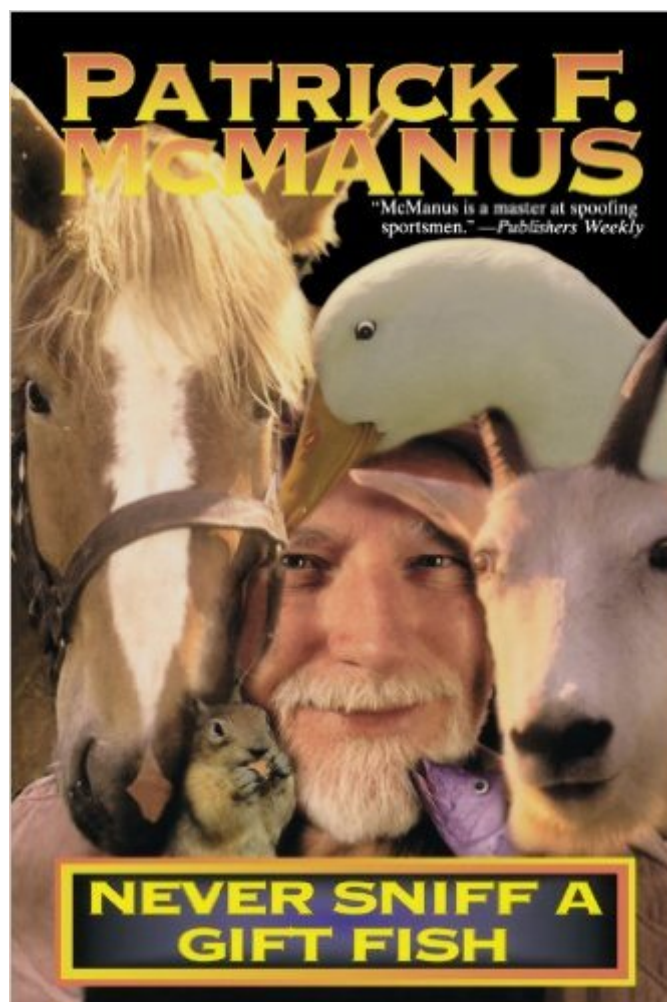


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# Never Sniff A Gift Fish



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

NEVER SNIFF A GIFT FISH By: Patrick F. McManus Have you ever heard of a great outdoorsman?

You know, the one whose fly-casting technique can be compared to an old lady fighting off a bee with a broom handle. Or maybe the one whose attempts to pitch the family tent terrorized entire campgrounds. Well, for those of you who haven't heard of him, this book, will give you a little insight into the life of the great outdoorsman. *Never Sniff A Gift Fish*, is a great source for those useful camping phrases. Here are some of them. Corn Flakes: A common camp food. Often eaten dry with salt and pepper since no one thought to bring milk. Camping manuals: Books filled with ingenious camping tips which are forgotten the instant the camper sets foot in the field. "I read about a way to cook a chicken with a camera lens and a wire clothes hanger, but I can't remember how," he says. "Better just fry it." Downwind: Whichever side of the campfire you happen to be on. And who could forget "When hell freezes over": An expression used by wives and mothers to indicate the next time you'll get them to go on another camping trip. This book is a hilarious combination of philosophy and fishing, all rolled into one. I loved the book, and I would definitely recommend this book to any outdoorsman, great or not, that has a sense of humor and a sense of what the author is going through.

i first these books when i was ten years old and i haven't stopped yet.. we only have four books but i intend to get more of the books.. they are funny.. i like the one where he goes hunting on his bicycle and gets the deer stuck on the pedals.

Never Look a Gift Fish was my introduction to the wonderful world of Patrick F. McManus. Each story had me remembering similar incidents in my life, only mine were not near as entertaining. While listening to these tapes during a cross-state drive to a football game, I caught myself driving slower as I approached my destination because I did not want to have to wait until the return trip to continue listening. It is ironic that many of his stories are based on fishing because I, for one, am HOOKED!!

...to enjoy these genuinely humorous stories. Patrick McManus's way of saying things quite seriously and having them end up being funny is really a riot. These stories are almost as good when you read them the 10th time as they are when you first read them. My favorites: "Poof! No Eyebrows!", and "the Mountain Car". These two are absolutely hilarious, but all the stories in this book are great. This book makes for great summer reading.

I've just started re-reading some old and now newer Patrick's works. Man if you just want to laugh and become part of his short stories check his works out. This guy is better than Zoloft. I started reading his works in the early 90's. I saw his one man play in Portland. My wife knows when I'm reading his books even when I'm in the other room. I work in Mental health, a 5 minute break gets me out of my pissy attitude, although my coworkers just think I'm crazy. I think they just don't know how to laugh

Patrick F. McManus has an unsurpassed gift for humor. He will relate stories about his experiences in such a way that one or two details are left out or made to seem unimportant. Later in the story, when these details are uncovered, the situation he has described to that point suddenly takes on a whole new and hilarious twist. Truly, this is simple (often nostalgic) humor at its best. Shelton S. Herbert

I've loved Pat's book from the day they were published and own most, if not all of them in paperback. I was pleased to find them offered in the Kindle store as it makes it so easy to carry several hundred volumes in one hand. If you like outdoor humor and being entertained by an

eclectic lineup of lovable characters struggling with the trials of growing up outdoors this book is for you. I've re-read these numerous times and laugh just as hardily the 5th time as the first.

I love all these books. The first time I read one I was fourteen and laughed so hard I was just reduced to painful heaving and tears. There are so many great stories packed in this and McManus's other books! This is one of my favorites.

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