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A fine and pleasant misery pdf

McManus is a treasure. - The Atlantic Should All read Patrick McManus. - The New York Times Book Review - Patrick F. McManus (1933-2018) is the author of novels, playbooks and collections of more than a dozen of his humorous columns from Outdoor Life and other magazines. There are nearly two million copies of his book in print, including his bestselling shoot canoe, Don't They?; Night Bear Ate Gombaw; and fine and pleasant suffering. Holt Paperbacks Loading... If you didn't meet Pat McManus, let me make you the greatest favor ever: let me introduce you. Patrick F. McManus died on April 11, 2018, and I am in mourning; because he is, without exception, the funniest author I have ever read. I own some of my books, and I read them over and over again; and there are parts that make me laugh. Every.Single.Time.He writes as an outdoorsman. 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He could put words so beautifully that it makes me cry. For example, from the Follow-up Rancid Crabtree Training: Morning was one of those impeccable specimens found only in early July in the Rocky Mountains, especially when it is only the twelfth July you ever knew in your life. Then it can make you laugh with crazy events I would dismiss as complete nonsense if I wasn't a 12 year old boy myself once. He published about a dozen collections of his magazine columns (He was a contributing editor of Field & Stream and Outdoor Life), starting with this one. Here are some moments: A modified stationary scare makes me laugh every time. Pat teaches that frightening situations happen field, especially when you realize that you are lost:I strongly disagree with most survival experts about what the lost person should do first. Most of them start saying some stupid thing like the First Rule of Survival don't panic! Well, anyone who has ever been lost knows that such advice is complete nonsense. They can also say:DON'T SWEAT! or DON'T GET GOOSE BUMPS ALL OVER THE BODY! Cigars, logging trucks and Know-it-alls claim that the biggest threat to the health and safety of outdoor people are cigars, logging trucks and know-it-alls. I dare to read a column with him without agreeing. And without laughing at the heart. With thin ice, what you have to do is just walk real fast so it doesn't have time to break under you. Now git there and let's see how fast you can walk. Faster! Faster! Dang it, no I told you to walk fast? His criticism of taking the family to the national park, But where's the park, Papa? there is a drip with bitterness, but in a cheerful way it's a fine gentleman, and only he could do: I can remember a time when tourists visiting national parks seemed to be people indulging themselves for some healthy outdoor pleasure. Now they seem to have a sense of despair about them as people who fled their homes nine minutes before Genghis Khan's arrival. Most of them no longer have any hope of seeing untouched wildlife, but have heard rumors that parks are places where land is still uncredited. Of course, if they want to see this land, they must ask the crowd of people standing on it to jump into the air in unison. He makes his childhood unforgettable with columns such as Bicycle ATV, a balloon-weary monster born out of a wedlock halfway between a junkyard and a secondhand store. Some locals fiend built it with their own hands and sold it to my mother for the price of a good milk cow. He suggests taking a mapping of how to fish for cricket, defining the difference between a stream and a cricket:First of all, the creek has none of the gentle, vulgar, free nature of cricket. If they were people, streams would wear tuxedos and amuse themselves with ballet, opera and wits; cricks would go around in their underwear and amuse themselves with Saturday night fights, taverns, and humorous belching. Creeks would sweat and cricks, sweat. Streams smoked pipes; christian, chewed and crocheted. In this case: One of the maps I have washington state labels is a small stream like S. Creek... What irks me is that they use the name S. Creek. You don't have to be a mentalist to know that a friend who called S. Creek didn't use the word creek. He used cricket /i>. He probably saw right away that this stream was up to being a cricketer and immediately started casting about the right name. Then he discovered had a paddle with him. Aha! I could last quite a long time. But it would be better for you to get a book. Get a lot of his books. You're going to thank me. ... More Excerpt: MODERN TECHNOLOGY has taken most of the misery from the field. Camping is now covered with aluminum, propane heated, foam padded, air conditioner, bug-resistant, inverted, disposable and transistorized. Difficulties on a modern camping trip are blowing a fuse on your electric underwear, or having a battery peter on your Porta-Shaver. A major disaster is putting your last coin entered in Nature Talk and then discovering the Camp Comfort & Sanitation Center (featuring forest green tiled floors and hot showers) has to pay for toilets. There are many people around today who seem to appreciate the fact that a family can go on the way out without being out. But I'm not one of them. Personally, I miss the hassle of old-fashioned old-fashioned camping. Young people just now starting camping probably have no idea that it wasn't until a couple of decades ago that people went camping in hopes of being miserable. Half of the camping fun in those days not only to get home. When you came home, you extended the pleasure of the trip by telling all your friends how miserable you were. The more you talked about the misery of living in the forest, the more you wanted to go back there and start suffering again. (Excerpt from the book, image from goodreads.com) Review: Several books that I've ever read impressed others cheered me as much as this. As a child, I was dragged on more camping trips than I would have volunteered. I'm not a camper, my dad... and guess who chose a family holiday? In a desperate attempt to tolerate me on our travels, my mother thrust this book into my hands during a single car ride. I spent the whole trip reading. And snoring. And rereading. I was in stitches. McManus is in such an affable form of story telling that it's hard to put it down. Along with a dry mind that guarantees that will leave you breathless air, and you have an instant classic. When we got home, I destroyed other