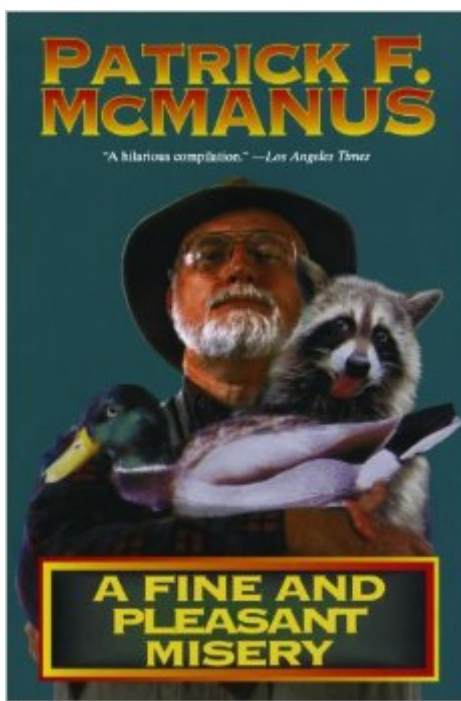


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# A Fine And Pleasant Misery



## Synopsis

A Fine and Pleasant Misery More witty cautionary tales of outdoor life, by everybody's favorite expert on the subject, Patrick F. McManus.

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## Customer Reviews

I picked up "A Fine and Pleasant Misery" one day purely by chance. I was bored in an outdoor equipment store. I opened it to a random page, and began to read... Within a page I started to grin. By the second page I gaffawed (I noticed a couple customers nervously glance in my direction). At the third page I burst out in peals of hysterical laughter, tears rolling down my face. Everyone in the vicinity was openly staring at me. I slammed the book shut and made a beeline to the cash register. I have been a devoted fan ever since. Buy this book, and you will be too. Trust me on this. Only...read in the privacy of your home. It's less embarrassing that way :) Best Regards, Eric Lee

My father gave me this book when he thought I needed some cheering up. It was a life changing experience. Now I am on a quest to collect anything he has ever written. Caution to first time McManus readers: When you find your eyes are tearing up and you can't catch your breath, wait a short time before continuing. I nearly passed out from back to back fits of hysterical laughter caused by reading his passages too quickly.

I have a friend who's never been hunting, has fished, I think, exactly once in his life, and who has nonetheless gleefully read every book McManus has ever written. He gave me a McManus book for my birthday over twenty years ago, and I've been a devoted fan ever since. McManus has a way of

painting a verbal picture that manages to stretch the bounds of good taste without ever quite going beyond them. More than one of his stories has conjured up an image I don't think I'll ever get out of my head- and that still makes me laugh today. Buy this book. Buy \*any\* McManus book. They're all hilarious.

I started reading Pat's stories when I was about twelve years old (1974/75) while we lived in a logging camp. The first story I remember reading was "Cigars, Logging trucks and Know-it-alls" and I remember trying to finish the story through laugh tears. We even named a later dog of ours after the dog in the part about the cigars (Rupert). Another one of my favorites is "Whomper" about a slingshot. My Grandpa lived on the Humptulips river near us and helped us make slingshots, so I could really relate. Keep up the great work!!!

I was raised when the outdoors was our computer game. We spent the majority of our free time outside creating our own adventures instead of exercising our thumbs in front of a TV screen or computer monitor. Patrick McManus writes of those times with tongue-in-cheek humor and brings those of us raised in that world back to a different time and place where kids had to use their imagination to create adventure and not have it spoon fed to their fingers. A fun read that is highly recommended.

Patrick Mcmanus is an awesome writer! I could hardly put the book down. It was so FUNNY! His way of describing real life outdoor situations is hilarious. He is definitely one of the best outdoor humorists of all time!!!

If you have ever been camping this is the most truthfully, hilarious book I have ever read. Patrick McManus has such a way with words and his sense of humor is awesome. He said once that his English teacher said he would never amount to very much because his language skills were so poor. He can put discomfort and unexpected troubles into the most hilarious perspective that you can't help but relate yourself to his description.

If you've not read Patrick McManus, do yourself a favor and order at least three of his books to start with. This one is a compilation of short stories, but the Sheriff Bo Tully mysteries are equally entertaining. I guarantee you'll be telling your friends what a great read his stories are.

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