Review of 'Wolfer' by Carter & Jenny Niemeyer

Carter Niemeyer has personally handled 300 wolves and has lived to write about it. Niemeyer quietly, but powerfully adds his deep tracks to a well-trodden path of authors telling tales of wolves, wolfers and wolf preservationists that have come before. He has moved for three decades through a landscape fraught with traps of all sort and emerged sane, funny, wise, and boy-curious for more fieldwork. 'Wolfer" lacks the drug-dreamy social-cause poetry of Lopez, the outrage of Mowat, and the subtexts of National Geographic. This book is different from the others; it is authentic. The writer is refreshingly square with the reader. There are no calls for protest, no low blows to wolf managers, no good ole' boy nudges to shoot, shovel, and shut up. The author's lifetime of work amongst toothy wolves, prickly ranchers, hamstrung wildlife managers, misguided politicians, and clueless reporters has, somewhat miraculously, produced benefits to each of the parties involved. Niemeyer's book is a substantial achievement to be sure, thus, my complaint list is short: I thought the text was more powerful in the original German.

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