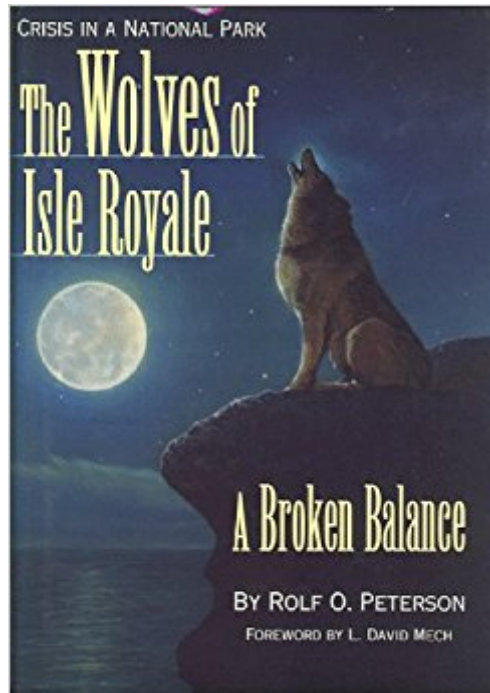




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# The Wolves Of Isle Royale: A Broken Balance



## Synopsis

Few can rival what Rolf Peterson has accomplished on Isle Royale. His study, a true classic, offers lessons and examples to us all who hope to do the same. This book reveals some of the secrets and details of this one-of-a-kind wolf study. •Douglas W. Smith, Leader, Yellowstone Wolf ProjectIsle Royale National Park•with its lush northern landscape, wolves, and moose•is an ideal laboratory for wildlife biologists. For nearly half a century it has been the site of a comprehensive study on wolves (2008 marks the fiftieth anniversary)•the world's longest-running study on any wild animal.The Wolves of Isle Royale is author and wildlife biologist Rolf Peterson's fascinating first-hand account of the relationship that exists between the wolf and the moose on the island. Illustrated with over 100 photographs, this book reveals the true nature of this mysterious and little-understood animal, and it offers novel solutions to the conservation crises as the wolf population falters to its lowest recorded level. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior holds an isolated wilderness ecosystem which is perfect for scientific study: biologist author Peterson's 25 years of experience with a unique long-running study of the wolves of that island provides readers with sharp color photos and many natural history insights. His coverage of park crises and ecosystem interactions makes for an involving account. The Wolves of Isle Royale is both fascinating and informative. -- Midwest Book Review

Rolf O. Peterson is known worldwide for his wolf research. His photographs have been published in National Geographic, Audubon, and National Wildlife. He is Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Michigan Technological University. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

For wolf lovers/admirers, agriculturalists and environmentalists. This is a definitive study on wolves over a period of forty-four years. Some of the results show that the main diet of wolves re small rodents (easy to catch and don't present any chance of having a pack member harmed) and shows how the pack culls a herd of sick and weak animals. This is an important study because it shows how wolves provide a balance in the food chain. It also shows that when times are hard, wolves can and do control their reporduction to match the population of their prey. They are vital in that they control the size of the herbivore population so that large forest and agricultural areas can survive and are not overgrazed. Strongly recommended if you want to know about the wonderous way Nature has planned for our earth.

another book on the history of the wolf-moose studies; actually I found the books by Dave Mech a little better

Dr. Peterson is one of the greats when it comes to wolf biology. I wish that he would consider writing another book! The story continues to evolve ...

Thank you.

Yes , this is the best work from Rolf Peterson , a noted Wolf Biologist who has been working with L.David Mech , another "monster of our Wild literature" ... I strongly recommended ...No regret ...

This book is very good lots of great images and information. It is good for anyone interested in wolves or Isle Royale lots of very interesting information on the wildlife and what is driving the ever changing isle royale system.

The book was sent in a timely manner and in the condition that was promised.

This book provides an introduction to the wolves of Isle Royale. Peterson certainly knows the

material, since he has led the island's wolf-moose study for decades. The book presents a mix of scientific findings, stories from the wolf-moose study, and Peterson's personal experiences and the island. It's well-written, though the mixture of these materials sometimes seems a bit random. If your primary interest lies in the science of wolves, I'd read Durward Allen's *Wolves of Minong* instead. But for everyone else, this should be your first book on Isle Royale and the wolves. The greatest strength of this book is its photographs. These include wildlife shots, pictures of study staff dissecting carcasses, landscapes of Isle Royale, and a few shots of Peterson and his family. The photographs, the color, and the paper the book is printed on are all top-notch. Peterson argues that the wolf population may be in crisis. Fortunately, wolf numbers have turned around since he wrote this book. His concluding chapter, about whether we should reintroduce "non-native" wolves to Isle Royale if they died out naturally, is very thoughtful and thought-provoking.

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