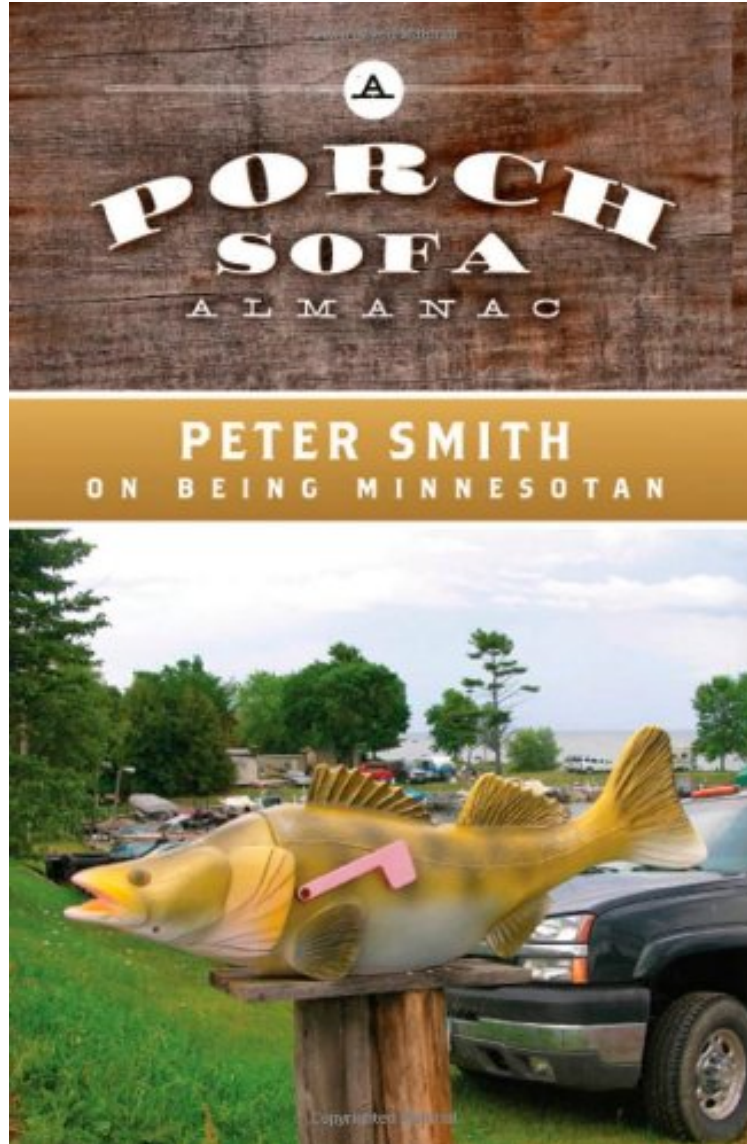


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. just the right book for that time-out-of-timeBy CTwinterWhile I didn't hear Peter Smith's stories on Minnesota Public Radio, a friend recommended his collection of essays. So I carried it on a flight and couldn't put it down. Honestly, I passed up the in-flight movie just to stay with this guy and groove in the flow of his humor. After the flight, a woman to my right asked me what a "porch sofa" was. I laughed

out loud, and she said with a giggle, "that's what I thought!" She really got it - the stories are laughter therapy in cellulose. Hauling an old sofa out onto the porch is just the beginning - the antics and characters that Smith describes give this easterner reason to think that Minnesota still has independent politics. Eager to read his next book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. perfect for 1 per night before falling asleep (bed time ...By Nea LouiseThe charming essays are each a pithy story. Because they were written for radio, each stands on its own, and should be read as such. Hence, perfect for 1 per night before falling asleep (bed time stories?) or, this book is a perfect "bathroom book". 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Transports you back in timeBy Book WormLoved this book! The writing style makes a comfortable read and he touches on life experiences easy to identify with - and you don't have to be from Minnesota to enjoy it. With an eye for detail and the absurdities of life, Peter Smith has created a world it is easy to enter and be entertained in.

For Peter Smith, the assignment from Minnesota Public Radio was simple: try to do something about Minnesota. So he began exploring the simple, everyday Minnesota things he came across and sharing them with listeners each Tuesday morning. The result is a hilarious, often wry, and always remarkable portrait of everyday life in the Land of 10,000 Lakes that will resonate with Minnesotans from the state's biggest cities to its smallest towns.

"In his wonderful new book Peter Smith has assembled a years worth of short pieces that prove the true power of story lies not in the ability to reveal but to conjure. Visceral and poignant, these beautiful tales each catch and release a moment. Suddenly memories begin to flood like the Mississippi River in springtime. As he does on Minnesota Public Radio, whether its a crisp autumn day under a Hudsons Bay blanket, a Little League game, or perhaps the best opening line ever in Meditation on a Lawnmower, Peter reminds us that a yeara lifetimeis made of episodes, times with those we love, community, and family. In Peters world we are verbs not nouns, always changing, living, experiencing, and yet like the seasons, bound to come around again. These little gems, or at times more like Pop Rocks, burst forth; we belong." Kevin Kling