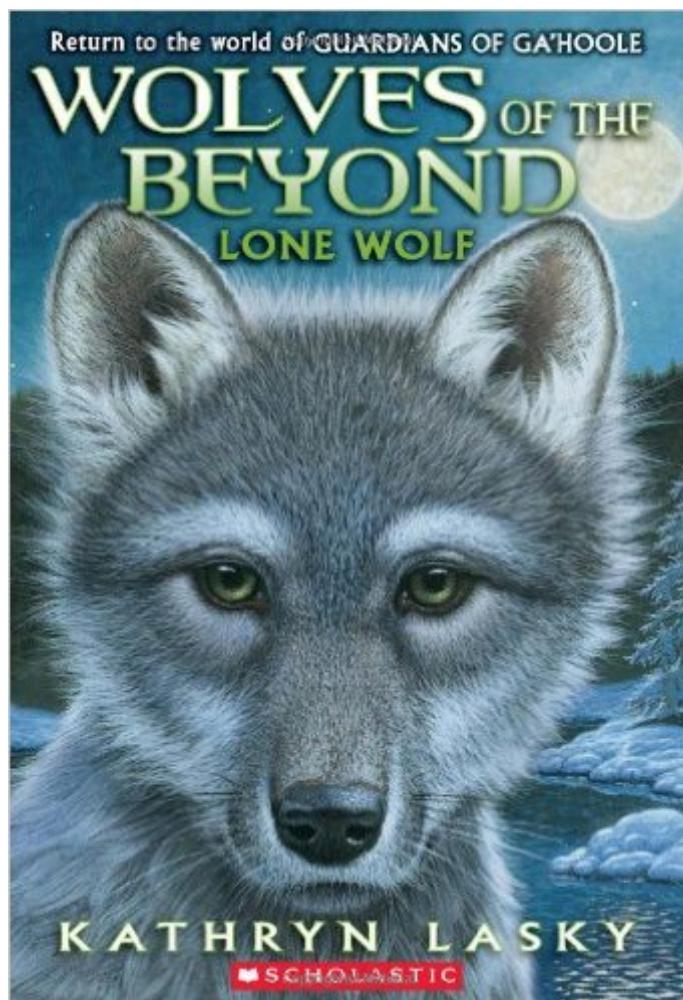


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Lone Wolf (Wolves Of The Beyond, Book 1)



Synopsis

Bestselling author Kathryn Lasky's *Wolves of the Beyond*, the stunning new spinoff from the legendary *Guardians of Ga'hoole*, is now in paperback! A wolf mother has given birth, but the warm bundle snuffling next to her brings only anguish. The pup, otherwise healthy, has a twisted paw, and the mother knows what the harsh code of the pack demands. Her pup will be taken from her and abandoned on a desolate hill. The pack cannot have weakness - the wolf mother knows that her pup is condemned to die. But alone in the wilderness, the pup, Faolan, does not perish. This his story - a story of survival, of courage, and of love triumphant. This is Faolan's story, the wolf pup who rose up to change forever the *Wolves of the Beyond*.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

Having been a featured book at the Scholastic Book fair, I was intrigued by a story featuring a malformed wolf pup being abandoned by a its' purity driven pack. I have not read anything by Lasky before, but did enjoy the tale of a wolf being rescued by a grief-stricken bear and imbued with traits of both species. The plot is engaging and I cared about Faolan and what is to become of him; I was saddened about the loss of Thunderheart. Beautifully written fiction is meaningless if the reader

does not care about the fate of the characters. I care and look forward to the next book in the series. I give this book four stars for one reason: Being a school librarian, I always attempt to read books through the eyes of my students. Many of the "wolf terms" are foreign and oddly spelled. I can see a student having a hard time decoding the words. It would have been helpful to have an index in the back of the book with term definition and pronunciation to allow kids to feel confident in how to read the words and sound them in their minds without interfering with the plot.

