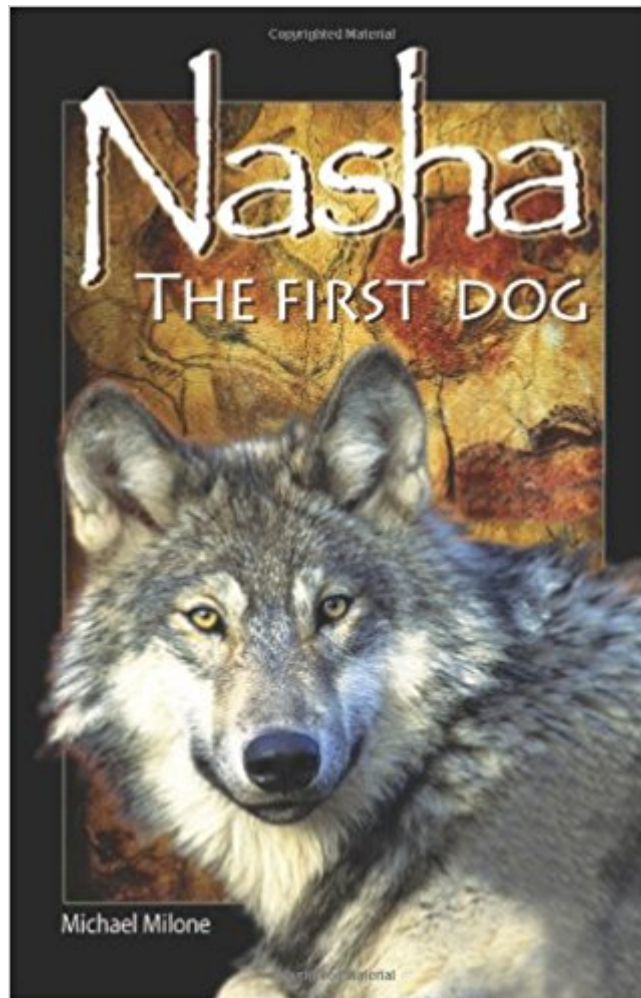




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Nasha: The First Dog



Synopsis

Few events in human history were as important as the domestication of the wolf. *Nasha: The First Dog* tells how this might have happened. In this tale, a young girl finds an abandoned wolf pup. She rescues the young wolf and brings it to her clan. The leader says she must return the wolf to the wild because there is not enough food for the people in the clan, much less an animal that has traditionally been the enemy of humans. Maddia refused to give up the wolf pup, and her decision is supported by the priestess of the clan, Lartha. She has had a vision and believes that, "The Wolf will be a friend of humans for as long as there are days." *Nasha*, as Maddia names the wolf pup, has an almost mystical effect on the clan, and she seems to prompt them to discover things that will one day form the foundation of civilization. Written by first-time novelist Dr. Michael Milone, best known for his work as a research psychologist, the story is based on our understanding of ancient humans. In addition to being entertaining, the story helps readers understand that our ancestors fifteen thousand years ago were not the violent brutes as they are often depicted. Humans were intelligent, persevering, and caring people who were like us in many ways. "The human journey is the greatest adventure ever," insists Dr. Milone, "and along the way, our lives were enriched enormously by our interdependence with dogs." Although recognizing that it is a "spoiler," Dr. Milone insists that readers should know that the wolves are involved through the final chapter and are in the sequel, which will be available in 2010. "Readers can be assured that the wolves are unharmed, despite their willingness to protect their humans at any cost."

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Customer Reviews

Some people think Michael Milone has a wonderful life, and he agrees with them. He lives in a

beautiful part of New Mexico with his wife, Sheri, two dogs, and lots of cats. They have a xeriscape garden that is mostly native plants and requires little water. Birds and desert animals enjoy their garden, and among their visitors is a bobcat family. Because he works at home, Michael gets to see his garden and the visiting animals many times during the day. Dr. Milone gets up very early every day so he can swim, bike, run, or work out at the gym. He has completed more than 30 marathons, including Boston, two Ironman races, and hundreds of other races. In the winter, he goes skiing or snowboarding when he can. Among his odd hobbies are juggling, woodworking, and fly-fishing. He ties his own flies, and if he manages to catch a fish, he releases it. He enjoys golf, tennis, and surfing, although he confesses that he simply doesn't have enough time to do justice to these pastimes. He loves to cook food that is tasty, healthy, and simple to prepare. Dr. Michael Milone is a nationally recognized assessment specialist and award-winning educational writer. He earned a Ph.D. in 1978 from The Ohio State University and has served in an adjunct capacity at Ohio State, the University of Arizona, Gallaudet University, and New Mexico State University. He has taught in regular and special education programs at all levels, holds a Master of Arts degree from Gallaudet University, and is fluent in American Sign Language.

Arrived in perfect condition, i have read this before and wanted my own copy, very good book.

I read *Nasha* when it was initially published in 2009 and enjoyed it immensely. I purchased copies for my grand-daughters who both love dogs and they were excited to read about *Nasha* and how young Maddia cared for the tiny 'wolf-pup'. My grand-daughters went on an adventure in a primitive world with Maddia and her brother Lakus who not surprisingly are like young teens in every place and every time. There is danger, loyalty and courage displayed. But the most interesting passages throughout the book show how necessity is truly the mother of invention. Maddia and her young friends are forced to create inventions of their own in a time when each discovery was a first and very important to the community, especially adding *Nasha* the first dog to the human family. Delightful story, pleasant tale for all ages.

Milone has done a really good job of weaving prehistoric milestones in human development into an exciting story that never feels rushed or too slow. The book is full of interesting descriptions and ideas, adventures, dangers, and discoveries. For an adult interested in prehistory or historical fiction, for a kid who wants an adventure a little more mature, and realistic, than *Harry Potter's*, or for any dog lover, this book is a good bet.

Michael Milone, thank you for getting me to think about the many stunning innovations, inventions and relationships that led to ancient people's earliest inventions and their first domestic relationships with animals and plants. You've done a great job thinking about the importance of "our" earliest achievements and how they may have come about. Thanks to you these achievements don't seem so very remote from our current world. What a worthwhile reminder for youth and adult readers! Thank you...

This book really has come to life characterization of early man. It is educational yet spellbinding. It should appeal to all over the age of ten.,especially dog lovers! A great addition for all public and school libraries. Nasha becomes imbedded in your mind!

This book is very well written. The story is captivating. I finished it a while ago, but it's still on my mind. I highly recommend Nasha: The First Dog.

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