

A Father's Day Gift Idea

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Once my two children were grown with families of their own, choosing Christmas presents for them became very difficult. In 2006, I decided I'd write each an original outdoor story instead of buying something, even though I'd never written anything before. My children were surprised and seemed to genuinely appreciate what I'd written.

Years later, I wrote a story for my dad about our last hunting trip together while he lay critically ill in a hospital bed following a stroke. He could not open his eyes or speak. I waited for a time when we were completely alone and read the story to him. He never moved. I wasn't even sure he heard me. But as I arose to go, I took his hand. Big tears ran down his cheeks. He had heard every word. Dad died the next day.

It was then I was sure I would continue writing.

In the March 2017 issue of *Sporting Classics Magazine*, I was surprised to see that Senior Editor and Book Columnist Jim Casada reviewed my recent book. Jim wrote: "*We'll Do It Tomorrow* is as southern as a slice of pecan pie. If you read the book's title story and don't find yourself dabbing at your eyes or with a catch in your throat, some serious self-examination is in order. The piece is that moving and meaningful. This is the talented author's second book-length venture into storytelling, with his previous effort, *Ten Was The Deal*, having carved a comfortable niche in the ranks of contemporary Southern tellers of sporting tales."

My friend, Kirk Neely, says: "More than just hunting and fishing stories, John's books are about the joys and sorrows of life. Sportsman or not ... you will enjoy *We'll Do It Tomorrow*."

I am very pleased that Spartanburg's own Nancy Kochenower did the beautiful painting for the book's cover and each chapter's hand drawn illustrations.

Need a special Father's Day gift? You can order a copy at Amazon.com, OutdoorStories.com, or pick one up at Hub City Books. I donate all proceeds from the sale of my books to The Encouraging Word.

