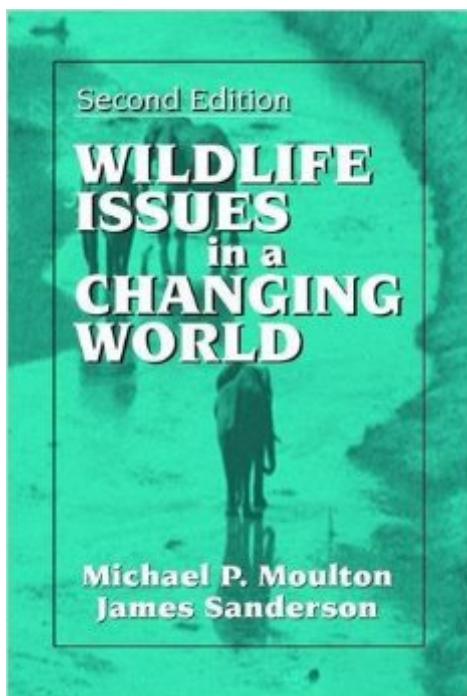


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What I expected was a book that would deal with the complexities of wildlife management from the

forage base upward. What I read of this book was a series of truisms by a pair of simpletons offering handwave "solutions" that themselves rely upon massive over-generalizations. For me, this book was a waste of time.

Wildlife Issues in a Changing World is a textbook on... wildlife issues! There is an emphasis on the United States, but there are a good number of international examples as well. I really like the chapters on the Evil Quartet, what is wildlife, and what are wildlife issues. As I use this book in my courses, I depend on it as a source of wildlife issue examples, supplemented with DVDs and videos (to "bring" wildlife into the classroom). It is, in general, a hard book for students. I don't mean hard in terms of the materials. It is well-written, and rather easy to read. It is hard to use to study for tests. I tell students that it complements the lectures, and doesn't repeat them. Students tend to complain that it has too many examples, so the "themes" that they are tested on are difficult to find. I still find it the best text for my purposes for a general course with primarily non-natural resource students. I like it for its price as well.

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