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**SCIENCE BOOKS**

**The Redemption of 302: From Renegade to Yellowstone Alpha Male**  
Rick McIntyre  
Wolf 302, nicknamed "Casanova" for his unique mating habits, led a fascinating and unusually long life in Yellowstone.

**Super Volcano: The Ticking Time Bomb Beneath Yellowstone National Park**  
Greg Breining  
Dives into the incredible story of the active Yellowstone super volcano in an accessible and extremely readable way, through stories, interviews, and research done inside the park.

**Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds**  
Bernd Heinrich  
Heinrich uses a blend of stories and science to delve into the captivating world of Ravens.

**Trilobite!: Eyewitness to Evolution**  
Richard Fortey  
Trilobites were shelled animals that lived in the oceans over five hundred million years ago. An entertaining look at a fascinating species.
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general non-fiction books

**Drawn to Yellowstone: artists in America’s first national park**
Peter Hassrick

Hassrick traces the artistic history of the park from its earliest explorers to the present day in this richly illustrated account of the artists who traveled to and were inspired by Yellowstone.

**Searching for Yellowstone: Ecology and Wonder in the Last Wilderness**
Paul Schullery

As Yellowstone celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1997, author Paul Schullery took the time to reflect on the park he loves so much. He dives into the heated debates of the time regarding management decisions and how the story of Yellowstone has been told thus far. Throughout, he is searching for what Yellowstone means in the broader world, and how it fits into our world today in a meaningful way.

**Tracking the Spirit of Yellowstone: recollections of 31 years as a seasonal ranger**
Orville E. Bach, Jr.

This narrative weaves together first-hand accounts of adventures in Yellowstone with page turning facts. A great read for Yellowstone experts and newbies alike.

**Do (Not) Feed the Bears: The Fitful History of Wildlife and Tourists in Yellowstone**
Alice Wondrak Biel

The history of wildlife management in Yellowstone is set down here through stories of mismanagement, dastardly deeds, and lessons learned.
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MEMOIRS

Yellowstone Has Teeth
MarJane Ambler
From 1984-1993, Marjane Ambler and her husband lived year-round in Yellowstone National Park in a tiny community near the shores of Yellowstone Lake, deep in the park's interior. Yellowstone has teeth paints a portrait of an iconic American landscape and the people who live there.

Ranger Confidential: Living Working and Dying in America’s National Parks
Andrea Lankford
In this graphic and yet surprisingly funny account of her and others’ extraordinary careers, Lankford unveils a world in which park rangers struggle to maintain their idealism in the face of death, disillusionment, and the loss of a comrade killed while holding that thin green line between protecting the park from the people, the people from the park, and the people from each other.

Walking Down the Wild: A Journey Through the Yellowstone Rockies
Gary Ferguson
Full of imagery, information, and stories, a naturalist recounts hiking 500 miles through the greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

I Tell You Now: Autobiographical Essays of Native American Lives
18 Native writers of different ages and backgrounds write about their lives and experiences in this anthology of autobiographies. Interesting stories told from authentic perspectives, including some from tribes associated with the land that is Yellowstone National Park.

Nothing to Tell: Extraordinary Stories of Montana Ranch Women
Donna Gray
Twelve women take a moment in their twilight years to look back at their often-incredible lives living in Montana in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With stories of ranches, homesteads, and covered wagons, these series of interviews allow a glimpse of life on the Montana frontier during a time that is often romanticized.
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HISTORY BOOKS (1 OF 2)

**Gloomy Terrors and Hidden Fires: the mystery of John Colter and Yellowstone**
Ronald M. Anglin

John Colter is often called “the first mountain man,” and one of the early first white men in Yellowstone. Since he never wrote anything down, this book pieces together other contemporary and historical accounts to explore his life.

**Lost in the Yellowstone: Truman Everts’ Thirty-seven Days of Peril**
Truman Everts

Separated from the other members of an 1870 expedition, Everts faced an unfamiliar wilderness and slim chance of survival. This is his account of the harrowing experience.

