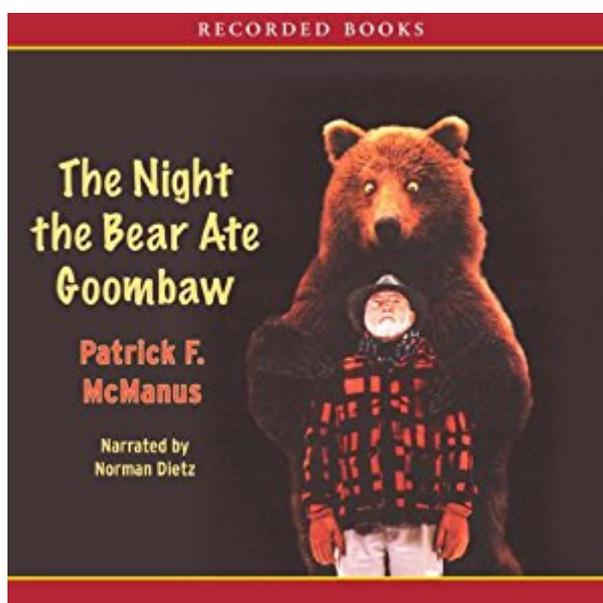


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# The Night The Bear Ate Goombaw



## Synopsis

The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw More witty cautionary tales of outdoor life, by everybody's favorite expert on the subject, Patrick F. McManus. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is hilarious. We like to read it to the middle and high school kids. You can hear them laughing about the fur coat, etc. outside the building. It has sparked many a boy into getting Partick's other books and reading for themselves. As a library director I know how hard it is to get middle and high school kids to read for pleasure. Patrick McManus is sure a pleasure. When I read the Goombaw story, and I have numerous times I still can not get through it without tears running down my face.

If you've read anything by Pat and laughed and would like a book or another book, trust me when I say that you'll like this. It's just more of the same kind of thing, Rancid and Crazy Eddie and Pat running around scaring his friend's Grandma. You can't read it or rememeber it without laughing or smiling, unless you're dead in which case you have no business having the nerve of reading or remembering anything. Trust me, there's nobody better than Pat out of all the humorist authors. Even Daniel Steele. You'll love it if you love anything he's done.

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.

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 bought this book as a gift , and the person that I gave it to was very pleased with it. I have been a McManus fan for lots of years. When I need something to cheer me up, I get out one of my McManus books and he has me laughing in no time at all. Do your self a favor especially if you are the least bit " outdoorsie" read this book, you should love it.

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 â ^Arplâ ™, Whitewater Fever, and more.I was introduced to McManusâ ™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.Donâ ™t worry if you arenâ ™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 â “ 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 Patrickâ ™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, Scritchâ ™s Creek, The Tin Horn, Cupidity, Draw Thy Bow, and Never Cry â ^Arplâ ™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.

Patrick McManus books are great fun to read. I've been reading his books for years and have had many delightful moments reading them for myself and my children. If laughter is medicine then Patrick McManus' books are better than going to the doctor. And cheaper too.

The book is a composite of stories of his childhood and adolescent years. He grew up in the boonies in an old run down shack. As a child he spent most of his time outside. He tells stories of tying his best friends brother up and locking him in the basement. He also gives pointers on taking fish hooks out of a buddies' ear. The book has a plot in every story; with 26 stories there are lots of plots to get buried in. The theme is pretty much the same throughout the book; Life is good if you have the right perception. I thought the book was hysterical. I actually read the whole book. My parents almost got a divorce, because my dad would shake the room. He was laughing so hard. The book really reminded me of when I grew up; my friends and I were always outside raising cane. The way Patrick tells the story is like a joke, he lets your mind wonder before telling what happens. His choice of words really catch you, words like gunkholing or podner. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys the outdoors. Patrick really knows how to make people laugh.

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