Away from her pack, her mate and the MacDuncan wolf clan, she-wolf Morag gives birth to three wolf pups. Two of them are tawny and perfect --- like their father. The third is silver gray and has a light splay on one of its front paws. Morag thinks her silver pup is perfect, too, but she knows his defective paw will brand him as malcadh, the ancient wolf word for "cursed." As a malcadh, the silver pup must be taken away from his mother and Morag and her mate banished to protect the pack's bloodlines. Morag nurses her pups in the quiet darkness of a routed fox's den to keep them concealed until the silver pup can grow strong --- and away from Shibaan, the Obea of the MacDuncan clan. As the Obea, the barren she-wolf Shibaan is responsible for carrying deformed wolf pups to a remote location where she abandons them to the elements and fate. Not long after Morag gives birth, Shibaan hunts down the mother and her pups, and then takes away the deformed silver pup. The Obea carries the pup to an isolated location and abandons him on an ice ledge --- a place where surely the malcadh will perish. Near the ice ledge, as the river threatens to flood, a grief-stricken mother grizzly bear welcomes death as a release from her overwhelming sorrow. Her lone cub has been killed by cougars, and she has lost her will to survive. Yet death does not take her. In the storm's wake, beneath the water, a dark clot has attached itself to the bear's hind leg. She picks up the clot and realizes it is a wolf pup that has clung to her during the flood. After seeing a spark of life in the eyes of the near-death pup, she gathers him to her chest and gives him nourishment. Believing the wolf pup is a "gift from the river" to replace her cub, she names the pup Faolan. As the grizzly nurses Faolan back to life, she once again is filled with motherly love and pride. Months pass, and Faolan grows stronger as his new mother provides him food, love and warmth while teaching him how to survive in the wilderness. To Faolan, his new mother, the Milk Giver with the huge and thumping heart, becomes known as Thunderheart. As days grow shorter and winter approaches, Thunderheart begins her deep sleep in her winter den and Faolan must embark on a courageous journey across the great Beyond. **LONE WOLF** is the first book in award-winning author Kathryn Lasky's new series, *Wolves of the Beyond*. It is an absorbing tale of courage and compassion in an animal world where the need for love, survival and belonging

is strong. Lasky's careful research and elegant writing enhance the story's message that life is a gift and being different isn't necessarily a sign of weakness; it can be a source of strength. --- Reviewed by Donna Volkenannt (dvolkenannt@charter.net)

Our 10 yr old daughter who LOVED the Warrior Series also LOVED this book. After she finished this she begged for book two! What parent doesn't love to hear their child beg for a book?

My daughter stumbled across this series when she was looking for a book to report on in class. I must say, we are both pleased that she found this one! Lone Wolf is the first of a series and it introduces the main character, Faolan. Faolan is a wolf pup which was abandoned shortly after birth due to a deformity. Fortunately for him, he is quickly discovered by a grizzly bear, who he names Thunderheart, who has recently lost her cub. She adopts him as her own and raises him in bear-fashion. Unlike too many books written for this age group, Ms. Lasky breathes life into her characters. They do not read as "talking animals" but as sentient beings with very distinct personalities, thoughts and feelings - they really come alive on the pages. My daughter enjoyed this introduction to Faolan and his world so much that she is steadily reading the entire series.

(Written by my ten-year-old daughter as part of a Language Arts assignment) The Wolves of the Beyond, The Lone Wolf, by Kathryn Lasky is a thrilling novel about a wolf pup named Faolan as he embarks on the journey of a lifetime. This book has enticed many readers and will leave you hunting for more as you learn of a destiny written in the stars... When a she-wolf named Moragg gives birth to a pup with a splayed paw, she knows the rules of her clan force her to leave him to die. But when Thunderheart the bear rescues him and named him Faolan, the pair become inseparable. When tragedy hits, Faolan must strike out on his own in a world full of danger. This enchanting read will unveil your inner fangirl with a character we can all relate to. It teaches a lesson many fail to teach, the social crime of prejudice and how not to judge someone by what you see, but by their heart

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