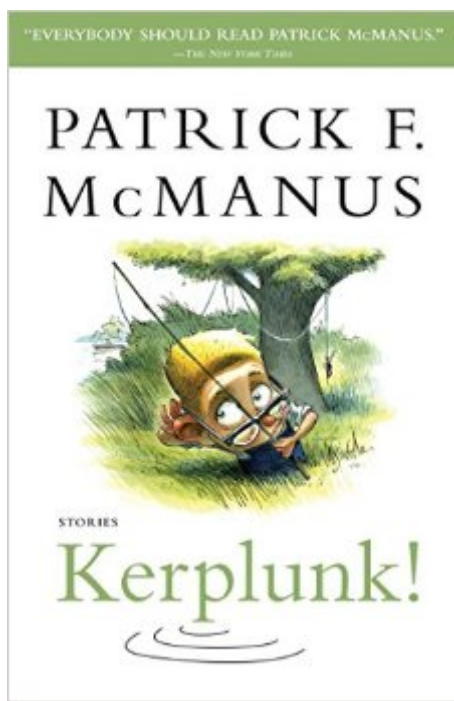


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Synopsis

Patrick F. McManus's gently comic stories about outdoor life have earned him millions of fans worldwide. With *Kerplunk!*, McManus delivers a collection of folksy, wonderfully wise depictions of country life worthy of Mark Twain. In these tall tales, McManus and his buddies learn how not to net a fish, why you should never get your hair cut by someone who's mad at you, what to do when a deer wanders into camp but your sleeping bag has frozen shut, and how to avoid bird-dog flatulence. Traveling the highways and byways of the Pacific Northwest, the delightful backcountry characters of *Kerplunk!* understand how a life of hunting and fishing -- and its inherent potential for misadventure -- can resonate with larger meaning. McManus's characters know exactly why it costs \$500 to make a fly lure that retails for \$2; why installing a boat trailer hookup can lead to divorce; and, most important, why you should always listen for the sound of your fishing line hitting the water -- because in life as it is in fishing, you don't know you're in the water until you hear the kerplunk! These wry, curmudgeonly tales appeal to real outdoorsmen and the armchair variety alike. Often nostalgic, occasionally philosophical, and always funny, the stories in *Kerplunk!* reaffirm Patrick F. McManus's reputation as an American classic.

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About three essays in I started laughing uncontrollably. "What?" my husband said. Gasping, tears running down my face, I attempted to say, "No, really, it's not THAT funny..." Yet somehow, no other writer makes me laugh quite so hard.

Well, I think we might have all the Pat McManus books now. I bought them for my dad, an avid outdoorsman, but I found him reading the stories aloud to my 8 yr. old son who also loves them. They have provided us with hours of family fun and opportunities to say things like " I think I'll go for a ride on my '2 Wheeled ATV'"Worth every penny and delivery was fast - even at Christmas time.

Laughed the whole time. Loved the book. He says it was great. Buy it if you like the outdoors and the mishaps that can happen.

I have a complaint with Mr. McManus's books. I have one of every one he has written and after reading each of them only a hundred times or so they are coming apart. I use them as a tranquilizer to go to sleep with and sometimes go to sleep while reading one of them and drop it on the floor but it is a very short drop and one would think the books should hold up to this. He has a way of making you forget the everyday troubles of the world. He has a different insight into the life of people with a life and I try to capture some of that in my books, SO YOU GOT TO GET RIGHT BACK ON ???? and SO WHAT WAS I THINKING???? And in my up coming book, SO I FLEW WITH THE WIND???? Mr. McManus is a real treasure and I hope someday he finally can catch a fish and shoot a trophy if it is only a world record jack rabbit. May God be Kind to him. John H. Austin Jr. 45683 Highway 101 Sixes, Oregon 97476

McManus is an outstanding writer. He is probably my favorite living author. I would rate most of his books as 5 stars without hesitation. However, this book is inconsistent: Some stories are hysterical, but some are only "OK." This is pretty much what the author warns at the beginning, so he cannot be faulted (he's just publishing a bunch of "odds and ends" stories). I am enjoying it, and it's still worth getting, IMO, but it's not at the level of his other books. (However, there is one story that may be the funniest thing I have ever read, which is worth the cost of the book!)

If you are in the mood for light hearted adventures that hearken back to easier and simpler times, Mr. McManus' books are just the ticket to an enjoyable break with the stresses and challenges of today's world. Caution: If your spouse is a light sleeper don't read on your Kindle at night! My husband became annoyed with how many times my laughter disrupted his slumber.

This is the first audio book I have gotten from this author. I made a deal with my self to listen to audio books only while driving. I started laughing so hard I had to pull the car over so I wouldn't

wreck the car. It should come with a warning DANGER LAUGHING AND DRIVING COULD WRECK THE CAR. surprisingly, My husband listened to this one and liked it. Kerplunk may of been my first book but it won't be my last. I'll just have to learn how to drive and laugh out loud.

Love these books so much that I've introduced other outdoors-men to McManus. We have bought all of his books. The family can't wait to read another McManus story together before bedtime (after Bible reading). Great way to end the day.

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