhoda, 1993. Gr. 3-6**

Through a comparison of wolves and dogs, Patent explains why the 'wolf' on your living sofa acts the way he/she does. (BCCB 7/93)

**Pringle, Laurence. *Wolfman: Exploring the World of Wolves*. Scribners, 1983. illus. with photographs. Gr. 7-10**

Although somewhat dated, this work provides a good overview of wolf biologist David Mech and his groundbreaking research on wolves. (BCCB 4/83)

**Shannon, Margaret. *The Red Wolf*; written and illus. by Margaret Shannon. Houghton, 2002. 5-8 yrs**

Locked away safely in a tower, Princess Roselupin uses the mysterious red yarn that she received on her birthday as a means of escape. (BCCB 4/01)

**Simon, Seymour. *Wolves*. HarperCollins, 1993. illus. with photographs. Gr. 3-7**

Using full-page photographs and simple text, Simon sets out to dispel the negative legacy of folk and fairy-tale wolves. (BCCB 11/93)

**Smith, Roland. *Journey of the Red Wolf*; written and illus. with photographs by Roland Smith. Cobblehill, 1996. Gr. 3-6**

The red wolf's comeback from extinction parallels that of man's journey from fear and extermination of this animal to its rescue and preservation. (BCCB 2/96)

**Weide, Bruce. *There's a Wolf in the Classroom*; written by Bruce Weide and Patricia Tucker. Carolrhoda, 1995. illus. with photographs. Gr. 3-6**

Meet Koani, the ambassador wolf used to educate schoolchildren and communities about wolves. (BCCB 12/95)

