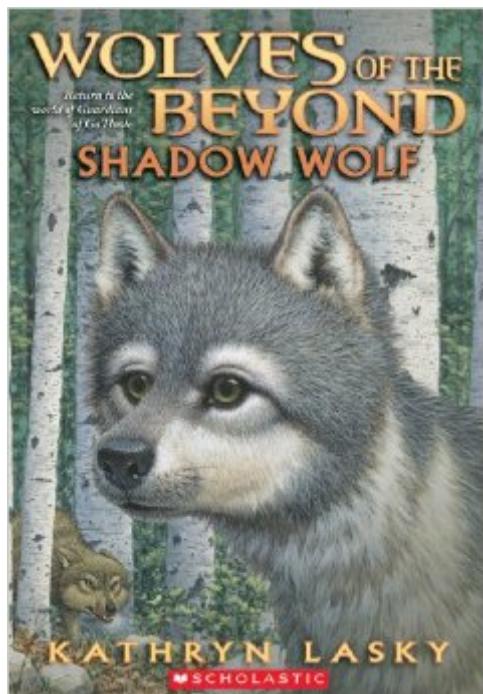


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Wolves Of The Beyond #2: Shadow Wolf



Synopsis

From bestselling author Kathryn Lasky comes the second book in WOLVES OF THE BEYOND, a stunning new spinoff from her legendary owl series, Guardians of Ga'hoole. The wolf pup Faolan was born with a twisted paw, a slight defect that caused his wolf clan to abandon him in the forest to die. But Faolan, with the help of the grizzly bear who raised him as her own, survived. Now he's made it back to his clan as a gnaw wolf, the lowest ranking pack member. And the hardships are just beginning. Another gnaw wolf, Heep, is jealous of Faolan and sets him up for failure. As if these humiliations are not enough, Faolan is framed for the murder of a wolf pup. Can Faolan catch the culprit in time and prove he deserves to be a full member of the clan?

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Customer Reviews

We have fallen for the Guardians of Ga Hoole series which have been popular for years and now a movie based on the Guardians of Ga Hoole has been recently released in theatres. The author of this series Kathryn Lasky has expanded the world of Ga Hoole to her new series The Wolves of the Beyond. Shadow Wolf is book two in this enchanting series. Lasky has a way of creating a wonderful fantasy world with her words as they flow off the page into your mind as you read. The

wolf Faolan is trying to find his place in the world now as a gnaw wolf in the MacDuncan clan. He found his way back to his clan after surviving abandonment because of a splayed paw. He's finding it's tough being on the bottom especially being new to all the laws of wolf society and being tormented by many of the other wolves, including another gnaw wolf named Heep. The extraordinary things about him make him stand out and not necessarily all in a good way, like his paw that's splayed with a swirl on it or his size and strength. He just doesn't seem to fit in.. and rumors fly that he is a wolf from the Dim because of these things and this singles him out for trouble. Trouble that comes in the form of being framed for murder of a kindred spirit and a cag mag, a crazy wolf. With the Gaddergnaw games taking place for the gnaw wolves of the clans this adds to Faolans challenges to overcome but through these games he may find his rightful place among the clans or even possibly become a Wolf of the Watch so he plans on trying his best to be a great gnaw wolf. This is an amazing story that leads you to wonder what will happen next to young Faolan of the MacDuncan clan, it seems like his adventure has just begun. It feels as if he is destined for great things in this entralling series, I can't wait to read on. The characters in this story are quite memorable and carry such a life to them through this author's words. The myths that encircle these wolves along with their beliefs and customs add so much to the plot of this tale leaving one...well enchanted. If I can pick a word describing this book and series enchanting would be it!

My youngest daughter really enjoys the Shadow Wolf series and she particularly enjoyed this installment. It picks up where the last left off (the orphan wolf pup, Faolan, once again on his own) and finds Faolan re-joining his original clan as a "gnaw wolf". This installment chronicles the challenges that Faolan faces as the lowest ranked member of the pack as well as the object of jealousy and scorn. He is eventually framed for a crime he did not commit and the tale winds down with the outcome and fallout of the resulting "trial".

See how Faolan adjusts to life as a pack member. Many highs and lows for the wolf as he moves on to fulfill his destiny as one of the wolves who guard the sacred ember of the owls. Great Story with a quick pace and great characters. KL really brings the characters alive with distinct personalities and traits. I love the Sark and The Whistler, I hope to see more of them both in book 3. I recommend it.

Have never read these books, but my granddaughter is "into wolves" right now and she has been reading the "Warrior Cat" series so I figured she would also like these. She absolutely loved them! As a plus, now my daughter has to continue to buy the rest of the set for her. Being a grandparent

has so many rewards.

Kathryn Lasky's **WOLVES OF THE BEYOND: SHADOW WOLF** offers a new novel in the Guardians of Ga'Hoole series, and tells of wolf Faolan who has made it back to his clan - only to be the lowest-ranking pack member. His twisted paw marks him as an outsider forever - and when a wolf pup is murdered, he's framed. Faolan must hunt down the real murderer in this fine animal fantasy.

I liked this book because it made me feel hopeless, watching as wolves abuse Faolan, and It gives me a thrill to see how this clever wolf with a terrible past escapes. **WARNING, THE FOLLOWING INCLUDES SPOILERS:** A wolf named Faolan was raised by a bear, and was a malcadh, or a deformed pup, so his blood would soil the packs clean blood. To get rid of him an obea, a wolf who takes deformed pups to a tummfrey, or death spot, takes Faolan and leaves him by the river where he will surely drown. Instead he is rescued and raised by a bear, who later on dies. Faolan meets an owl who tells him to join a pack and he does. This is where the story starts. Faolan is a gnaw wolf, the lowest of the pack. He must writh in dirt when a higher rank wolf comes along, and is greatly abused by packmates, on top of that, a wolf named Heep is nothing but trouble. Soon Faolan finds out that a wolf pup, a malcadh, was murdered before it could peacefully die. The pup died painfully and whichever wolf killed the pup violated the law. As soon as Faolan finds the answers, Heep accuses him of killing the pup, will Faolan's evidence be enough to keep him from being, literally, pulled apart by his packmates? Find out in this book. I would recommend this book to ages 12 and up, this book has a curse word in it, violence, and confusing scenes....nothing too inappropriate.

As a 4th grade teacher I am always looking for great writing that keeps students reading. I love this author's writing style. The descriptions are beautiful and makes the words come alive. Great for read aloud too.

My granddaughter has just turned 9 years old. The book is challenging enough that we read it together so I can help her with some of the words and concepts - but simple and direct enough to keep her wrapped up in the story. The story is about being true to yourself and embracing your differences.

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