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Struggling for Survival: A Boy and A Wolf

With countless video games, TV programs and Internet websites, young people today are further removed from the outdoors than ever before. In Brian Connolly's novel for young adults, *Wolf Journal*, a boy rediscovers the wonder of nature, and consequently fights to save it.

Jimmy Warren is a farm boy living in the Allegheny Mountains of northern Pennsylvania and one day stumbles upon wolf tracks in the snow. But no wolves have been in these woods for a hundred years, and Jimmy's quest to find this lone wolf leads him deeper into his passion for nature, aided by a Susquehannock Indian storyteller and the beautiful Sherry Woolman.

When Jimmy keeps a journal of his secret wolf for a school project, a dangerous pair of would-be bounty hunters threatens to destroy the perfect balance of nature that Jimmy has found. Jimmy must fight to save the wolf and the tranquility of nature, a journey where paw prints in the snow reveal a young man's struggle to understand and protect his discovered sanctuary.

Connolly taught creative writing in New York public schools for 28 years before moving to Oregon to write. *Wolf Journal* is currently being taught as middle school science and English curriculum. He has published a children's book *Bradley's Christmas* in 1990 and many of his short stories and poems have appeared in literary magazines from Maine to Washington. Connolly grew up in Port Allegheny, the setting for *Wolf Journal*. He has two children.

Wolf Journal is available in softcover (ISBN 1-589397-947-0) and hardcover (ISBN 1-58939-795-9) from Virtualbookworm.com, Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. The book can also be ordered from most bookstores around the United States and the United Kingdom.