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Gregory Tah-Kloma learns the meaning of an Indian saying when he is determined to search for a female leader of a pack of timber wolves, and to find the wolf and her pack before trappers and bounty hunters could destroy them

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VJ says

This is such a remarkable story about the bond between man and wolf. I love how Tah-Kloma shared a detailed account of his encounters with Nahani -- an enormous silver wolf with a bounty on her head -- and his growing understanding of her and her pack's behavior, the way she led them and delegated tasks on them, and how Tah-Kloma learned the meaning behind the slightest whimper, the flick of an ear, the wagging of tail, the bending of a knee, etc., as Nahani taught him how a wolf communicates and thinks.

I have fallen in love with this wolf myself, which I deem to be of exceptional intelligence and although very wild, hungered for human affection. I just wish there's an accessible documentation about the real Nahani and the real Tah-Kloma on Google, but you can't find anything about them as the author has concealed the real identities of the people written about in the book.

The title however is just wonderful, although I thought not at first, but after learning where it came from and how there is such poetry in it, I thought it to be very apt:

"In Youngpine's native Penutian legend there is an old saw that explains witch-doctors' magic: when anything strengthens a bond of friendship, Chimmesyans say the friends have walked in the shadow of a rainbow."

Simply beautiful!

Mandy says

If you love wolves and wilderness stories than you will enjoy this. I really did like it, but there were a few parts that were slow and dragged and for awhile there I worried the story was going to be more about Greg and his conflict with Trapper-Dan. was always great when Nahani was present.

Ann says

good book.

Lucia says

A favorite when I was a child, this book still stirs emotions in me.

The story of a friendship between man and wolf is always fascinating to a child; as a grown up, I'm equally fascinated by the journey of a lonely man (a boy really) on foot, across the wildest areas of Canada

Travis says

Interesting book that was sent to me by my old adventure-racing teammate from Australia. Kind of old school, basically the writer wrote the story from the notes and memory of the guy who lived it. Most interesting to me was the observations on the body language of the wolves and how they maintained social cohesion. I also liked being transported away from my cozy apartment to sleeping in a musty sleeping bag on a sand bank in Canada next to the wolves' den, and not being a single mosquito-bite worse for the wear.

John says

WOW WOW WOW Yeah 5 stars for a book about a man and a wolf. About half way thru this, I still was skeptical about how true it was. Then it started to pull me in and became a believer by the end, I always disliked the trapping of animals but am now a HATER of such. A really wonderful book to read, Made a very nice day even nicer.

Jesse Nolan says

As a lover of the outdoors, I really enjoyed this book. It is quite remarkable how a man was able to form a friendship with the leader of a pack of wolves. Even more impressive was how he was able to track these wolves over vast amounts of land for several years. The book is even blessed with an enemy, the evil Trapper Dan, who wants to take down the lead wolf for the bounty that is placed on her hide.

Brenda says

The bond between the man and the wolf is unbelievable! I didn't know that kind of friendship could exist.

Claire Jenkins says

I read this in middle school (twice!) and over the years forgot the title, but I never forgot this book. I thought it was amazing then and it probably still is. I need to read it again now that I've FINALLY found the title, thanks to this website! (Remembering only "Rainbow" doesn't work well with Google)

Terri Kempton says

An interesting enough account of a Native man in the 60's who befriends a notorious matriarch wolf in the wilds of British Columbia. Lots of day-to-day details on hiking, camping, tracking, and wolf pack interactions. The narrator includes quotes from the man's journal he kept during this three-year trek. I kept

wishing that kid in Into the Wild had hung out with this resourceful survivalist for a while before living in the bus....

Jill says

check out my review on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpYHj...>

Janet says

I read this book maybe 20 years ago and it's remained as one of the top books I've ever read.

I loaned it to a boyfriend along with an equally important book, "Sunder", and never got them back; never missed the guy but mourned the loss of my books ever since.

Sunder was not the dog book, but a book about a mother whale and her calf written from the whale's point of view. I'll be searching for it on goodreads next.

Rats! Could not find my "Sunder." If anyone knows of this book (could I have the name wrong?), Please let me know.

Zack says

Absolutely amazing and beautiful account of understanding another species characteristics through respect and compassion, wherein resulting in a unexpected, found love amongst two different beings. Incredible that it's a true story all the same!

Robert B Rand says

This book changed my life, I bought me closer to the "thing" I was looking for? If you know what I mean, I was a child of the environmental movement in the '70's, This book took me to where I wanted to be, for most of my life. Read it.

Robin Reichert says

Without question, this is the most beautiful book I have ever read. Whether you are already a lover of Earth and her creatures, or if you wish to find greater appreciation, Read. This. Book! I have listed most of Robert's other books as "Want to Read" and look forward to reading the next one soon. I imagine his love for our amazing planet and the creatures we share it with will shine through. I wish he was still alive so I could thank him! May the wisdom of Greg and Nahani give us pause to consider what we lose each time we revile a culture that is different from us.

