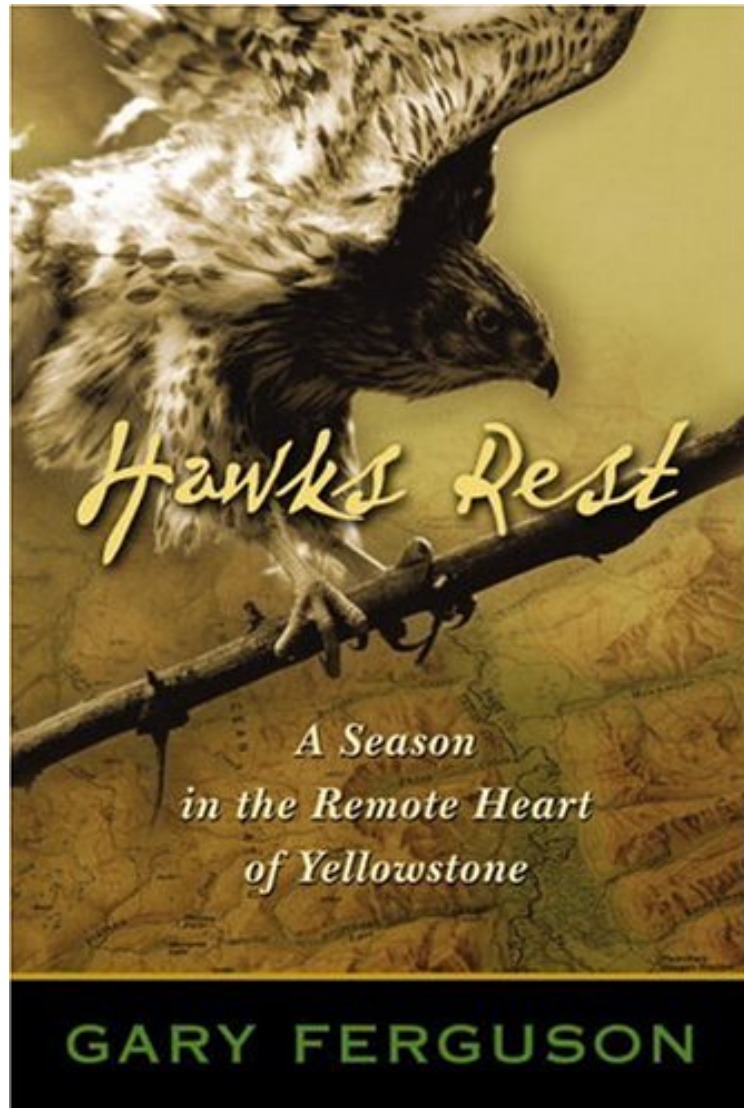


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Gary Ferguson : Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Mix of Rugged Beauty and Ethical QuandriesBy justjeanThis is a fine book to include in the broad category of "American nature writing." It centers on the writer's experience living and working in a particularly secluded part of Yellowstone. The biggest surprise, for me, was the rather disturbing presence of outfitters and their clients in those supposedly pristine areas. Their sometimes unethical practices clearly troubled the writer.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent writing, biased opinionsBy JR12Gary