McManus books and liked it too. They were great. After a fishing trip this summer, I passed a copy on my son. He did not scent like wasatch pine, mountains, or fishing trips ... he smelled like Barnes and Noble. But he was impressed. It didn't work though, as it didn't particularly find this book funny. Rather, he thought it was an interesting comment about camping. I had to read it again. Perhaps the mountain weather made everything funnier than it actually was. I started it again for my children's swimming lessons and snoring so loudly I was surprised my kids didn't hear. C1 is just broken, it is still one of the funniest books I have ever read. Whether you're a camper, married to a camper or check-in tent in the yard, mcmanus books you will find something to appreciate. Definitely worth a summer binge read. Grade: Five stars of Stream MODERN TECHNOLOGY have taken most of the misery from the field. Camping is now covered with aluminum, propane heated, foam padded, air conditioner, bug-resistant, inverted, disposable and transistorized. Difficulties on a modern camping trip are blowing a fuse on your electric underwear, or having a battery peter on your Porta-Shaver. 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A source of suffering in old-fashioned camping was scrap, primitive contrivance, as replaced by gas furnaces and propane heaters. It's a well-known fact that your run-of-the-mill imbecile can casually flick a soggy cigar butt out of the car window and burn half the national forest. On the other hand, scrap was a flawed thing that you could never start when you needed it most. If you just dropped the icy stream or were hopping around barefoot on frosted land (uncommon now, but normal then), you couldn't light up the average scrap with a dry tinder bushel and blower. The scrap was of two main species: Smudge and Inferno. Smudge was what you used when you were in dire need of heat. By hovering over the smudge camper you could usually be able to thaw the ice out of your hands until the kippeded to death. Even if Smudge did burst into a decent blaze, there was no such thing as warming gradually. One moment on the ice on the trousers there would be some signs of melting and the next hair on the feet was going to smoke. Many times I've seen a blue and shaking man hunched through a cracked blaze suddenly ejected from his shoes and pants with a loud yell and go bordering on the snow, on the front side of him cooked lobster color, the back side still blue. The inferno was what you always used to cook. Experts in camp cooking claimed that you were cooked over something called a bed of glowing coal. But what everyone cooked was the Inferno. The bed of shining coal was a fiction invented by camp cooking experts. Nevertheless, the camp cook was often portrayed by artists who should have known better how a calm man, lowered in a bed of glowing coal, turning the plump trout in a frying pan with his hunting knife blade. In fact, the camp cook was an extremely disappointed individual who was charged during heat waves and a brutal skewer with a long sharp rod attached to the burning meat, which he had to compress on the grill from a distance of twenty feet. The rotating old fire songs came from other campers' efforts to drown the chef's tongue and prevent him from reaching the ears of young children. Meat roasted over the scrap was green or very well done, but the cook usually came out moderately rare. Smoke from the fire always rained directly in the eyes of the campers, regardless of the direction of the wind. Nothing much unreasonable, because it did not allow you to see what you eat. If the food bite showed no signs of struggle, you thought it was a reasonable indication that it came from the cook's pot and there was something just passing by. Aluminum foil was not used much in those days, and the potatoes were simply thrown naked into the glowing coal, which was thought to have been somewhere near the base of the Inferno. About an hour later, spuds were thrown a long stick. Most potatoes would be black and hard like rocks, and some of them would be rocks, but it didn't make much difference. Successive layers of charcoal would be cracked until the white core of the potatoes, usually the size of walnuts, or maybe peas, is uncovered. It would be raw. Sometimes there would be no white core, and it was said that these potatoes were boiled. Either it or they were rocks. In addition to the bonfires, there were other sources of small camping suffering. One of the best was an old-fashioned bedspread. No matter how well you settled on the edges of the bed, in the middle of the night always managed to drain. A wide range of crawler creatures, driven by an explosion of cold air, would flow through the leak. Efforts to close the gap only opened up new leaks, and eventually you just succumbed and lay there, passing the time before sunrise—about thirty-seven hours—counting insects one by one when they froze your quivering body to death. My bedspread, made of one of my grandmother's patchwork blankets, was an oven compared to the first sleeping bag I ever missed at night. My inconsistent boyhood companion, Stupe Jones, told me one September day that I wouldn't need my bedroll of our outing that night because he discovered honestly the goodness of the sleeping bag in his home loft and it was big enough for both of us Sleep. Now, when I saw what a compact small package could be folded into, I immediately shamed the size of my complex bed, which wrapped in a bundle of hay. I was glad that I hadn't marred our little camping trip by toting the gross thing together in aesthetics. That night we spread a sleeping bag on a sandy beach near Sand Creek, peeled off our shorts (we were both taught never to sleep with our clothes), and hopped into a bag. The effect was similar to plunging through thin ice into the lake. Not wanting to offend my friend or his sleeping bag, I suppressed the cry with a long, deep gasp, disguised in turn as a yawn. Stupe said through chattering teeth that the sleeping bag was bound to warm up because it was, after all, a sleeping bag, didn't it? Neither of the two lovers ever interferes with each other with the same perseverance as those two eight-year-old boys during that binge night. Later, we discovered that some sleeping bags come from two parts, one a beautiful padded insert and the other a thin canvas cap. What we had was

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