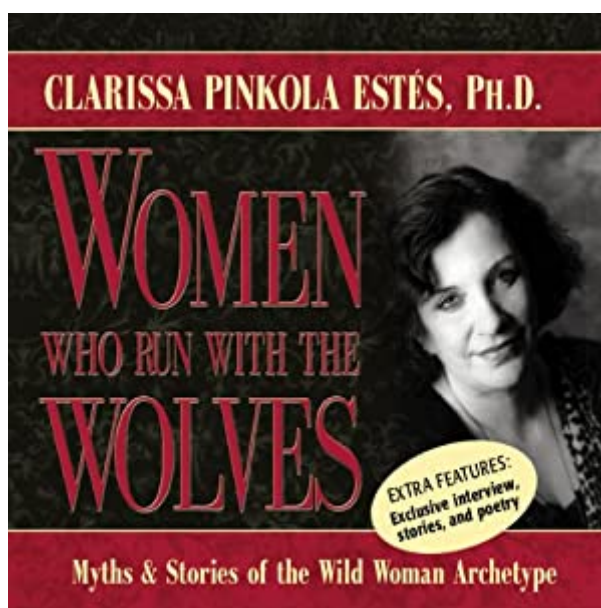


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Women Who Run With The Wolves: Myths And Stories Of The Wild Woman Archetype



Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER — Book club pick for Emma Watson — Our Shared Shelf — “A deeply spiritual book [that] honors what is tough, smart and untamed in women.” — The Washington Post Book World Within every woman there lives a powerful force, filled with good instincts, passionate creativity, and ageless knowing. She is the Wild Woman, who represents the instinctual nature of women. But she is an endangered species. For though the gifts of wildish nature belong to us at birth, society’s attempt to “civilize” us into rigid roles has muffled the deep, life-giving messages of our own souls. In *Women Who Run with the Wolves*, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés unfolds rich intercultural myths, fairy tales, folk tales, and stories, many from her own traditions, in order to help women reconnect with the fierce, healthy, visionary attributes of this instinctual nature. Through the stories and commentaries in this remarkable book, we retrieve, examine, love, and understand the Wild Woman, and hold her against our deep psyches as one who is both magic and medicine. Dr. Estés has created a new lexicon for describing the female psyche. Fertile and life-giving, it is a psychology of women in the truest sense, a knowing of the soul. Praise for *Women Who Run with the Wolves* — “*Women Who Run with the Wolves* isn’t just another book. It is a gift of profound insight, wisdom, and love. An oracle from one who knows.” — Alice Walker — “I am grateful to *Women Who Run with the Wolves* and to Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés. The work shows the reader how glorious it is to be daring, to be caring, and to be women. Everyone who can read should read this book.” — Maya Angelou — “An inspiring book, the vitamins for the soul, [for] women who are cut off from their intuitive nature.” — San Francisco Chronicle — “Stands out from the pack . . . a joy and sparkle in [the] prose . . . This book will become a bible for women interested in doing deep work. . . . It is a road map of all the pitfalls, those familiar and those horrifically unexpected, that a woman encounters on the way back to her instinctual self. *Wolves* . . . is a gift.” — Los Angeles Times — “A mesmerizing voice . . . dramatic storytelling she learned at the knees of her [immigrant] aunts.” — Newsweek — “The work of Clarissa Pinkola Estés, rooted in old and deep family rites and in archetypal psychology, recognizes that the soul is not lost, but has been put to sleep. This volume reminds us that we are nature for all our sophistication, that we are still wild, and the recovery of that vitality will itself set us right in the world.” — Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul* — This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

this book is my go to staple to feed my female soul. if anyone can get it right and deep it is Clarissa. to me, she is like the female version of Joseph Campbell. she totally unfolds the female archetypal characters and souls. if you want a book with meat and bones that talks about the issues of the female character and her relationships with other women ... within her family ... who betray her or abuse her, abandon her or neglect her ... and you have had that happen to you and you need a healing through profound understanding ... then get this book, read it and reread it and digest every bit of it because there is nothing but soul food in here! thank heaven, God and angels for Clarissa. she is a national jewel and anything she creates speaks to me and i think it will speak to you as well.

I first read this text five years ago, to learn my mother had read it upon buying it for my sister. We all love the text. It is incredibly insightful and I completely appreciate the feminist approach to Jungian thought. I also appreciate the personalization of myth, given what her relationship to the myths provided. Whether a fan of myths, feminist psychoanalysis, or Jungian thought, this is a great read. Women who run with the wolves will be a book I read and reread because of its wealth of insight as well as the depths that closer rereadings uncover.

This book was recommended to me by an artist friend. it delves deeply into women's psyche, explaining the why behind so many of our feelings and reactions to our surroundings, and relationships. I read a few pages, then go away and think about what I've read, digesting the pearls of wisdom C.P.Estes puts out for all to read. I highly recommend it to women who want more clarity

about their "wildish" nature.

It has taken me a while to read this book. I kept finding myself setting it down, thinking about what I read for a couple of days before coming back to it. It seemed like every page had an "a-ha!" moment...very relatable. I like the positivity and feminine message that radiates from "Women Who Run With the Wolves." I have since bought another copy to send to my friends abroad. Very inspiring!

I have known of this book since it's release decades ago but hadn't read it until recently. I would put it in the top 5 books that have impacted my life. This book is amazing. Delving into storytelling lore and the messages within these age old stories this book has layers upon layers of messages. Most resounding for me were the messages of our innate strength as women and how we lose or sacrifice this strength. Estes reminds us of our true, powerful nature and gives many examples, suggestions on how to reclaim the essence of who we are. I gave copies of this book to friends who are ready to delve deeper into their own personal journeys and i will probably purchase and gift more copies through the years. I have no doubt that I will read and reread this book many times.

Excellent book illustrating so many stories that clearly illuminate patterns that women world wide and over the ages have experienced. I saw myself time and time again. It seems this book is better read slowly over a few weeks or months and digested, contemplated. A lot of material is in here and every bit worthy of my attention. Before I read it, I was at a loss as to why I felt so strongly about many things in my life, especially in relation to men (husband, son, father, male friends). I saw myself in the stories: the woman who did too much, the woman who lost her voice, the woman who gave away her power. Projecting these losses on men wasn't the way through, acknowledging my part and realizing my true power is a continuing education for me. This book will be read again and again.

Still reading, not the easiest of books, for me, to read because of how it is worded. I like to the point, not necessarily easy wording, but not wording to where I have to use my dictionary frequently. Although I will say, the content is interesting.

This is one of the most amazing books I've ever found. I have re-read it many times and discover something new every time. For any one who wants to learn to recover the natural instincts that help

her to navigate the world- those instincts that have been so thoroughly scrubbed away by convention. I can't recommend it highly enough.....both to women and to the men who love them.

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