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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best of stories; best of laughs.By Kindle CustomerStill one of the funniest books by one of the funniest writers out there. I'm so glad it was finally available electronically. McManus has a gift for landing already hilarious characters with the perfect, personality matching monikers which tells the lucky reader he's in for a treat. Who wouldn't want to read about the catastrophic adventures of Crazy Eddie Muldoon, or the loyal but hapless Retch Sweeney? And Goombaw---could there be a more foreshadowing name? It guarantees a future of laughter. Terrific fun.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you need to laugh out loud I recommend McManusBy I 5 CorridorI love to laugh and McManus is good medicine. Have read all his books before and gave them all away to people that also loved to laugh so now I am buying them all back years later. They are fun to read again.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't need to be an outdoors man to enjoy this humorBy Madison KellerThis collection features several of my all time top favorite Patrick McManus stories, The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw, Sequences, The Dumbest Antelope, The Fried Flies, Please, and Easy on the Garlic, Out of Sync, Getting it in the Ear, Never Cry 'Arp!', Whitewater Fever, and more.I was introduced to McManus's work by my father, almost twenty years ago. Everyone in my family likes to read, and for a while my father put us to bed by reading to us from various books. I remember how we all groaned the first time he pulled out a Patrick McManus book. By the end of the first story we were hooked.Don't worry if you aren't an outdoorsy type person. The humor in

these books will appeal to anyone. In fact, several of the stories are written from the perspective of an old hand giving a newcomer to the outdoor life some sage advice – like Gunkholing, A Brief History of Boats and Marriage, How to Get Started in Bass Fishing, and At Loose Ends. Quite a lot of the collection actually focuses on stories about young Patrick's life on the farm, and his adventures with his dog Strange and his best friends Crazy Eddie and Retch Sweeney. This includes Kid Brothers and Their Practical Application, The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw, Scritch's Creek, The Tin Horn, Cupidity, Draw Thy Bow, and Never Cry 'Arp!' The title story, featuring Crazy Eddie's grandmother Goombaw, never fails to cheer me up. Even to this day, I laugh at loud at this story... actually, even re-reading this for the umpteenth time, I still laughed at loud several times.