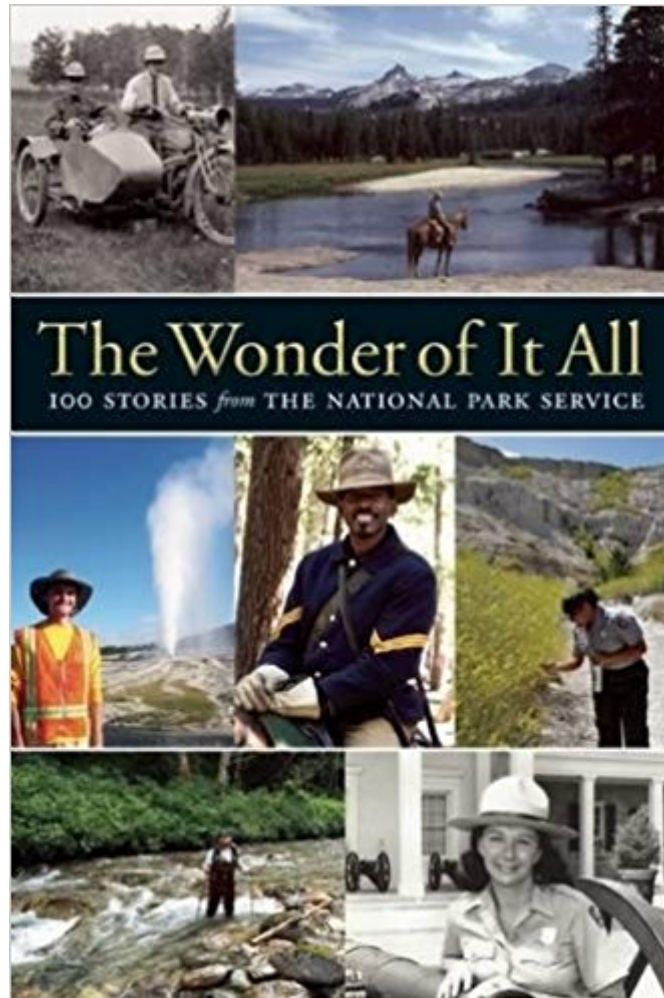




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# The Wonder Of It All: 100 Stories From The National Park Service



## Synopsis

Since the founding of the National Park Service in 1916, tens of thousands of NPS employees and volunteers have devoted themselves to preserving our public lands, which today number more than 400. Each person's NPS career is unique, seasoned with daily duties, grand adventures, and everything in between! Yet there is one common element: each person has plenty of material for terrific stories about living and working in America's most special places. These 100 true stories from current and past NPS employees and volunteers make for an engrossing, funny, and often moving read, with something for everyone. The writers welcome visitors, ride the rails, collar caribou, reenact and make history, and every day face the mystery of wilderness—including plenty of bears—all for America's public lands. Featuring more than 100 photographs and stories from 80 different parks, monuments, and historic sites, stretching from the coast of Maine to American Samoa, *The Wonder of It All* is sure to inspire a new generation to cherish the natural and cultural resources that the National Park Service was born to preserve.

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TRAVELER (January 20, 2016): "As we celebrate the National Park Service's centennial in 2016, here's a great read. . . . [Within] this book's covers you'll find descriptions of the singular moments,

grand adventures, and careers, that can inspire an outdoor life. You'll want to read, and reread these stories, and perhaps one will touch you enough to volunteer, or make this your own career as the National Park Service embarks on the next 100 years."

Yosemite Conservancy's publications inspire people to preserve and protect Yosemite National Park's resources and enrich the visitor's experience.

I LOVED this book. I'm a huge National Parks nerd, which helps, but I truly think this is a book for everyone. Pegged to NPS centennial, this is an anthology of curated stories from people who visited, lived in and worked for the national parks written across all decades of the parks' history. I love that it was a blind selection process and that there were stories from writers and regular people, most of whom I want to know more about. The Parks, of course, also played vital roles in the stories. National Parks bucket list just got longer.

I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. You certainly get a lot of content for the money! It will make you want to visit the parks.

Personal stories of actual rangers, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the park service. Very interesting and heart-warming to hear from rangers who love their work, helping people, and love of nature. Personal experiences with animals, people, and life experiences that led them to the career. One story is of the Horse Cavalry, which our friend has worked for 50 years. Gives insight into the world of nature to we city dwellers.

Such a fantastic look into the lives of those who serve our nation in the park system. I loved the variety of stories and authors. It really made me want to explore more of the parks and monuments I hadn't heard of before. Fantastic. Read!

Fathers Day gift for my dad, he loved it and is very much looking forward to reading it. We have been to many of the national parks through the years and this was a great way to celebrate his special day with a special book

Since 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, I thought it was very appropriate to have a book like this with great stories written by the hard working people who work for the parks.

Wonderful stories written by people in the NPS!

A really good read of stories from those who love the National Parks!!

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