**Empire of Shadows: The Epic Story of Yellowstone**
George Black

A complex and multifaceted look at the early development of Yellowstone National Park. This account of the oft-told story of the creation of Yellowstone brings new viewpoints and nuances to the narrative, weaving a story of the power of exploration, the power and influence of the Indian Wars, and the westward expansion of European ideas.

**Yellowstone: A Wilderness Besieged**
Richard A. Bartlett

In this classic book about the creation of Yellowstone Park, Bartlett describes the complex time in which Yellowstone was created, and gets into details about some of the multi-faceted powers at play during this time – including financial, political, philosophical gains, as well as the genuine pull of curiosity.
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HISTORY BOOKS (2 OF 2)

Dispossessing the Wilderness: Indian Removal and the Making of the National Parks
Mark David Spence

This book “provides a thorough investigation into the social processes and policies that simultaneously created our modern image of national parks and disenfranchised Native Americans from the ancestral homes.” **

**David Ostergren, Dispossessing the Wilderness: Indian Removal and the Making of the National Parks, by Mark David Spence, 41 Nat. Resources J. 766 (2001). Available at: https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nrj/vol41/iss3/12

Engineering Eden
Jordan Fisher Smith

The balance between natural settings and safety is not always a clean one. This book traces a course from the founding of the national parks through the tangled twentieth-century growth of the conservationist movement. National Parks are often portrayed as Edenic wonderlands, unspoiled until the arrival of Europeans, and Smith shows how virtually every attempt to manage nature in the parks has only created cascading effects that require even more management.

Old Yellowstone Days
Paul Schullery

Each chapter of this book highlights a fascinating person or time in Yellowstone National Park. From tourist eye-witnesses to the Flight of the Nez Perce, to famous conservationists and presidents, this book shows Yellowstone experiences, ideas, and memories from a variety of perspectives.

Women in Wonderland: Lives, Legends, and Legacies in Yellowstone National Park
Elizabeth A. Watry

Women have long influenced Yellowstone and the communities that surround the park. This book highlights some of the most pivotal women who left their mark.
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FICTION (1 OF 2)

**Alpha Female**
April Christofferson
Annie Peacock is a judge in Yellowstone National Park and does not have much patience for hotheaded ranger Will McCarroll. However, when her mother is kidnapped, the two must work closely together and begin to grow closer. The series continues in *Buffalo Medicine* and *Trapped*.

**Ashfall**
Mike Mullin
A young boy journeys across the country to find his family in the aftermath of an eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano.

**Bachelor Father**
Vicki Lewis
When an editor from New York visits Yellowstone National Park, she finds herself in danger and then rescued by ranger Zeke Lonetree. To her surprise she soon finds herself back in the park and introducing him to his baby daughter.

**Free Fire**
C. J. Box
A recently fired game warden is recruited to lead a murder investigation where overlapping jurisdictions have allowed for a confessed killer’s release.
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**FICTION (2 OF 2)**

**Letters from Yellowstone**
Diane Smith

On a scientific expedition to Yellowstone in 1898, one member of the group shocks the others when it is revealed that she is a woman. A dangerous snowstorm puts her in need of rescue, and then in the roll of rescuer.

**The Overstory**
Richard Powers

There is a world that exists alongside ours that only a few people can see, and they begin to recognize its peril.

**Travels with Charley: in search of America**
John Steinbeck

The author and his dog go on a road trip across the country in this story that is a blend of fiction and memoir.
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GUIDEBOOKS

Day hikes in Yellowstone National Park

Flyfisher’s Guide to Wyoming: Including Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks

Nature Guide to Yellowstone National Park

Roadside Geology of the Yellowstone Country

Yellowstone Trail and Backcountry Field Guide

Yellowstone Treasures: The Traveler’s Companion to the National Park

Yellowstone Winter Guide

Yellowstone: Mystery and Marvel