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Take a slow ride down a country road and let your mind and spirit find the peace of a wooded wonderland. Stop along the way and listen to the quiet. It does a soul good.

"The day passed without incident or sight of any deer. I did hear something coming toward me, rustling the leaves as it walked along. I readied my rifle and turned ever so slowly to see what I thought would be the trophy buck of a lifetime, only to find a skunk walking my way and pawing through the leaves, looking for insects. I kept a close eye on the polecat as he drew near. I slowly edged myself around the back of the tree I was sitting against, hoping to elude this hefty creature of fragrance. The skunk looked my way once and kept moving, probably not wanting to mess with a fat guy wearing wet britches."

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Wally Amidon grew up living wherever his father was stationed during his Air Force career. When he was overseas, he stayed with his grandmother, who was a great story teller. Listening to the way she made stories come alive made him feel as if he had really been there. As he grew older, he began to write down things that made him either laugh or cry and tried to make them as real as possible. Sometimes, he has found it easier to escape into his own little world and create things that he wish were true but never can be. He knows people need an escape from reality at times so he decided to make his writings public. There are some true stories here, and there are some that he doesn't know where they came from, but he wrote them. He wants readers to have fun and join him on his journey.

Read some pretty funny stories about things that happen in nature, with animals, and during hunting season. Encounter some eccentric folks, including Bingo Drake, Rattler & Tiny, and the Hunkering Heckler. Find out how a skunk ends up in a living room and why a deer wears a red dress. Chuckle at the rambunctious pranks of growing-up boys, and be awed at what happens between soldiers on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall at Christmastime. Learn what a "hoss bite" is and what goes on at the "Bobblehead Babtist Church." At the end of it all, discover what a redneck really is.

What some folks have said about the book:

- "I don't read books, but this book is just plain awesome." (reader from South Carolina)
- "Best bathroom reading material in years!" (reader from Maine)
- "Wally has a way with a pen!" (reader from New Hampshire)

Seriously, you won't stop laughing until you put down the book—but you really won't want do that. You will ask for more stories, please!

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About the Author: Wally Amidon is a freelance author, avid hunter, and transplanted New Englander, living in Travelers Rest, South Carolina.