

George's Outdoor News

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Profound and Amazing Maine stories

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By George Smith

I've become a big fan of Littoral Books in Portland. James and Agnes Bushell publish awesome books, most by Maine authors.

I recently read a very important book, *Dangerous New World*, a wonderful and very important collection of columns and poems about climate change. Meghan Sterling and Kathleen Sullivan did a superb job of selecting Maine writers for this book published by Littoral Books.

Today I want to tell you about the profound and amazing Maine stories in the book *North By Northeast*, a collection of short stories by Maine and New England authors, edited by Agnes Bushell.

Alfred Depew describes it well in the comment on the back cover: "Reader: prepare to be amazed, delighted, frightened, unsettled, and thoroughly enriched. This anthology is full of gold." I agree!

In his introduction to the book, Depew wrote, "while reading one of the stories on the ferry coming back from Vancouver Island, I was overcome by grief and had to stop.... Each and every one of these stories has moments that take the breath away."

The Bushells made good choices in selecting the 13 writers featured in this book. You will never forget some of these stories.

About George Smith

George stepped down at the end of 2010 after 18 years as the executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to write full time. He writes a weekly editorial page column in the Kennebec Journal and Waterville Morning Sentinel, a weekly travel column in those same newspapers (with his wife Linda), monthly columns in The Maine Sportsman magazine, two outdoor news blogs (one on his website, georgesmithmaine.com, and one on the website of the Bangor Daily News), and special columns for many publications and newsletters. Islandport Press published a book of George's favorite columns, "A Life Lived Outdoors" in 2014. In 2014, George also won a Maine Press Association award for writing the state's best sports blog. In 2016, Down East Books published George's book, *Maine Sporting Camps*, and Islandport Press published George and his wife Linda's travel book, *Take It From ME*, about their favorite Maine inns and restaurants.