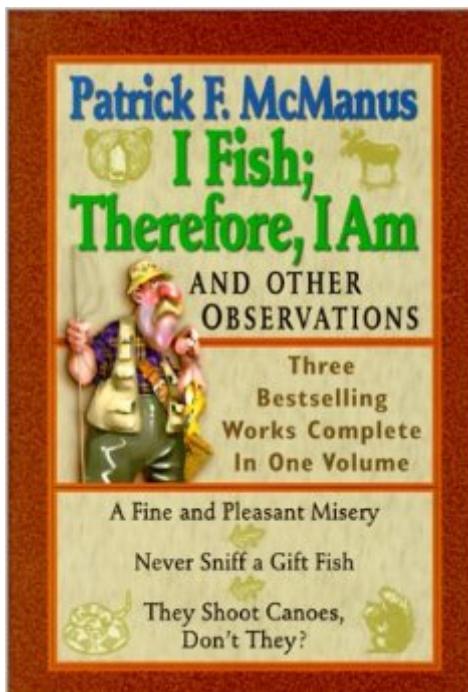


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# I Fish; Therefore, I Am: And Other Observations



## Synopsis

Three bestsellers in one delightful volume--at an unbeatable price! With his own particular brand of wry tongue-in-cheek humor, Patrick F. McManus spins riotously amusing slice-of-life stories of men, women, and their adventures in the great outdoors. The laughter will start right at the clever titles: *A Fine and Pleasant Misery*, *Never Sniff a Gift Fish*, and *They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?* Full of enjoyable exposÃ©s such as "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Live Bait but Were Afraid to Ask," "Psychic Powers of Outdoorsmen," and "The Night Grandma Shot Shorty," they'll give readers hours of pleasure. McManus takes the wildly unpredictable aspects of outdoorsmanship and reveals, with humor and wit, the pitfalls and triumphs of man (and woman) versus nature.

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This book is a compilation of three other McManus books: "A Fine and Pleasant Misery," "Never Sniff a Gift Fish," and "They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?" It is not the same volume as the two-cassette release by the same name. The cassette edition by this name is a compilation of only a few Pat stories. Dedicated McManus readers may already have the three volumes contained in this book. It is, however, a great gift, and nice for those who haven't yet purchased the earlier books that make it up.

This compilation of three of McManus's books (Collected mainly from Field and Stream) is definitely a keeper. For anyone who loves the outdoors and even for those whose idea of roughing it is no room service (My category) this book collects tales of the wild as seen through McManus's warmly

humorous style. Tales of his wayward youth, spent hunting and hanging out with the local mountain man Ne'er-do-well, camping disasters, and the long suffering women in his life, (Mother, grandmother, sister, wife) are all subjects that McManus's views with a wink and a smile. Read this one in small doses when you need a laugh, and while I am amazed that despite all this aggravation McManus and other outdoors people think these pursuits constitute a good time; at least McManus has turned these misadventures into a lot of laughs.

Book came in as ordered wrapped in plastic as original. A friend of mine had some share this book with him. He asked if I could look on that computer thingy and see if the book was still available. I told him if it was then I'd order it for him. I ordered on May 14th and it arrived May 23rd. I took it over to him. He cried with joy. Something so simple can make someone's day.

Patrick McManus should be required reading for all outdoors people. With many of his stories I can see my camping/hunting/fishing expeditions in real life.... as though he had been following me around writing my adventures.

This is one of my all-time favorite books. It's actually a collection of three of McManus' early books with emphasis on the fishing tales. My family and friends often relate many of these tales - very chuckle worthy!

I bought this book for a friend who had never been introduced to Patrick McManus. This will change his life! I have enjoyed reading McManus for years and years, ever since I was introduced to They Shoot Canoes, Don't They? He is a gifted writer.

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