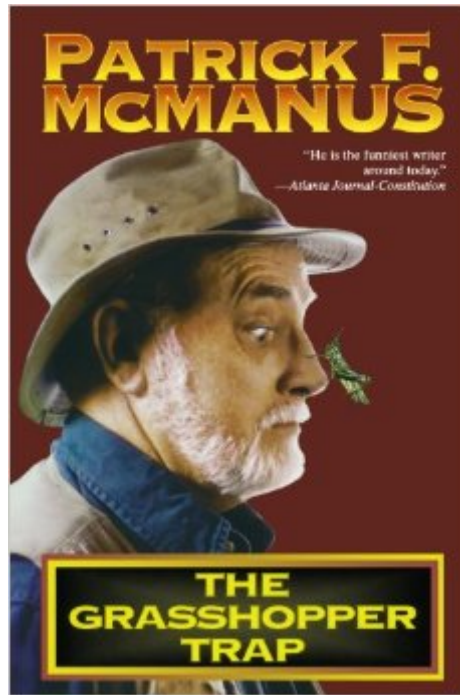


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The Grasshopper Trap



Synopsis

The bestselling author of *They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?* is at it again with more of his zany spoofs of *The Great Outdoors*.

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Customer Reviews

A book filled with humorous stories, this compilation of experiences was a treat to read! The *Grasshopper Trap* is only the second book I've read by Patrick McManus but now I want to track down all of his stories. McManus writes humor without the obscene, offensive language that seems so common everywhere these days. It's a refreshing, fun read with stories that entertain as well as remind us of a simpler, less frantic way of life.

I picked this book up at a liquidation sale at a used book store mainly because I liked the title and not knowing anything about the author. This was my first reading of Patrick McManus and now I just have to read more of his works. My better half was trying to watch TV while I was reading this and I kept interrupting by reading sections of the book. His comment was "I can relate to that." I got to the point where I couldn't read any more until I wiped my eyes. This is a must-read for anyone who needs a good laugh.

McManus once again weaves a series of stories sure to delight you and tickle your funny bone. He brings back familiar characters from his life, wife Bun, best friend Retch Sweeney, and the old woodsman Rancid Crabtree. Each story stands alone, but they all tie together through the rugged

outdoor mayhem which occurs whenever Pat goes hunting, camping or fishing. Lots of fun!

McManus is, in my opinion one of the funniest living writers in America. His writing is colorful, graphic and flat out hilarious. If you like stories about growing up during the depression, mountain men, and hunting and fishing, this is your book.

One of the funniest writers around... Ever! I've read all of the early McManus books many times over, and still am overcome with laughter every time I re-read them. If you haven't read McManus, and you like the outdoors you are missing out!! My wife knows when I read these stories because I'm unable to stifle the laughter. Others are "A Fine and Pleasant Misery", They Shoot Canoes, Don't They", Rubber Legs and White Tail Hairs, and "Never Sniff a Gift Fish". Join Pat, his Gram, his sister The Troll, the old woodsman Rancid Crab Tree; Friends -Retch Swinney, Eddie Muldoon and his Dad Mr. Muldoon, Pat's dog Strange, Mr. Grogan proprietor of Grogan's War Surplus and a whole host of other characters for some of the funniest reading ever!

Patrick McManus should be required reading for all outdoors people. With many of his stories I can see my camping/hunting/fishing expeditions in real life.... as though he had been following me around writing my adventures.

We have loved Patrick McManus books for many years now and are extremely happy to add to our Patrick McMannus library for such reasonable prices. This book is in excellent condition and will be loved for many years to come.

Published in 1985, this compilation of thirty hilarious, short, outdoorsman stories comprise some of my favorites: The Skunk Ladder and The Grasshopper Trap. These tales remind me of my childhood experiences and those of my son & grandson. They also remind me of Northwest Inland Empire childhood shenanigans of my father & his four brothers as shared in Buckshot Pie; Buckshot Pie, a Family's Struggle Through Homesteading, the Great Depression, and World War II Highly recommend for those of all ages! Chris Gregory, author, Buckshot Pie, [...] and as Christopher E. Gregory, basic expert author, Ezine Articles, [...]

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