

'A Sapir Sampler' features the great outdoors

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A collection of articles – 167 of them – by veteran and prize-winning author Glenn Sapir has been thoughtfully selected and published in a new, leatherette-bound volume, “A Sapir Sampler: Favorites by an Outdoor Writer.”

Sapir has enjoyed a long and storied career, not only having written for a wide variety of publications, but also having been the first person to serve on the editorial staffs of what was considered “The Big Three” of outdoor magazines – Field & Stream, Outdoor Life and Sports Afield. He also contributed the outdoor column to The Journal News (N.Y.) and its predecessors for 27 years.

Sapir’s writing has been recognized with an impressive list of awards, including lifetime excellence in craft honors from the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. He has been inducted into the New York State Outdoorsmen’s Hall of Fame.

“Having retired from full-time work in 2014, after first beginning my career in 1970, I had amassed a collection of more than a thousand feature articles and columns I’d written for a variety of magazines and newspapers,” Sapir said. “I wanted to select some of my favorites from 1970 until, as it turned out, 2018, and share them with family, friends and interested readers.”

What was originally envisioned to be a small collection grew to a 480-page book. The articles are divided into four categories – Family and Friends, Destinations and Adventures, Interesting People and Mixed Bag – and the articles range from fishing for char in an Arctic Ocean tributary to angling for peacock bass in the Amazon basin.

The hunting articles vary from pursuing caribou and moose in remote Newfoundland to stalking mule deer in Montana’s Missouri Breaks. Mixed with those many far-flung adventures are

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accounts of outings close to home in the author's beloved Hudson Valley (New York). The subject matter includes hiking, camping, photography, rafting, tubing, camping and other outdoor recreation.

The interesting people whom Sapir has met and about whom he was written cover a cross-section of notables, from a future vice president of the United States, a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor Award recipient and a Hall of Fame sports broadcaster to professional athletes and singers and the co-founder of a retailing giant.

Lesser-known but fascinating outdoors people also fill the pages of "A Sapir Sampler." The Mixed Bag section includes not only many articles on fishing and hunting, but also demonstrates the breadth of subject matter related to the outdoors about which Sapir has written.

The first section, "Getting Started," gives the reader a brief insight into the influences in his life that led to Sapir producing the thousands of articles he's written.

The huge collection of articles is only available from the author. It can be ordered for \$29.50, plus \$5, that is, \$34.50 pre-paid. Checks and money orders written either to Glenn Sapir, or to Ashmark Communications, Inc., can be sent to 21 Shamrock Drive, Putnam Valley, N.Y., 10579.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Glenn Sapir is the brother-in-law of Metro Sports Report owner Jim Ecker.