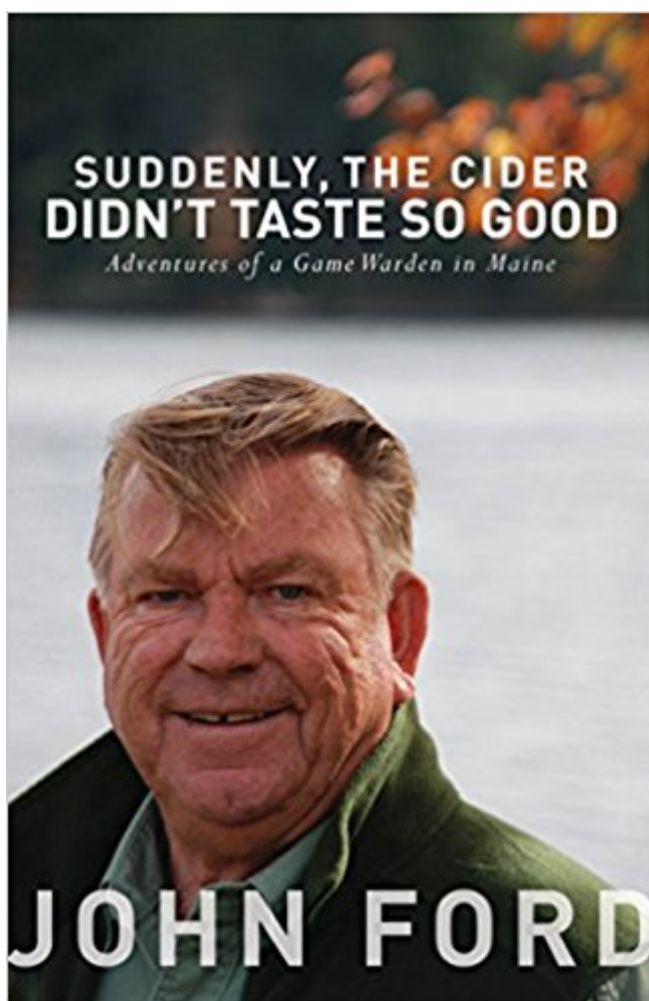


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Suddenly, The Cider Didn't Taste So Good: Adventures Of A Game Warden In Maine



Synopsis

Retired Maine Game Warden John Ford has seen it all. He's been shot at by desperate prison escapees, been outwitted by wily trappers, and rescued scores of animals. As a tenacious and successful warden, he was always willing to spend the time needed to nab violators of the state's fish and game laws. At the same time, though, he wasn't a cold, heartless, go-by-the-book enforcer; he usually had a good quip ready when he slipped the handcuffs on a violator, and he wasn't above accepting a lesson learned as sufficient penalty for breaking the law. Ford is also a very gifted storyteller and he writes of his adventures in *Suddenly, the Cider Didn't Taste So Good*, a collection of true tales, both humorous and serious, from the trenches of law enforcement, and also includes heartwarming accounts of his rescue of hurt or abandoned animals.

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"John Ford's stories from his long career as a Maine game warden are offered with humility and good humor, and demonstrate an abiding affection for the land, creatures, and quirky characters of Maine. Ford is an appealing character, a great storyteller, and he's FUNNY." --Kate Braestrup, author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, *Here if You Need Me*"From the serious tracking a murderer to the sublime raising a baby owl retired Maine Game Warden John Ford shares thirty-five of his best stories that will entertain all indoor and outdoor adventurers." --George Smith, outdoor writer and former executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine"An entertaining book that will leave readers chuckling, speechless or both... The secret to Ford's success is simple: He knows

of what he writes. And he kept good notes in a diary during his career as a warden, realizing that someday, someone might want to hear his stories. That's all great news for readers, who will gobble up his collection of stories." --John Holyoke, Bangor Daily News

John Ford, a native Mainer, was sworn in as a Maine Game Warden shortly after finishing up a four-year stint in the US Air Force. He spent his entire twenty-year warden career in Waldo County in central Maine. Upon his retirement in 1990, he was elected as county sheriff and reelected in 1994. He has written a local newspaper column since 2002 and is a regular contributor to the Northwoods Sporting Journal. He lives with his wife in Brooks, Maine.

Quickly shipped. Loved this item. Wait, I didn't write those first 2 sentences. They were added by ? I guess. They are added to every item I've ever purchased. Anyhoo, I purchased 2 of these books. 1 for me and 1 for my dad, a retired Maine Game Warden. He enjoyed the read. I didn't. There is a story regarding the game warden in court who used a clock on the wall to define 1 minute. That was actually my dad. For years, the judge and prosecuting attorney would retell the story to me when we happened to meet. It didn't bother my dad as much as me. I'll still give Mr. Ford 5 stars. And I'll forgive him for developing amnesia.

This book will have you rolling your eyes...and laughing. And it's all true! John Ford is a beloved and respected local icon who knows how to tell a rollicking, good tale. It was so brilliant of him to take notes of his exploits during his many years as a Maine Game Warden. Each short story is better than the last. As a former Maine county dispatcher in the 80's, I had the great pleasure of getting to know Game Warden John Ford. He knows people and respects them. And they respect him...(no matter how many times he may have placed them in custody.) Enjoy this talented man's storytelling, share it with your friends, then get his second book! (A third is in the works!)

John Ford was a game warden in Maine for many years, and in this book he relates some of the more amusing or interesting things he remembers from his service.=== The Good Stuff ===* Ford writes well, and manages to capture the humor and seriousness of most of his stories. He takes his work seriously, but is able to see the humor and enjoyable side of his profession.* A few of the tales are laugh out loud funny, but for the most part they are just humorous, enjoyable vignettes of life as a Maine game warden. Tag along for efforts to sneak up on night hunters, search for illegal traps, and watch Ford make some quite bone-headed moves. Luckily Ford has a talent for laughing at

himself, and finding the humor in the situations he finds himself in.* The book is a quick read- I ended up reading it in a single sitting.=== The Not-So-Good Stuff ===* None really, except that in a few cases it would have been interesting to know what had happened to the characters later in life.=== Summary ===There are some serious stories, but for the most part they are more amusing or offbeat. I enjoyed the book, and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys the outdoors or the slightly lighter side of law enforcement.

A very enjoyable read from beginning to end. Everyone from anywhere have the same type of characters in their hunting neighborhood, just maybe not as exceptional as John !!!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I was a little hesitant at first as I am a non-hunter who found the movie "Bambi" too traumatic to finish. However, I am comforted that there are great men like the author that risk their lives to protect animals from the deplorable behavior of poachers. As a bonus, Mr. Ford does this with respect and humor. This book is a great collection of easy to read essays that will make you smile and laugh. I bought the second book "This Cider Still Tastes Funny" before finishing this one because I did not want the stories to end.

John Ford is an excellent storyteller and draws from his wealth of experience as a Maine game warden. This book is a collection of well written, simple, short stories about his adventures in the Maine woods. This book is well worth the read, particularly the story that gave the book its name.

Bought for my boyfriend and he loved it! He is going to be buying the second book.

First bought this book as a gift for someone else while on vacation. It was recommended by an owner of a small bookstore in Maine who said "you'd get a kick out of it." We skimmed the pages and liked the contents so much I ordered a copy on for ourselves. It arrived earlier than expected and was cheaper than at the bookstore. It was appealing to my boyfriend who doesn't read much, but liked this one. I don't really have a certain style of books that I am into, as long as I can get into it, I'll read it, and this one def grabbed my attention just skimming the pages

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