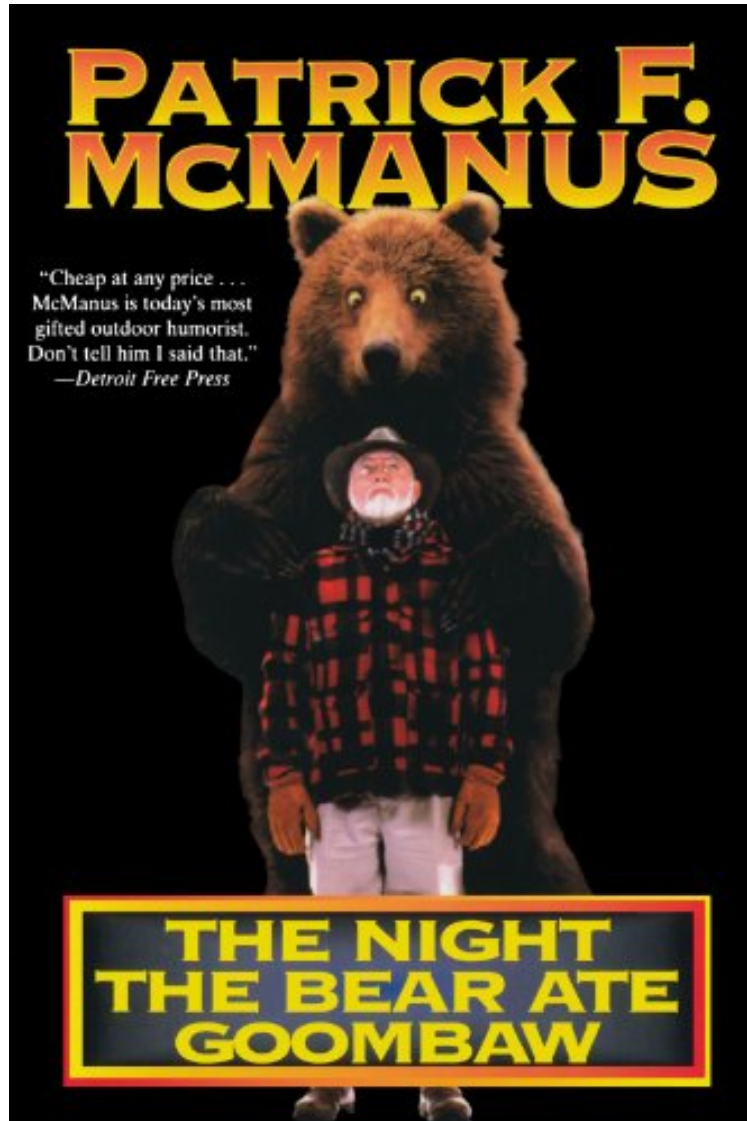


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best of stories; best of laughs.By Kindle CustomerStill one of the funniest books by one of the funniest writers out there. I'm so glad it was finally available electronically. McManus has a gift for landing already hilarious characters with the perfect, personality matching monikers which tells the lucky

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The Night the Bear Ate GoombawMore witty cautionary tales of outdoor life, by everybody's favorite expert on the subject, Patrick F. McManus.

.com The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw is a delightful treasury of McManus's favorite (mostly outdoor) adventures with friends. His stories explore the human capacity to laugh in the face of misfortune, such as "The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw" (Goombaw is Eddie Muldoon's grandmother) and "The Fried Flies, Please, and Easy on the Garlic," a story of dinner-party adversity: [CODE] "Martha starts. 'I do hope you won't take offense, Mr. McGinnis, but I view hunters as the lowest form of life, not excluding bacteria and algae.' 'No offense taken,' I reply, glad for an excuse to ignore my vichyssoise, which I view as the lowest form of food, not excluding lichens and boiled beets." [CODE] American humorist Patrick McManus could make being snagged by a fishhook funny, and in fact, he does. In his story "Getting It in the Ear," he writes, "One of the more interesting things that can happen to an angler is to get a barbed hook sunk into his hide. Such is the horror and fascination of the experience that many an angler has contemplated giving up his regular work and hitting the lecture circuit to entertain audiences around the nation with a dramatic rendering of his ordeal." After all, he argues, it's the misery endured that defines the sportsman, not the fish caught or the game shot. McManus's understated, matter-of-fact vignettes--infused with amusing glimpses of life's lesser-known eternal truths-- will make you laugh.From Publishers WeeklyMcManus ( The Grasshopper Trap ) has been making outdoorsmen laugh for some time now, but his new collection of writing passes a sterner test. Here he can amuse someone who's never even baited a hook. McManus's stories generally involve either the comic misadventures of life in the wild ("A Road Less Travelled By"; "Gunkholing"; "Water Spirits") or first-person coming-of-age stories set in rural America ("The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw"; "Scritch's Creek"). His comic voice, resonating with a surprising depth of wit, is expressed in a pleasant, quirky prose style--but shows a tendency to get cute. Characters cry "Owww!" and "Arrrhhhh" and "Arp!" incessantly and excessively, and the author indulges a fondness for italic type: "I . . . gasp . . . forgot my billfold. It's . . . pant . . . in my tackle box. Get it for me . . . choke . . . will you?" This talented writer doesn't need to poke readers in the ribs to let them in on the joke. Author tour. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalMcManus, columnist for Outdoor Life and author of Rubber Legs and White Tail-Hairs (Holt, 1987), has come out with a new collection of countrified, down-home stories that are sure to amuse more than just lovers of the great outdoors. Granted, many of these stories are related in some way to McManus's areas of "expertise," hunting, fishing, and camping, but there are a few that touch on psychology ("Boating Disorders," in which the writer helps people whose life has become dominated by their boat) and consumerism ("Garage-Sale Hype," in which the author relates how to get a really good bargain on fishing equipment). His narrative is peopled with such oddly named characters as Rancid Crabtree; Erful, Retch, and Verman Sweeney; Valvoleen Grooper; and others. Libraries that had a good following for McManus's earlier books will want this one, too.- Carol Spielman Lezak, General Learning Corp., Northbrook, Ill.Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.