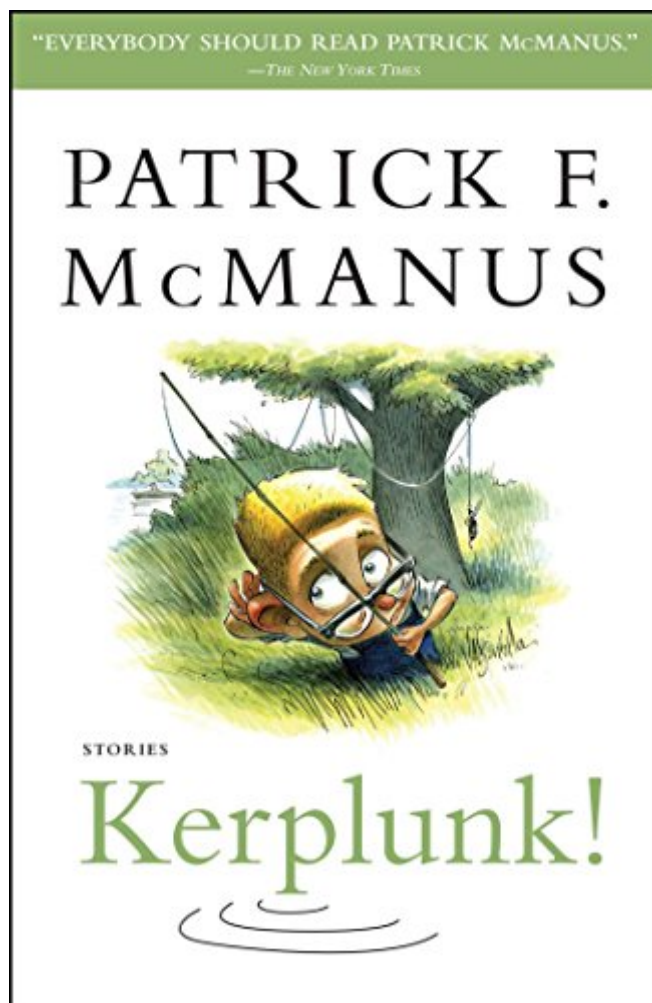


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# Kerplunk!: Stories



## 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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## Customer Reviews

I recently listened to the Audible Audio version of this book. Years ago I read the print version. I really enjoy all of the author's books but I never thought that this particular collection was as good as some of the others. I was really disappointed with the narrator. Not so much because he did a poor job but really because he wasn't Norman Dietz who so perfectly captures McManus in most of the other Audible recordings. I wouldn't hesitate to add this to your collection but only after you have all the books narrated by Dietz.

WARNING - Although I absolutely love the work of Patrick McManus, this CD does NOT play on most CD players. It is recorded in "MP3-CD" format and is "IPOD READY". Therefore, it is not compatible with the overwhelming majority of CD players in the world, including most portable players and those found in homes and most vehicles. I tried them all and the CD's won't play. It will play fine on your computer but if you want to play it anywhere else do NOT buy this product! Make sure you get one recorded in regular CD audio. The seller does not adequately warn consumers about this vital fact. Buyer Beware!

We have most all of Patrick McManus books! He is an awesome & funny writer. Writes about his life events! Met him in person several times & he is GREAT! Very funny & awesome outlook on life & his past adventures!

This book contains a vast compilation of highly refined fishing techniques and background information. I was overwhelmed by the body of scientific research that it must have taken to accurately chronicle the unbelievable adventures. Patrick McManus is the golden benchmark for the humble minions who practice masculine pursuit of outdoor activities. Mr. McManus also writes fiction.

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!)

Long time fan of McManus, and this is great to sit back and listen to and enjoy.

I stopped hunting and fishing long ago. If there was water, I fell in. If there was trees and bushes, I was scratched up. There are some good stories here. No gut busters but some good laughs. The CD is Tantor. I don't have good experiences with Tantor. Disc 5 was scratched. A tick-tick noise for the last 4 or 5 segments.

McManus is great...I buy his books for presents for my male relatives.

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