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| **American Buffalo by Stephen Rinella (Published 2008)**  **Technical Writing-English IV** | |
| **Summary of the Work:**  In 2005, Steven Rinella won a **lottery permit to hunt for** a wild buffalo, or American bison, in the Alaskan wilderness. Despite the odds—there's only a 2 percent chance of drawing the permit, A hunt for the American buffalo—an adventurous, fascinating examination of an animal that has haunted the American imagination.   [American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon - Goodreads](https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/2595763#:~:text=In%202005%2C%20Steven%20Rinella%20won,has%20haunted%20the%20American%20imagination.) [https://www.goodreads.com › book › show](https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/2595763#:~:text=In%202005%2C%20Steven%20Rinella%20won,has%20haunted%20the%20American%20imagination.) | **Rationale:**  *American Buffalo* is an ideal book for the Technical Writing class. Tech writing is a semester long college class that needs supporting texts for the next semester. American Buffalo is a nonfiction book that keeps the reader's attention. The book appeals to outdoors minded students, history lovers, as well as those interested in science. The book ultimately allows students to see where a passion can lead them in life. |
| **Professional Reviews and/or Critical Essays:**  **“American Buffalo by Stephen Rinella| Kirkus Reviews.”, 20 May 2008,**  [**https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/steven-rinella/american-buffalo/**](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/steven-rinella/american-buffalo/)**.**  [**https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-385-52168-0**](https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-385-52168-0)  “Moving and downright funny. . .Rinella writes with authority about the process of turning a living creature into steak, and easily renders an enormous amount of historical and scientific information into a thoroughly engaging narrative.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)   * Print resources are available from the library   media center and libraries in the district. Contact any library media specialist to view the scholarly sources.   * Scholarly reviews are also available online   through Books in Print and Gale. Contact the library media specialist to obtain username and password information to access the subscription database of full-text reviews. | **Noted Distinction:**   * See Titlewave for Awards.   **Readability**   * Lexile Score: Titlewave website has Readability * Readability Level:   **Learning Resources Guidelines**   * The novel meets the Learning Resources Guidelines. |
| **Notes on the Text:**  (The best way to evaluate and understand a novel is to personally read the book in its entirety.)  American Buffalo deals with history, science, hunting, and conservation. The book covers many aspects of buffalo and how they have shaped America. Ultimately the book does involve Rinella’s hunt and eventual killing of a buffalo. It is dealt with in a positive manner and educational manner |