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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 4-8-A lone wolf paces his enclosure at a zoo, growing annoyed by a boy who stares at him, day after day. Finally, he decides to challenge the boy and he stares back. But the wolf has just one eye, having lost the other when he was captured from the wild 10 years ago. So the boy closes one eye, and is then given a window into the animal's world. The wolf runs through his life like a movie, full of dialogue between the cubs and their mother, stories shared, adventures. Finally there is the cruel shock of his capture and the numbness of the years in captivity. When his story is complete, he asks the boy, "Who are you?" And as he stares deep into the child's open eye, a life of hard memories begins to unfold. The boy is Africa, a storyteller, raised carelessly by a trader. Befriended only by the animals he meets (who think and speak to one another and to Africa), he survives neglect and loss until he's taken in by an older couple who make him whole again. When habitat destruction forces the family to move to a city, the man gets a job at the zoo. And when Africa steps into it, he finds a world full of his friends, and one wolf, with one eye, and a story to tell. This is a simple but affecting allegory about how we treat animals, children, and our environment. The anthropomorphism gives the story a slightly magical feel that softens the horrors that have brought wolf and boy together. The sentences are short, and transitions between conversation and story are smooth. Soft gray pencil drawings illustrate the story. Easy and dramatic enough for reluctant readers, and with a depth of context that will inspire discussion, this well-translated story is ideal for reading aloud and for booktalking.

*Susan Oliver, Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library System, FL*

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 5-8. This quiet, atmospheric, philosophical novel tells of a boy and a wolf, born worlds apart. Blue Wolf, once wild in Alaska and now captive in a zoo, has lost his eye and his pack, and he has cultivated a deep distrust of humanity. Africa, named for the continent of his origin, is a gifted storyteller who sees Blue Wolf in his cage and wants to know his story. Looking into Blue Wolf's eye, the boy sees the story of the wolf's capture by hunters. In return, the boy tells the wolf how he came to be known as Africa. Through their stories, the boy and the wolf forge a spiritual and emotional connection, a bond both have always craved but never had. The cleverly told, introspective novel about fellowship, healing, and meaningful relationships is aptly complemented by haunting black-and-white illustrations. *Ed Sullivan*

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