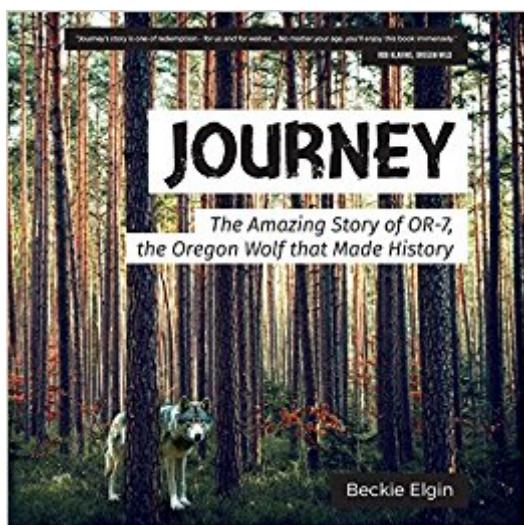


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# Journey: The Amazing Story Of OR-7, The Oregon Wolf That Made History



## Synopsis

A finalist for the 2017 Green Earth Book Award! Join the adventures of the famous wolf OR-7, also known as Journey, as he trots across the landscape of the Pacific Northwest into territories that have not seen his kind for nearly a century. Follow this remarkable animal as he searches for, and finally finds, what he was seeking during his three-year, 4,000-mile trek. Along the way, you'll discover fascinating facts about wolves and meet the humans that had a role in Journey's quest. Enjoy the many photographs, maps, and sketches that help tell the tale of this courageous wolf. *Journey: The Amazing Story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf that Made History* was created for middle-grade readers but will be appreciated by everyone with an interest in wolves and a desire to better understand these complex and essential canines.

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## Customer Reviews

From *The Bullseye*, review by Todd Wilkinson: "Beckie Elgin, in her sensitive new book, tells the story. *Journey: The Amazing Story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf That Made History* (Inkwater Press) explores not only the meanderings of the lobo but it delves into the dynamic tension that accompanied his arrival." From *The Source Weekly*, review by Brian Jennings: "While the book is written for middle school-age readers, it's an educational book that can be read by anyone of any age. It follows the early reintroduction of wolves into Oregon and discusses the many challenges that are faced by wildlife experts, ranchers and others in seeking a natural balance that wolves bring to the ecosystem." "In writing *Journey, The Amazing Story of*

OR-7, the Oregon Wolf that Made History, Beckie Elgin accomplished something spectacular. She created the best record I have ever read of this important wolf's life, journey, and impact. OR-7 could not have a better biographer or advocate. Beckie had the good fortune of growing up with wolves. Her knowledge about and love for these essential predators graces every page. I especially like that she wrote this story using two voices. One is that of an accomplished nature writer who knows her subject intimately. The other voice is that of OR-7. We can enjoy the journey from his point of view, because of what Beckie calls her well-informed imagination. And then she added artwork—colorful photos, drawings, and maps—that enhances the story even further. Beckie created a book that pleases the eye, the mind, and the heart. Beckie wrote "Journey, The Amazing Story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf that Made History" for young people. But after reveling in this book, I'm convinced it should be in the library of every person—young or old—who cares about wolves and their precarious place on this planet."—Rick Lamplugh, author of "In the Temple of Wolves: A Winter Immersion in Wild Yellowstone" and the forthcoming "Deep into Yellowstone: A Year" Immersion in Grandeur and Controversy

Thank you for your interest in "Journey: The Amazing Story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf that Made History" This book was written with a middle-grade audience in mind, but it is truly one that will be enjoyed by all ages. Journey is both educational and fun, and packed with photos, sketches and maps. A portion of the proceeds of the book go to Oregon Wild, a non-profit that is devoted to preserving wolves in the state of Oregon. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about my book.—Beckie Elgin

I lived in Portland, Oregon from 2009-2013 and would follow the journeys of OR7 whenever they were published in the local news. Everything about Journey/OR7 was amazing, and it's nice to have a documented history in Beckie Elgin's book. She has said this book is geared towards a younger audience, but as a wolf advocate and an adult, I love this book and recommend it to anyone passionate about wolves as I am, especially people in the Pacific Northwest (PNW), as this story should hit home to any of us in Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho. Our wild wolves are all connected between those 4 states and Yellowstone. To know that OR7 has started his own Rogue Pack and they are thriving based on what he's had to go through is a testament to the perseverance and durability of wolves. Anything dealing with Oregon/PNW and wolves is something I purchase without a second thought. That's how I came across this book without ever knowing it was released

yet. Also, a portion of the proceeds from your purchase of this book gets donated to a non-profit called Oregon Wild, which is an organization that does more for wolf advocacy in Oregon than just about any other that I am aware of. It's a win-win situation for both humans and wolves alike!

The entrancing cover showing a lone wolf in a forest of tall trees invites the reader in. This book is for everyone--not just middle grade readers. The story of OR-7, the tagged Oregon wolf who left northeast Oregon to find a mate and became the first wild wolf to enter California in 87 years is an amazing true-life adventure. Photographs, illustrations, and maps showing wolves, their territories and environments add specific details to the story. As the author skillfully tells the story of OR-7 (named Journey by two schoolgirls in an Oregon Wild naming contest), she adds background information about the lifestyles of wolves, their history with humans, methods used by scientists to study wolves. Concepts such as tranquilizers, trail cameras, trophic cascades, GPS, non-lethal protections for livestock, DNA, Endangered Species Act, and more, are well-explained, in addition to the glossary at the back of the book. The author also presents some dilemmas, such as science "intruding" into the lives of wolves with collaring and tracking vs. gaining information to learn about wolves and how to protect and live harmoniously with them. Extensive information continues at the end of the book with source notes, the glossary, and an extensive list of references for further reading. In the end, the author encourages young (and old) readers to love Nature and take action to benefit animals and our environment. Possible careers to assist wildlife are suggested, and in closing, the author writes, ". . . know that in any job you do, there are many ways to help make this a better world for animals, for the environment, and for other people." A portion of proceeds from the book go to support Oregon Wild in their efforts to protect wolves.

Journey is a fascinating story about the controversial repopulation of wolves in the Pacific Northwest. Author Beckie Elgin captures the life of one wolf in particular OR-7 and his path to Oregon. Using facts and personal experience from working with wolves while growing up on a zoo Beckie paints a picture of the hardships and day to day life not only Journey and his pack but wolves all over the country. Educational and enjoyable great read for all ages.

I have followed OR7 all of his life! I have anxiously waited for this book and I hope there will be a video one of these days. I think any one would be inspired by this story of this wolf!

Beckie Elgin's book, "Journey," is a visually beautiful. It weaves both story and information

seamlessly and is a delight for all ages. Would make a great Christmas gift!

Wonderful story I always have adored wolves

Well documented account

I love this beautiful book. Elgin tells the story of one wolf as a frame for providing detailed information about wolves in general. Her text shifts from narrative told from the perspective of wolves—â•a tricky business that!—â•straight forward exposition from the viewpoint of observers and more scientific information, plus occasional sidebars that add specific details. Elgin is not sentimental and seems to have a clear understanding of the way wolves perceive the world. The book must have been a labor of love, but it is a labor she pursued with scientific accuracy. I do not often like YA books, which this seems to be. It is a highly entertaining read for people of any age. I look forward to sharing this book with family and friends. But I do love wolves, and this book is wonderful! Recommended for lovers of wilderness and all wild things.

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