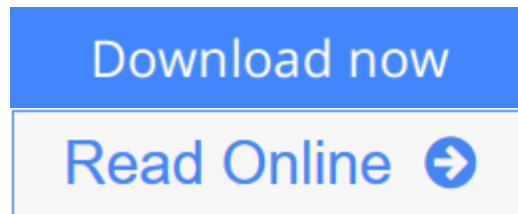


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Starred Review Jans was walking with his wife and yellow Lab in the gathering twilight when a black wolf they'd spotted on the frozen lake came bounding up near them. Forty yards away, he stopped, but then the Lab broke free and approached the wolf. The result of this encounter was a wild wolf that became part of the author's life on the fringe of suburban Juneau, an animal not only tolerant of humans but also downright friendly to dogs. As he began to be known among the local dog owners, it became clear that Romeo truly was sociable—playing with dogs of all types, putting up with pursuit by photographers, and interacting with all levels of clueless people. For six years, this friendly wolf graced the Juneau wilderness, accompanying people on hikes and interacting with their dogs. Woven through Romeo's story is the larger tale of humans and wolves, of close contact and fear, of wolves and dogs, and of an animal that lives both beyond and among us. As in Jans' previous works (*The Grizzly Maze*, 2006; *The Glacier Wolf*, 2009), the writing is both lyrical and factual, and through Jans' pen, we feel the crisp Alaska twilight and see the breeze ruffle Romeo's black coat. --Nancy Bent

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