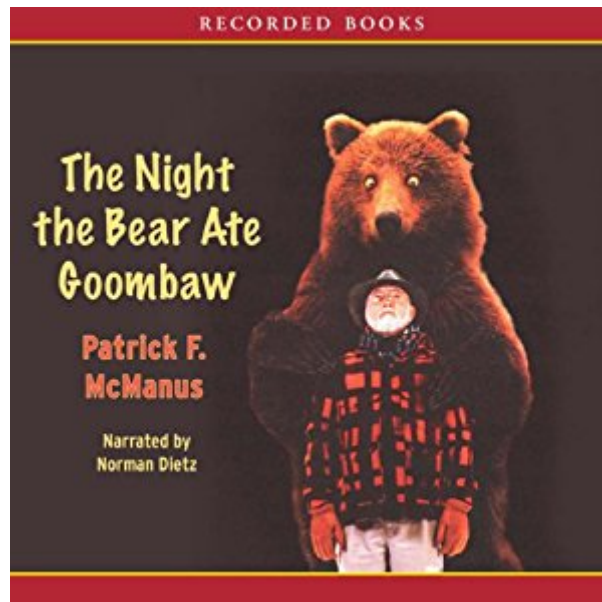


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The Night The Bear Ate Goombaw



Synopsis

America's celebrated humorist takes a plunge into metaphysics, convinced he can hold his own with history's mythmakers! McManus provides a hilarious and unforgettable experience as he satirizes history, popular legends . . . and life itself! (Henry Holt--Humor) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Still 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.

I 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.

This 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 a Fool's Name, and The

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.

I've learned never to eat or drink anything while reading Pat McManus' books -- I'll either choke to death or spray everyone around me with a mouthfull of food! I'm living with a painful disability, and have found the uncontrollable hilarity that comes with a McManus book is a better opiate than a syringe-full of morphine. I'm not kidding, either; only this author can turn a wilderness predicament into nosebleeding laughter -- if you can't howl at the adventures of two ten-year-old boys (Retch Sweeny and our intrepid author in his younger days) and Rancid Crabtree, their crusty swamp-dwelling sidekick, along with a town of long-suffering citizens and the boys' put-upon parents, you simply have no appreciation for literary slapstick.

I've always loved Patrick McManus' humor, which I was first exposed to in my youth when he wrote for Field & Stream magazine. On a whim, I decided to purchase the Kindle version of this book and I was magically transported to my teenaged years. I had just finished reading the chapter that has the same name as the book when my 87 year old mother dropped by for a visit. She asked why my cheeks were wet and I had to admit that was laughing so hard that I cried. She wanted to hear what was so funny, so I read the chapter aloud to her. Near the end of the chapter, she was begging me to stop so that she could catch her breath. Yes, Patrick can still entertain me but now I know that my

Mom might enjoy some of his books for Christmas. I recommend everything that Patrick has ever written, especially his collections of short stories like this one. It will take you back to a more innocent time in life and will hopefully help to lift the burden of your problems for a short time.

I bought this for my husband. He really enjoys all Patrick McManus books.

McManus is great...I buy his books for presents for my male relatives.

Should be recommended reading for the SAT's, or at least the written driving test. History of Man and Boats is a triumph I am heretofore nominating for the Pulitzer Prize.

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