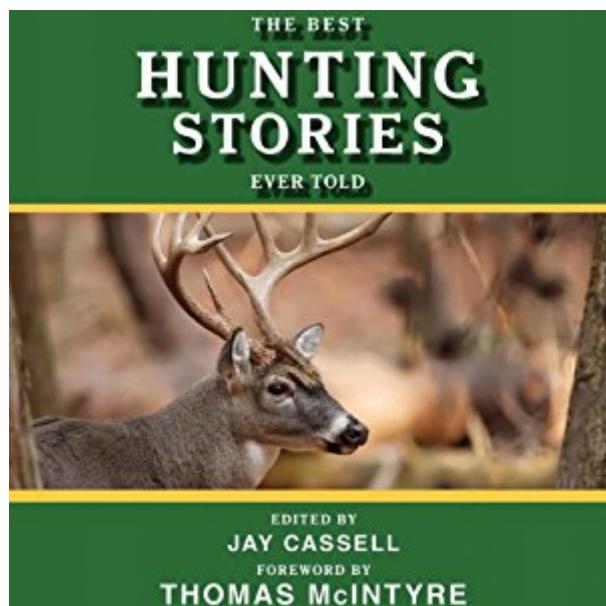


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Customer Reviews

It is hard to write a hunting anthology without including the greats--Roosevelt, Corbett, Buckingham, Tapply, et al. It is even harder to write a great hunting anthology and include lesser known writers, but in this book the authors do an excellent job with the well-known scribes and introduce us to some of the lesser known writers. This is an excellent book that mixes the famous with the lesser known and does it with aplomb.

In more ways than one, this large book contains a mixed bag. The types of hunting covered here

ranges widely as might be expected. The quality of the stories, in my view, ranges widely as well. Perhaps in an anthology of this size that is inevitable. I couldn't help but think that some of the stories were selected more on the basis of availability (copyrights, etc.) than quality. On the other hand, there are some gems here and a reader with less exposure to hunting literature than I have had may easily be led to further explorations of some of those authors that may appeal to various tastes or types of hunting.

The editors have done an excellent job of collecting interesting hunting stories selected from the works of numerous authors. Some of the authors are quite well known, others much less so. This is a great bargain for 500+ pages of generally well written hunting stories. It is also a very good "pick up and put down" book for this busy time of year.

Great book. Variety of stories focused on family, friends, dogs, and a plethora of game species. Great diversity of authors and story lengths. The latter being great for when you'd like to kill a lot of time or you want something quick. I plan on buying an additional copy to keep at our hunting cabin. Really great book.

I live in a City where the varmints aren't exactly what you'd want to hunt. Nonetheless, I love a book like this that lets me escape to the great outdoors, have fantastic adventures, and vicariously experience the thrill of the hunt. Knowing the outdoors, how to read signs, how to track, the right weapons to use, etc. are all part of the hunt on which, for much of human history, humankind depended for its survival. The dances and songs of hunting tribes, the cave paintings of prehistoric peoples, the great cycle of life and death are all part of this aspect of the hero's journey. For great reading that transports you around the world, brings you face to face with terrifying predators, and thrills you to the bone, I give this book my highest recommendation!

There are numerous anthologies of great hunting stories, but all pretty much stick to mainstream authors whose works are cherry picked from their various books and magazine articles. In Cassell's book, he includes works by lesser knowns, perhaps even unknown authors. They may not all be Nash Buckinghams, Hemingways and Gordon McQuaries, but they all have a good story or yarn to relate. Who knows, you might even learn something from one of these unknowns, or just simply enjoy their work. Christmas is a good time to sit down with a good book, and collections such as these bring lots of enjoyment during the long closed seasons from fall to fall.

This would have been a five star review except that a couple of stories were clunkers. I guess when you have as many different authors as this book has, you are bound not to be thrilled by a couple.

In any anthology, the editor must decide what to put in and what to leave out. It is a personal decision to gauge which are the best hunting stories ever told, and which are not quite the best. Those are issues of judgment and taste. Yes, of course, some of the masters must be included; but just as many will not be included, even with 565 pages to work with. So, does Cassell simply pick up material that's 100 years old and call it the best simply because it was the first, or among the first, in the genre? He could have, but didn't. I agree with his approach as executed, as do most of the other reviewers here. The inclusion of modern writers -- Norman, McIntosh, Petzal, McGuane, et alii --as Cassell as done here makes the "best" stories current, which I appreciate.

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