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Take a Walk on the Wild Side (of Elk)

What animal can weigh half a ton, run 45 mph with 70 pounds strapped to its skull, belt out haunting bugles that carry for miles, and endure 100 stab wounds a year from fighting? Elk can. Elk once roamed North America with a population estimated at 10 million. Down to only 100,000 in the early 1900s, elk populations have made a comeback back to 1 million elk roaming wild and free. A new illustrated book for children, *The Wild Life of Elk*, published in partnership with Mountain Press, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the US Forest Service, details the complete natural history of elk.

The Wild Life of Elk captures this legendary animal in all its glory, following the species through the seasons and through the centuries. It explores the many habitats in which elk thrive, the mythic growth cycle of their antlers, and the intricacies of their social structure. Readers will learn how elk defend themselves during fights and from attacking predators, give birth and care for their calves, and have adapted to survival in potentially brutal climates.

Award-winning author **Donna Love** has written numerous nature books for young people. She regularly brings her interactive natural history and art programs to grade schools and public events in Montana and the Pacific Northwest. Donna makes her home in Seeley Lake, Montana.

Christina Wald has done illustration and design for a wide variety of toys, games, books, and magazines. In addition to illustrating *Henry the Impatient Heron* by Donna Love, Christina has illustrated other children's books. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband.

The Wild Life of Elk by Donna Love and illustrated by Christina Wald
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