

# Booklist

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## ★ **Wolvers.**

By Taylor Brown

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Trace Temple lost nearly everything when his family's New Mexico cattle ranch was auctioned off, leaving him particularly vulnerable when a shadowy cabal hired him to hunt and kill an elusive wolf of near mythic legend. However, an encounter with a feral mountain man, Horn (aka "Wolfman") brings about a change of heart. Alternating chapters follow the wolfpack, brilliantly capturing their innate strength, intelligence and fierce familial love. This is clearly a labor of love for Brown as his extensive research and passion shine through. Brown expertly ratchets up the tension when the same mysterious militia group brings in a new mercenary to kill both Trace and the wolves. Brown braids muscular lyricism and moral unease, fusing propulsion with interior depth. His prose is lean yet evocative, attentive to physical detail while never losing sight of emotional consequence. Brown writes landscapes with a poet's eye and a hunter's patience, allowing silence, distance, and terrain to shape the rhythm of the narrative. The Gila Wilderness setting is elemental and unforgiving, a place where human law thins and instinct takes over. Rather than serving as a neutral backdrop, the land exerts constant pressure on the characters, forcing them into confrontation with both nature and themselves. Brown delivers a gripping narrative of what it means to belong - to land, to others, or to nothing at all.

— *Bill Kelly*