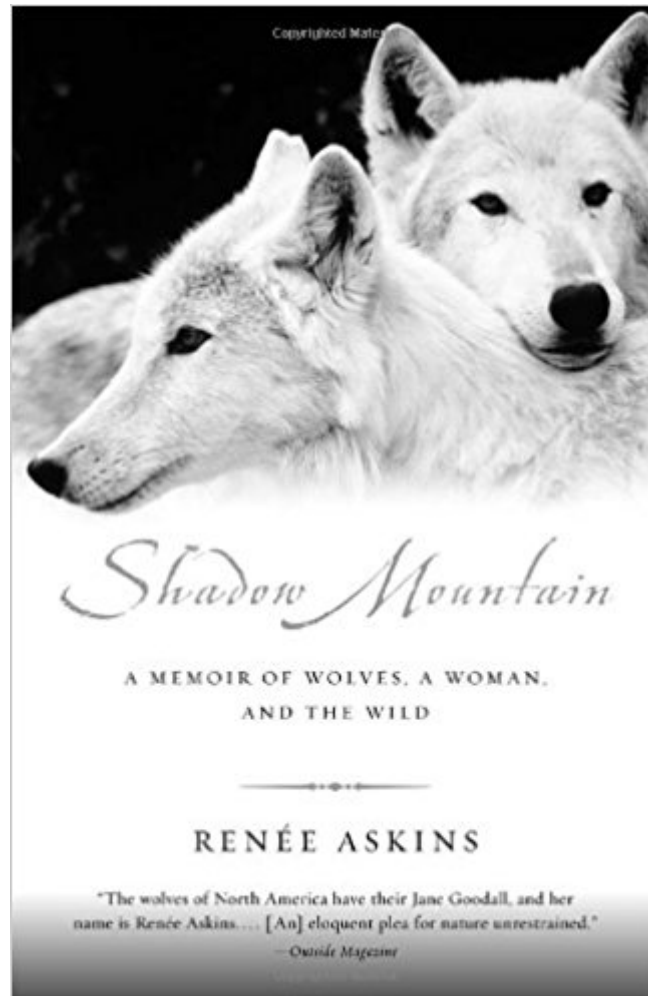




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# **Shadow Mountain: A Memoir Of Wolves, A Woman, And The Wild**



## Synopsis

After forming an intense bond with Natasha, a wolf cub she raised as part of her undergraduate research, Renée Askins was inspired to found the Wolf Fund. As head of this grassroots organization, she made it her goal to restore wolves to Yellowstone National Park, where they had been eradicated by man over seventy years before. In this intimate account, Askins recounts her courageous fifteen-year campaign, wrangling along the way with Western ranchers and their political allies in Washington, enduring death threats, and surviving the anguish of illegal wolf slayings to ensure that her dream of restoring Yellowstone's ecological balance would one day be realized. Told in powerful, first-person narrative, *Shadow Mountain* is the awe-inspiring story of her mission and her impassioned meditation on our connection to the wild.

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In the 1990s, Yellowstone National Park still had every plant and animal species that was present when European settlers first reached North America except for one--the wolf. And that one was a keystone species, a predator whose absence had a significant effect on the workings of the ecosystem. As an undergraduate student, Askins worked at Indiana's Wolf Park on a study of captive wolves and fell in love with an orphaned wolf pup. The plight of this little wolf inspired her to form the Wolf Fund, an organization whose only goal was to return the wolf to Yellowstone. The story of how this goal was finally reached, despite the enmity of ranchers, death threats, illegal killing of the newly released wolves, and the political machinations of western (and some eastern)

politicians, is interwoven with meditations on the meaning of wilderness and our connection with nature. Working in the story of her life, the author provides a personal touch that draws the reader in. This celebration of wolves will be popular in all collections. Nancy Bent Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“The wolves of North America have their Jane Goodall, and her name is Renée Askins. An eloquent plea for nature unrestrained. Outside Magazine “Delightful fun to read. The seamless way Askins weaves the natural world into her narrative brings to mind Terry Tempest Williams’s memoir Refuge. The New York Times Book Review “Demonstrates the kind of deep natural wisdom and sense of awe at the wild that has distinguished writers like Edwin Muir, Annie Dillard, and Aldo Leopold. Wonderfully poignant. BookPage “Renée Askins is a modern-day hero, a woman of tremendous courage and creativity. . . . Never have we needed these words more. This book is a quiet revolution. Askins’s Terry Tempest Williams, author of Refuge and Leap

Great biography of Renee Askins and the birth of the Wolf Fund. I enjoyed her insights and wording throughout the book. In summary, it’s very well written and a pleasure to read, especially if you have an interest in wolf restoration and all that was behind it.

Just before the start of Chapter one in the book Shadow Mountain is the Quote from Gandhi "Whatever you do will be insignificant and it is very important that you do it". Gandhi also once wrote that you can judge people by the way they treat their animals. Renee Askins founded the Wolf Fund in 1986 for the purpose of reintroducing the wolf into Yellowstone National Park. Renee Askins is a fine human being, one who, like Dian Fossey, has devoted herself to one endangered species and from her efforts has found ground breaking and hopefully, long lasting success. Shadow Mountain is a wonderful book filled with emotion and adventure that will make you laugh, make you angry, and make you cry, but most of all it will make you pleased about the way you treat your animals.

I bought this book to learn more about the wolves being reintroduced to YS after I was privileged enough to view a pack in YS. But I got so MUCH more from this book-information of wolves But insight into our connection with nature & as a result with ourselves. I felt the author was speaking to

me and of me. Thank you so much for your words!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Nancy Riggs

This book is very well-written by an author who is clearly passionate about wolves and other canines. It is , however, definitely a personal memoir and I learned much more about the author than I learned about wolves.

Excellent history of how Yellowstone got their wolves back! I can hardly put it down. If you love wolves, you will love this book!

A well written journey of a woman's life dedicated to her love of wolves and the beginnings of re-introduction to Yellowstone National Park. Very sobering at times, exposing the pure evil, anger, and loathing of some humans towards wildlife.

I'm a great advocate of wolves and their return. I salute the author for her tremendous work!

Excellent memoir for the wolf lover. These majestic creatures deserve our protection and respect. An inside look into the life of wolves and wild life biology and this woman's life journey.

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