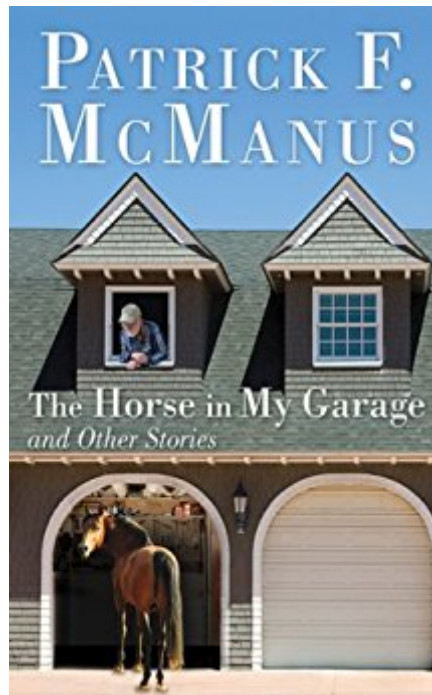




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The Horse In My Garage And Other Stories



Synopsis

A collection of sidesplitting humor about the great outdoors from the author of *A Fine and Pleasant Misery*. In *The Horse in My Garage and Other Stories*, humorist Patrick F. McManus's best and funniest anecdotes on flora, fauna, and getting on Mother Nature's last nerve are proudly on display. Read about the antics of Patrick's friends Rancid Crabtree and Retch Sweeney in such stories as "Shaping Up for the Hunt" and "Bear Hunters." McManus plays off the recent obsession with hoarders in his surprising story "The Lady Who Kept Things." And in the title story, you'll meet Patrick's horse, Huckleberry, and learn of all the problems that come along with owning your own horse—and keeping him in the garage. Other stories include: "Catch-and-Eaters," about the importance of a forked stick when fishing; "\$7000 TV Historical Extravaganza," a look at one director's loose interpretation of historical accuracy and political correctness; "A Lake Too Far," concerning the woes of Patrick and his wife, Bun, on a fateful birding trip in Australia; "Chicken Chronicles," which involves Patrick's memory of wandering around naked in the chicken yard when guests came to call. (Don't ask!) So pull up a chair, sit back, and enjoy the adventures of Patrick F. McManus as only he can tell them. "Everybody should read Patrick McManus." —*The New York Times Book Review*

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Customer Reviews

This was free through Bookbub so I should not complain too much, but it appears that I don't have the entire book. I'll need to find a print version and make sure.

Although I enjoyed his earlier books a bit more, this one's still good. Just personal taste, but I like his childhood reminiscences more than adult hunting and fishing experiences.

just too funny. Some of the stories seem to have "recycled" content from other McManus stuff, but still great.

It was great to find a new collection of McManus stories. I'm not an outdoors-man, but I've read all of his books except for the one dealing with kid camping and thoroughly enjoyed them. While his settings frequently involve hunting, camping or fishing, those are just the backdrop to the situations his characters get into. McManus' writing provides just enough detail to put the reader in the right frame of mind, yet allows the reader to fill in any of the missing descriptions as s/he sees fit. While some of the the stories in *The Horse in My Garage and Other Stories* are similar to stories in his other books and even within this one, I still found them humorous--and interesting to see alternative ways they could have been written and which way turned out more humorous. Whether reading about his misadventures as an outdoors-man or as a mischievous (curious/inventive) boy in the pre-World War II era, this book was a blast to read and caused me to laugh out loud several times.

I love books by Patrick McManus. They are neither thrilling nor intellectually challenging. They are just funny and for me a bit nostalgic. I recall many years ago bringing several to fish camp. There was less than normal sleep since somebody was always giggling while reading them...we'd all had similar experienceds.

I enjoyed this book.

This is a delightful collection of essays by an engaging writer. I laughed out loud several times and could not contain my smiles throughout. McManus populates his writing with an entertaining cast of characters whom we get to know from one piece to another. A thoroughly good read.

This wasn't as deftly crafted as his earlier works, and I probably won't read it again and again as I did those, but it is a delight to find a new McManus. Several entertaining biographical pieces and a couple of chapters right up there with his older stuff. Kudos to Patrick!

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