Ferguson offers the reader a rich, loving description of the most intact, remote area of wilderness left in the lower 48...a tiny piece of what was here before Europeans invaded the Americas. Unfortunately, his ability to convey the almost spiritual experience of an escape from "civilized" life, and humanity in general, is diluted by his broad, sweeping condemnation of virtually all other visitors to the area excepting his handful of righteous friends and self-appointed heroes who see things as he does. Reading through these rants is a teeth-grinding experience. The Hawk's Rest Patrol Cabin is a short distance from the stock bridge over the Yellowstone River, has a nifty roof, offers a snug haven in lousy weather but is not open for public use. It faces the most heavily used section of trail along the upper Yellowstone meadow. I've been by it several times over the years. Gary chose to spend his sweet 11 weeks in Paradise parked right on Main Street and then whines about the traffic. After one summer he departs the Thorofare area in advance of most of the hunting season but feels qualified to offer sneering condemnation of the region's outfitters, portraying them and their multitude of "weary dude" clients, the "hook and bullet" crowd, as generally dishonest, ill-mannered louts. Higher-ups in the Forest Service, Game and Fish, National Park Service, various politicians unfortunately all wind up on Gary's trash pile. In my own personal experience nothing could be further from the truth. Take Ferguson's negativity with a considerable grain of salt (pun intended) and personally visit the Thorofare. Hunt, fish, hike, photograph, whatever. Form your own opinions. The trip will be uncrowded, possibly life-altering and you will add yourself to the long list of persons who love and value the region enough to work for and insist on its preservation. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. Well written with interesting and very well ...By Raymond L. GrantGreat book. Well written with interesting and very well composed story line. I learned a great deal from this book that I will take with me always. The author was somewhat judgmental concerning Ourfitters and Guides, but that comes with his job I suppose.

Beginning with his hundred-mile hike to reach the Lower 48's most remote place, Ferguson gives us a fascinating, personal account of three months living alone in the wilderness - a summer spent monitoring grizzly bears and wolf packs in Hawks Rest, the heart of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Through his encounters with park rangers, wildlife biologists, outfitters, and intrepid visitors, Ferguson weaves a poignant story of a land under siege. Opinionated first-hand accounts illuminate the dream and the difficulty of preserving the Yellowstone wilderness - America's first national park and a touchstone of all things wild. Ferguson's previous writings on nature have been well received. Publishers Weekly wrote about *The Sylvan Path*: "In prose as inviting and uplifting as a walk in the woods, naturalist Ferguson shares his lifelong passion...with a sense of discovery, humor, and deep reverence for his subject, [he] reclaims the natural world for himself, and for the reader as well." William Kittredge praised *Walking Down the Wild* as "a clear-eyed vision of what's at risk in the battle over wilderness in America. This is a terrific book."

"A sharp and ironic sense of what it's like to live in the American outback, twenty-first-century style." -- *Natural History Magazine*, May 2003A well-written work ... if you love Yellowstone, a great treat. -- *Deseret News*, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 25, 2003Dazzling ... an Edward Abbey-esque book, full of snappy vignettes and chiseled writing. -- *San Francisco Chronicle*, June 8, 2003Ferguson evoke(s) feelings of solitude, timelessness and aching beauty in the smallest details ... -- *The Oregonian*, Portland Oregon, May 4, 2003Mournful and defiant as a wolf howl ... an eloquent tribute to a threatened place and its lone protectors. -- *Los Angeles Times*, June 18, 2003About the AuthorAuthor Gary Ferguson has appeared on more than 200 television and radio programs across the country. His keynote addresses have been popular with a wide variety of conservation groups, including the Audubon Society, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, Save the Redwoods League, and the Land Trust Alliance. As a writer, Gary has worked for dozens of national publications including *Vanity Fair*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Outside Magazine* and is also the author of twentytwo books on nature and science. *Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone* (National Geographic Press), was the first nonfiction work in history to win both the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and the Mountains and Plains Booksellers Award for Nonfiction. *Decade of the Wolf* (GlobePequot), as well as *The Great Divide* (W.W. Norton), were *Audubon Magazine* Editor's Choice selections. His latest book is a wildernessbased memoir titled *The Carry Home* (Counterpoint Press). Ferguson was the 2002 Seigle Scholar at Washington University, St. Louis, the 2007 William Kittredge Distinguished Writer at the University of Montana, and a visiting writer in the graduate writing program at the University of Idaho. He currently serves on the faculty of the Rainier Writing Workshop Masters of Fine Arts program, at Pacific Lutheran University. Gary lives with his wife, Mary, in Montana's Beartooth Mountains, as well as in Portland, Oregon.