

# MARTHA HANDLER

Wolf Conservation Center President | Environmentalist | Award-Winning Author



## MARTHA'S BACKGROUND:

Martha Hunt Handler grew up in northern Illinois dreaming about wolves and has always understood that her role in this lifetime is to tell stories and be a voice for nature. She has been an environmental consultant, a magazine columnist, an actress, and a polar explorer, among other occupations.

Soon after she and her family relocated from Los Angeles to South Salem, New York, she began to hear wolves in her backyard. This was the start of her twenty-plus-year career as an advocate for wolves at the Wolf Conservation Center, where she currently serves as Board President.

***"You have to fall in love with something before you'll be interested in protecting and caring for it."***

## FUN FACTS ABOUT MARTHA:

- She received a degree in environmental conservation at UC Boulder, then worked as an environmental consultant in D.C., San Francisco and L.A.
- Martha has been at the Wolf Conservation Center for 20 years and is currently president of the board.
- Martha and her family lived in a house where the movie *Wonderland* directed by James Cox was made.
- Martha hitch-hiked across the country in an 18-wheeler over the course of two days.
- Martha and her husband were grand prize winners on *The Newlywed Game*.

## TOPICS MARTHA CAN SPEAK TO:

- Wolf conservation
- Death practices
- Spiritual interconnectedness
- Human impact on the environment
- Aftermath of deaths
- Moving from grief to gratitude
- Her personal connection to the story's plot

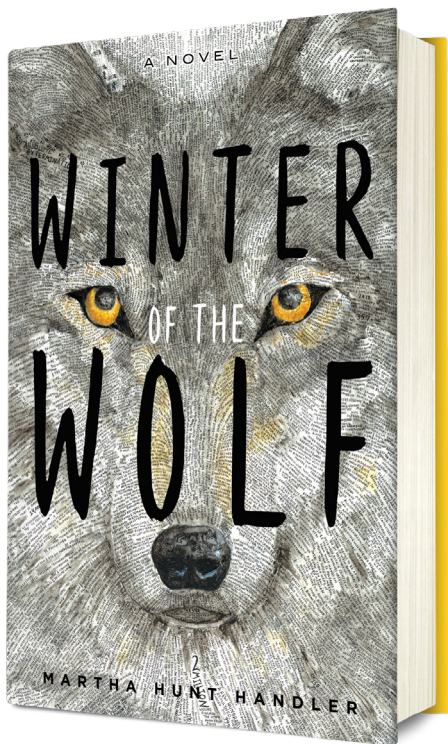
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***“If people could all see the magnificent beauty in all living things then they would do everything in their power to protect it.”***



## ***Winter of the Wolf***

Available Everywhere 7/7/2020

## **A TRAGIC MYSTERY BLENDING SLEUTHING AND SPIRITUALITY**

An exploration in grief, suicide, spiritualism, and Inuit culture, *Winter of the Wolf* follows Bean as she searches for the truth of her brother Sam’s “suicide.” Unconvinced her loving brother could commit such an act without warning, Bean pulls herself from her grief to become a part-time detective and shaman. With assistance from her friend Julie, Bean retraces Sam’s steps and delves into his Inuit beliefs, seeking clues from beyond material understanding. Both tragic and heartwarming, this twisting young adult novel will not only have readers diving deep into the customs of native peoples, but also gaining a greater understanding of the effects of suicide and loss.

Bean is an empathetic and driven fifteen-year-old who readers will quickly gravitate toward and follow as she struggles with family tragedy, high school drama, and understanding the people around her. Through Bean’s eyes, *Winter of the Wolf* urges readers to seek out the truth—no matter how painful—in order to see the full picture.

An environmentalist and award-winning author, Martha Handler has brought together two important pieces of her life—the death of her best friend’s son and her work as president of the Wolf Conservation Center—to craft an empathetic and powerful story with undeniable messages. Martha’s passionate debut novel will capture the hearts of a young audience.

Please contact Martha’s publisher to request a media copy of *Winter of the Wolf* at [marketing@greenleafbookgroup.com](mailto:marketing@greenleafbookgroup.com)

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