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Paddle Beads

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Moving New Canoeing Memoir Takes Readers on a Lasting Journey of the Imagination

Lyme, New Hampshire – Entering into O. Ross McIntyre’s new canoeing memoir, *Paddle Beads*, is a lot like embarking on one of the deep-wilderness trips he so eloquently describes in its 172 finely-crafted pages: You know in advance how long the journey will be and about how long it will take to come to the end, but beyond that you really don’t know what to expect. So you set out with him, turning the pages as McIntyre dips his paddle and takes you along for a literary ride you won’t soon forget.

Part guidebook, part meditation, wholly engrossing and in the end deeply moving, *Paddle Beads* mixes high adventure, low humor, and a bit of hard-learned advice as McIntyre circles back to relive the highlights of the 40 years he spent deep in the North American wilderness with his wife Jean in the bow of their laden canoe, paddling through smooth and rough water together.

Illustrated in pen and ink by well-known Vermont artist Bert Dodson, *Paddle Beads* is simultaneously published in hardcover, paperback and e-book.

About the author:

O. Ross McIntyre graduated from Dartmouth college in 1953 and Harvard Medical School in 1957. After serving in Pakistan for the U.S. Public Health Service, he joined the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School in 1964. He retired in 1998, having served as Director of the Norris cotton cancer center at the Dartmouth- Hitchcock Medical center and as chairman of the cancer and Leukemia Group B.

An avid canoeist since boyhood, Ross and his wife of 48 years, the late Jean Geary McIntyre, spent every chance they could deep in the North American wilderness, paddling and camping for weeks at a time, returning afterward to the riverfront New Hampshire farm where he and Jean raised their three children, Jeanie, Ross, and Elizabeth.



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