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**Dan R. Sholly, Steven M. Newman : Guardians of Yellowstone: An Intimate Look at the Challenges of Protecting America's Foremost Wilderness Park** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Guardians of Yellowstone: An Intimate Look at the Challenges of Protecting America's Foremost Wilderness Park:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Chief Ranger in "interesting" timesBy Arthur DigbeeDan Sholly was Chief Ranger of Yellowstone National Park during the late 1980s, a dramatic period in the history of the park. He was in charge during the 1988 fires, which make up several chapters spread across the book. He was there for controversies over bison management, the possible use of the thermal features by the Church Universal and Triumphant, snowmobiles, and the early stages of debates over the New World mine outside Cooke City, and wolf reintroduction. He also discusses the everyday challenges of tourism development, search and rescue operations, relations with concessioners, and law enforcement.Each chapter tries to connect some personal experience to a wider issue. Thats generally a good writing device, though some of those connections are a bit forced here. Still, both his personal experiences and his knowledge of the park are interesting.Sholly is a ranger, not a writer. The writing style is a bit clunky, and he likes adjectives too much. It would appear that either Sholly or the publisher brought in Steven

Newman to work over the prose, to good effect. The subject matter moves the book along. It definitely belongs on your Yellowstone bookshelf if you're the kind of person who has a Yellowstone bookshelf. PS. Know that Sholly was removed from this post for sexual misconduct and transferred to a park unit in Florida. Source: Lyndsey Gilpin's December 2016 article in High Country News. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Incredibly Insightful! By Daveosaurus I had to read--no, was given the privilege of reading--this book as part of a college course on natural resources management. Dan Sholly is a great story teller and clearly has a wealth of knowledge. Guardians of Yellowstone provides a remarkable look into not only the day-to-day logistics of managing a large National Park, but also the historical, ecological, and socio-political context surrounding Yellowstone throughout its history. Further, it gives an insight into the lives, struggles, and achievements of its stewards--the rangers. After reading this book, I lent it to my friend (who has little more than a passing interest in natural resources-related things) and he also thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact, reading this book piqued his interest in nature and made him want to learn more. It is a delicate balance to make a "naturey" book that appeals to both those with a natural resources background and those who really could care less. If you love hiking/backpacking/camping, if you respect those performing the often thankless duty of park ranger, or if you are just curious about this Yellowstone place you may have heard someone mention, this book is a great purchase. Read it. You won't be disappointed. Also consider The Last Season (P.S.) by Eric Blehm for another, albeit grittier, look into the lives of rangers. I would consider The Last Season to be a great companion piece to Guardians of Yellowstone. If you've got the moolah and time to read, check them both out! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting. By Catherine I had met the author at his daughter's wedding and was told about this book. Really enjoyed reading it. I have a son in Montana so to me it was very interesting.

The chief of Yellowstone National Park shares with readers its awesome beauty and makes dramatically clear the constant stresses within it caused by visitors and nature. Yellowstone was created as a place where visitors could wander freely, but when they and animals come upon each other, the results are often hair-raising and sometimes tragic. 3 maps and 46 photographs, many in color.

From Publishers Weekly Writing with freelancer Newman, Sholly, chief ranger at Yellowstone, presents a dramatic picture of the 2.2-million-acre park, showing how hundreds of rangers, scientists, maintenance workers and volunteers care for the wildlife, serve the public and contend with continual emergencies. Vivid descriptions of the devastating forest fires of 1988 figure prominently here, and Sholly justifies the way in which the park rangers handled them, arguing that fires rejuvenate the wilderness and may, in fact, be far less detrimental to the health of the park than the pressures exerted by special interest groups and neighboring landowners. Sholly is obviously a man with a mission to protect Yellowstone in all its grandeur, and this account of how he carries out his work, undaunted by controversy and criticism of his administration, makes wonderful reading. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Sholly, Chief Ranger at Yellowstone National Park, has a magnificent job filled with dangerous rescues, spectacular scenery, and controversial policies. Unfortunately, his book conveys none of this grandeur. Instead it consists of sophomoric prose that never really explains the philosophical underpinnings of Park Service policy. Sholly settles for defensive positions and assumes the reader will agree that his is the only reasonable course. For a much more incisive critique of Park Service policy, see Alston Chase's *Playing God in Yellowstone* (LJ 4/15/86). Not recommended. - Randy Dykhuis, OCLC, Dublin, Ohio Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus sA genial, wide-eyed nature-lover who happens to be Yellowstone's chief ranger writes of the Park's natural wonders and troubles in this entertaining if corny report. Sholly, whose dad was chief ranger at Big Bend National Park, moved into Yellowstone with his wife and kids in 1985. Here he was in his boyhood dream: in charge of 2.2 million acres of "the first, the oldest, the most famous, the most respected, and certainly the most treasured of the world's national parks." For the most part, this is a paean to Yellowstone's great beauties--its canyons, geysers, forests, bison, elk, moose, bear. Sholly loves 'em all. He also deals in human drama, as he and his staff confront poachers, toxic spills, protesters, even a hostage-taker at Old Faithful. Usually, the ranger holds the middle ground on hot disputes, such as cattle-ranchers vs. bison-lovers, although he favors banning kayaking and hang gliding from the park as a disruption to the wildlife. The centerpiece of his tenure, however, is the terrible fire of 1988, which pits locals against rangers and environmentalists against themselves, and which Sholly calls "the ecological event of the past 300 years." Event--not disaster: Sholly is among those who believe the fire was necessary for Yellowstone's ecological health. Simple, cozy, unadorned: like a night around a campfire, somewhere in those gorgeous Yellowstone mountains. -- Copyright 1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.