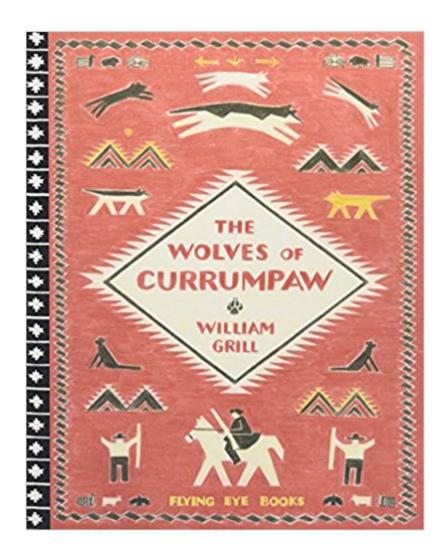


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# **The Wolves Of Currumpaw**





# **Synopsis**

The Wolves of Currumpaw is a beautifully illustrated modern re-telling of Ernest Thompson Seton's epic wilderness drama Lobo, the King of Currumpaw, originally published in 1898. Set in the dying days of the old west, Seton's drama unfolds in the vast planes of New Mexico, at a time when man's relationship with nature was often marked by exploitations and misunderstanding. This is the first graphic adaptation of a massively influential piece of writing by one of the men who went on to form the Boy Scouts of America. A University of Falmouth graduate and London resident, William Grill's first book Shackleton's Journey made him the youngest Kate Greenaway Medal winner since 1960. With a slew of prizes and under his belt, Grill looks primed to make a huge impact with The Wolves of Currumpaw.

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Set in the vast open plains of New Mexico, The Wolves of Currumpaw follows the true story of a notorious wolf pack and the man hired to trap their leader. This is the tale of how one remarkable wolf changed a hunter's life and led to the formation of wildlife conservation societies across America. A beautiful re-telling of the first short story from Ernest Thompson Seton's 1898 classic, Wild Animals I Have Known, this second book from Kate Greenaway Medal winner William Grill takes us back to the dying days of the old west.

This is an INCREDIBLY beautiful book... the illustrations... the story... all of it! My niece who is obsessed with wolves was overjoyed to receive it, and now, after seeing it in person, I think I might order another one just to have on my own shelf, and for my kids in the future!

Gruesome story that moved along touchingly and with laudable resolution to quit killing wolves to protecting them. It shows people can change and learn good things. Wonderful illustrations and galloping story line. Our grandson loved it.

Beautiful book and great story. So well designed and illustrated. Wonderful for all ages.

Rustic illustrations in a "Southwest US" theme, paired well with the great story! Highly recommended.

#### Gorgeous book!

This book reads well BUT. I was to give it as a present and it is bound back to front and upside down. Please can you provide a replacement.

This is a lovely book which is sure to win many hearts. It's a re-telling of Canadian naturalist Ernest Seton Thompson's 1898 story "Lobo, the King of Currumpaw". It's both a sad and heartwarming tale as it tells of Seton hunting down a wolf who was the scourge of New Mexico. It also tells how Lobo taught him respect for the wolf and he gave up hunting them thereafter. Incorporated into the story are the biographical account of Thompson's later life and the legacy he left behind to conservation. I really enjoyed this book and had looked forward to reading it as soon as I'd heard it was coming out. As a child I used to read Seton Thompson's stories, getting them out of the school library over and over again.

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