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Editorial Review

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Starred Review Jans was walking with his wife and yellow Lab in the gathering twilight when a black wolf they'd spotted on the frozen lake came bounding up near them. Forty yards away, he stopped, but then the Lab broke free and approached the wolf. The result of this encounter was a wild wolf that became part of the author's life on the fringe of suburban Juneau, an animal not only tolerant of humans but also downright friendly to dogs. As he began to be known among the local dog owners, it became clear that Romeo truly was sociable—playing with dogs of all types, putting up with pursuit by photographers, and interacting with all levels of clueless people. For six years, this friendly wolf graced the Juneau wilderness, accompanying people on hikes and interacting with their dogs. Woven through Romeo's story is the larger tale of humans and wolves, of close contact and fear, of wolves and dogs, and of an animal that lives both beyond and among us. As in Jans' previous works (*The Grizzly Maze*, 2006; *The Glacier Wolf*, 2009), the writing is both lyrical and factual, and through Jans' pen, we feel the crisp Alaska twilight and see the breeze ruffle Romeo's black coat. --Nancy Bent

Review

An Amazon Best Book of the Month

"Insightful and philosophical, Jans probes the boundaries between wilderness and civilization and our responsibilities to the untamed creatures in our midst." -- ***Publishers Weekly***

"The sweet and cautionary tale of a wolf that liked to play with dogs...An astute, deeply respectful encounter between man and wolf." -- ***Kirkus Reviews***

"Jans is an exceptional storyteller — no nature writer can top him in terms of sheer emotional force — and he frames even the smallest moment with haunting power." -- ***The New York Times***

"A thoughtful, highly detailed account of one community's poignant encounter with a truly magnificent creature." -- ***BookPage***

"Beautifully written, *A Wolf Called Romeo* is a thoughtful and moving story about one of nature's most evocative animals. Be forewarned: I read it cover to cover in one sitting late into the night. The author owes me a good night's sleep; but it was well worth it." -- **Patricia McConnell, author of *The Other End of the Leash***

"The compelling, grounded account of a black wolf that stepped forward in the half-light between wilderness and civilization and the people who met him there. From the powerful first moments to a hard-won conclusion that becomes our journey, too, *A Wolf Called Romeo* is a book to keep a reader up nights, and a book that carries long after the last page is turned." -- **Susannah Charleson, author of *Scent of the Missing* and *The Possibility Dogs***

"*A Wolf Called Romeo* is one of the best books I've read in a great many years. It gives heart-wrenching insight into an amazing animal, important insight into the shining side of our relationship with that animal, and important if bitter insight into the dark side. It's told in a quiet, even-handed manner which makes it all the more compelling, and it's riveting. In short, this is a real page turner-- one that years from now you will

remember in all its detail. If you have only the time to read one book, read this one." --**Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, author of *The Hidden Life of Dogs* and *A Million Years With You***

From the Inside Flap

The unlikely true story of a six-year friendship between a wild, oddly gentle black wolf and the people and dogs of Juneau, Alaska Nick Jans had lived in Alaska for nearly thirty years, as close as one could be to the wild. During that time he developed a particular, abiding fascination: wolves. Of course, mankind has long been entranced by these near-mythical creatures. But not until one evening at twilight, when a lone black wolf ambled into view not far from his own doorstep, did Nick Jans finally come to know the creature who had captured his imagination all those years up close as never before.

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