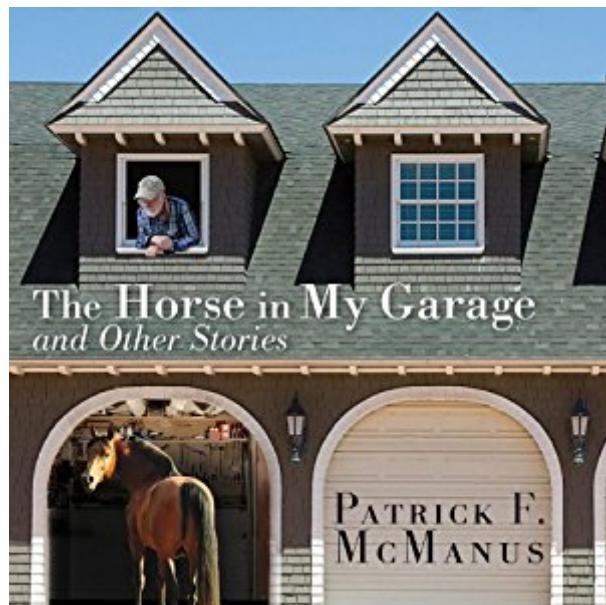


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# The Horse In My Garage And Other Stories



## Synopsis

The Horse in My Garage and Other Stories is a hilarious addition to Patrick F. McManus's existing work in humor. The author weighs in on his childhood, everyday life, and outdoor tales with his typical exaggerated commentary that will elicit a belly laugh from all types of listeners. 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". In the titular story, meet Patrick's horse, Huckleberry, and enjoy the experience of all the problems that come along with owning your own horse - or keeping him in the garage. Other great 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; and "Chicken Chronicles", which involves Patrick's memory of wandering around naked in the chicken yard when guests came to call. So pull up a chair, sit back, and enjoy laughing to the hilarious adventures of Patrick F. McManus in The Horse in My Garage and Other Stories.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

This book was a disappointment for me. I have read most, if not all, of Patrick McManus' books and have thoroughly enjoyed his self-effacing humor and the cast of characters that populate his books. As McManus states in his preface, these stories came from a stack of folders in a closet that were under a sign reading, "Stories not collected in books." Most of them gave me a feeling of being only partially developed. Perhaps there was a reason they never made it into one of his books. I still love to read his writings and am constantly on the lookout for something new from Mr. McManus. Will I purchase his next book...sure, but this one was a bit of a disappointment.

I've laughed so hard that I cried while reading many of Patrick McManus' stories. This book simply didn't do it.

I have enjoyed Pat McManus' humor for a long time. Many of his stories make me laugh to the point of being unable to continue reading because I was laughing so hard I was crying . This book is no different. Not all of the stories are at that level, but many are. I read a couple of the funnier stories to my wife after she asked what was so funny. At several points I was laughing so hard I couldn't go on. If you enjoy the outdoors many of these stories will hit close to home and will at least bring a smile to your face. If you have read McManus before you will enjoy this book. If you haven't read McManus before you will read this and then go in search of some of his other books.

I usually like this writers stories, However this collection was a mish-mash of stories from across his writing career, as a result there was no ebb and flow to the stories, instead it was like being stuck in an eddy going around and around in circles. He repeated stories on several occasions and on at least one occasion had a abbreviated version of a story that was produced in another collection. I was very disappointed.

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!

McManus is always a good read. In the forward it's explained that these stories have been previously unpublished, but lay collected in a file drawer somewhere, so...why not publish them? There was some reason they weren't published before, and the quality of narrative and the level of humor is up and down as a result. Nevertheless, if you are a McManus fan, you'll enjoy seeing some of the earlier forms of some stories and of course his wit is still intact. Some guffaws, some laughs, some chuckles, some smiles, but worth the read. 4 stars means "I like it." Couldn't bear to go to 3 - "It's okay." It's better than okay!!! But not consistently Patrick's best. I hope you can tell...I'm a fan!

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