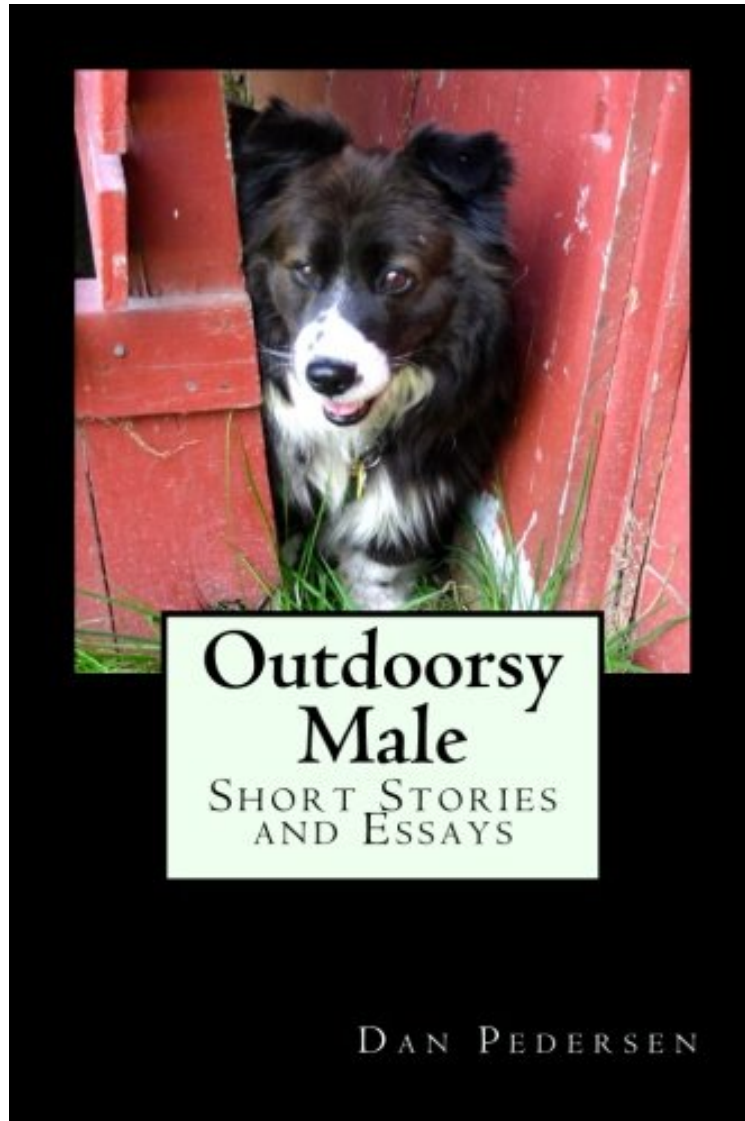


Outdoorsy Male: Short Stories and Essays

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Dan M. Pedersen : Outdoorsy Male: Short Stories and Essays before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Outdoorsy Male: Short Stories and Essays:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The author has a sharp eye and excellent writing ability to convey the uniqueness and importance of ...By PZ This collection offers many insightful vignettes, short stories, and essays about encounters with a variety of people. The author has a sharp eye and excellent writing ability to convey the uniqueness and importance of such encounters, the meaning and value of which might become apparent only later in one's life. The author and critic Francine Prose suggested recently that adult readers are more likely (than children) to

cross-reference when they read, i.e. to compare people and things in a book to ones they themselves know. Pedersen's book is valuable both in its own insightfulness and humor as well as possibly providing the reader with such cross-referencing, helping us think of people and moments in our own lives and reflect on their meaning. Familiarity with Whidbey Island and other nearby locations in Washington state may add to the reader's enjoyment but is not necessary. Being a dog lover will greatly enhance enjoyment of several of these writings. Because Richard Russo is a well-known author, the cover of his most recent novel *Everybody's Fool* will be better known than the cover of *Outdoorsy Male*, but I suggest that the featured star on the latter cover is the winner. Cover photo competition or not, the content of *Outdoorsy Male* is well worth one's attention for the insights, humor, reflection, and also occasional surprising developments.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fun read! By Customer I enjoyed *Outdoorsy Male* so much I read it twice before posting this review. It is a fun read that brings laughter, surprise and suspense. The author's dry sense of humor, his very unique writing style grabbed me right from the gate. Seems like stories about normal everyday people and situations but I had to remember it's richly embellished with fiction as the author states. It's twists and turns keep you on the edge until the very sentence. Dan is good friend here on Whidbey Island and it was fun to try and guess who the characters were. I highly recommend *Outdoorsy Male*, you won't be disappointed.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Read By Gloria D. Johnston I am enjoying this book immensely. The stories are short enough so you can take a quick break and refresh your soul. The author leaves you thinking about the storyline long after you have read the story. Dan has a way with words that captivates you hook, line, and sinker right into the plot. Some stories will have you shedding a tear, others laughing out loud and then the unthinkable shock of it all and the question could this be true? Do yourself a favor and buy this book it will not disappoint and it most certainly would make an excellent gift.

LOOKIN FOR LOVE: *Outdoorsy male*, in the autumn of his years, loves life and seeks a free-spirited female for good times . . . Laugh and cry as you explore rural life through the author's eyes in these 43 stories and essays. Behind his light touch and fertile fantasies lies a deeper curiosity about eccentric people, dogs, nature and the rural adventure. All come to life in these stories that will challenge you, delight you and make you wonder.

About the Author Dan Pedersen lives in the woods of Whidbey Island, Washington, with his artist-wife Sue and canine best friend, Duncan the Dog. Following a career in magazines and newspapers, the author now writes strictly for fun. And nothing is more fun to him than the rural adventure. Dan Pedersen is the author of *My Whidbey* and *Trails Through Time*, both published by Blurb Books, and *Whidbey Island's Special Places*, self-published. He also co-authored with Sarah Schmidt the book *Getting to the Water's Edge on Whidbey and Camano Islands*, published by Washington State University Extension - Island County. He publishes a weekly blog, *Dan's Blog*, at pedersenwrites.blogspot.com.