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Synopsis

On behalf of Maine's Department of Conservation, a master Maine guide introduces the free amenities of the nearly one million acres of Maine's public lands, including hunting and fishing, with advice on how to prepare for a visit to the North Maine Woods. Features thirty-eight illustrations by Kelly Thorndike. With a foreword by Governor John E. Baldacci and an introduction by Commissioner Patrick K. McGowan, Department of Conservation.

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Customer Reviews

Tom Hanrahan isn't only one of Maine's premier outdoor writers, he s one of Maine's outstanding writers, period ... In this newly released gem, Tom explores millions of acres of Maine s public lands ... You find yourself heading to the door to see for yourself if you read long enough. --Matt Dunlap, Northwoods Sporting Journal Majestic ... Equal parts field journal, safety handbook, advice column and spiritual guide ... Brevity at its absolute peak ... He's written about the nearby sporting camps, about the tremendous hunting and fishing, about the mountain climbs that are out there, about how to survive a night (or several), about the myriad ways there are to enjoy Maine. --Travis Barrett, Kennebec Journal Simply put he knows how to tell a tale and this book is full of them. Instead of using a more antiseptic guidebook format, Hanrahan treats Maine's public lands as his own personal playground, and invites the reader along for the ride. Hanrahan takes readers up north and Down East, and to all kinds of places in between. And when you're curled up in front of a roaring fire, planning your next day's excursion, you couldn't ask for better company than Hanrahan's book. ----John Holyoke, Bangor Daily NewsA wonderful read for people who enjoy the outdoors! --Bill

Green, Bill Green's Maine, WCSH-TV It's definitely on my list of good Maine books ... Part guidebook and part storytelling ... You can read it in an evening and you'll re-read the next evening.
--Doug Rafferty, WGME-TV

Tom Hanrahan is one of Maine's most renowned outdoors writers. Each year he spends more than 150 days in the field. He has written for such national publications as Outside magazine and is a regular columnist for Maine's Northwoods Sporting Journal. For the last ten years Hanrahan has spent nearly one-third of the year outside. A lifelong hunter and fisherman, Hanrahan's outdoor life began at Boy Scout camps in upstate New York and Vermont. In fall, the author lives in remote outpost camps in the North Maine Woods, a three-million-acre tract that is the eastern United States largest wilderness parcel. A master Maine guide, Hanrahan, is a graduate of Princeton University. Before coming to Maine, he worked as a reporter and columnist for the New York Daily News. His work has been honored by the New York Press Association and the Maine Press Association, as well as the Maine Association of Broadcasters. A resident of Whitefield, Hanrahan has also worked as a small farmer and dairy farm helper. The author is a sporting clays enthusiast. He is married to Lisa Levinson, a frequent outdoors companion and accomplished camp cook. Kelly Thorndike was born and raised in Midcoast Maine. A self-educated artist and illustrator, he is a student of Winslow Homer, N. C. Wyeth, Frank Benson, and Louise Nevelson. He is a combat-wounded Iraq war veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart. This is his first professional project since returning from Iraq in 2004, where he suffered brain injury. He credits the kindness and patience of close friends and family and the very professional, often youthful, team of caregivers at Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta, Maine, for making it possible for him to be creative again. The artist and illustrator met author Tom Hanrahan at Spencer Pond Camps, a sporting camp in the Big Woods. Both share a love of the outdoors.

i bought this book based on a recommendation from the sports section of my local maine newspaper--they made it sound like this book was a guidebook detailing all the public lands around maine--i envisioned info about campsites, area attractions, etc..this book was not that--it was more of a diary of this author and some very basic 101 level information anyone already knows..wish i never wasted my \$10

Great to read a book about Maine, from someone who truly knows and loves the beautiful state.Dave

I'm just reading this book for the second time...it's more than just a book promoting Maine Public Lands. It's backwoods philosophy, but it is also almost a guide to preparing for the outdoors in Maine. Many books will tell you about one aspect of being in the woods in Maine (where to go, what to hunt, how you should think about nature, etc.) but I can't think of another which encompasses everything in such a slim volume, with such economical prose. Above all, it's a really well written book by a true writer, somebody who throws out great lines and metaphors with obvious skill. Makes me miss being out there.

Amazing places to go to see the "real" Maine, not just the coast and southern beaches. There are so few wild places left on the east coast, and this book takes you into the great Maine woods. Reading it is like taking a peaceful, beautiful, and wild vacation without leaving the house (but do go and visit the places so wonderfully described in the book!).

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