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Fish Cops & Game Wardens

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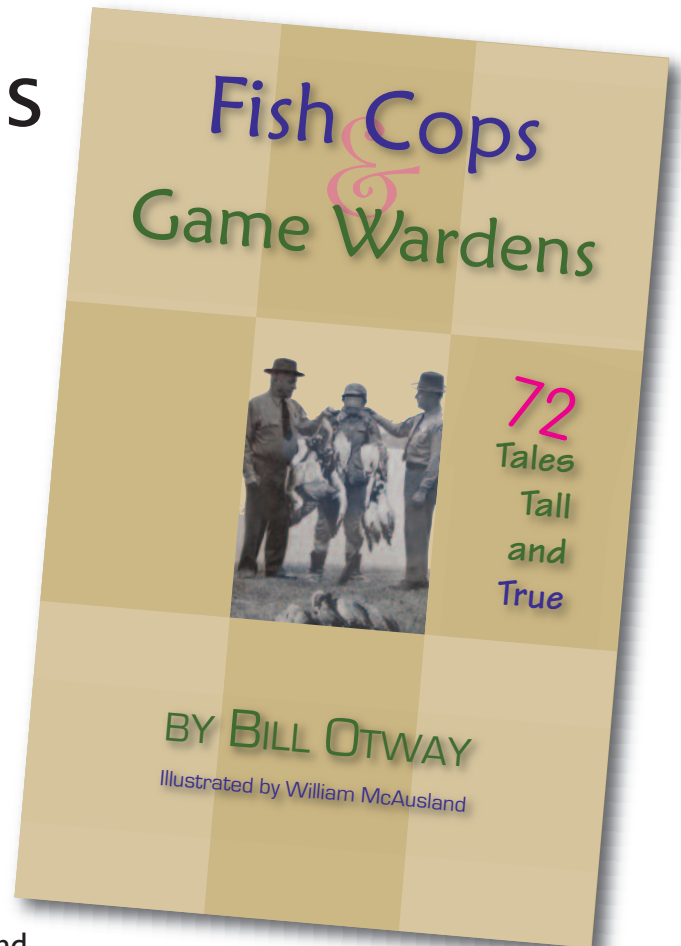
The work of the officers who protect our fish and wildlife resources is not always easy, sometimes even downright difficult and, occasionally, dangerous. It requires impeccable judgement, insight and quick wit, yet the men and women who embrace the task do so with a iron-clad sense of duty and honour. However, there's also a hilarious, unusual, often compassionate side to their work.

Fish Cops & Game Wardens provides a unique and poignant insight into the lives of the dedicated men and women who protect our wildlife. A total of 72 stories from game wardens, conservation officers and Fisheries officers Bill has met and befriended in half a century of involvement in the domain of wildlife and fisheries conservation efforts.

Bill Otway is well known throughout British Columbia as an advisor to government and private organizations dealing with fisheries and wildlife issues in addition to being a prolific writer whose articles have been published in variety of regional outdoor magazines. He has served on the board of directors of a gamut of organizations and was presented with an honorary life membership for his dedication to the B.C. Wildlife Federation, he has been named Canadian Outdoorsman of the Year by the Canadian Wildlife Federation for his contributions and has receive awards from Ducks Unlimited Canada for his tireless fund-raising efforts on behalf of waterfowl. Ever feisty and always with unerring judgement he continues to fight for the rights of anglers and hunters everywhere.

Fish Cops & Game Wardens contains 20 original sketches created by William McAusland that capture the humorous side of many of the stories in the book. Will is a talented illustrator based in Kamloops, B.C., who has spent a considerable amount of time fishing and hunting with his father in the province's wild places. This connection with the outdoors and his wonderful sense of humour show through in each of the sketches.

Fish Cops & Game Wardens is the kind of book you can read cover to cover or open to any page for a lift and a smile.





About the Author

Fish Cops & Game Wardens Tales Tall & True By Bill Otway

Ever feisty and always curious, Bill has served as Executive Director of the BC Wildlife Federation and Recreational Fisheries Advisor to Fisheries and Oceans Canada. He has been honoured, lauded and feted for his untiring efforts by conservation groups coast to coast and continues to be champion for Canada's fish and game resources. Here are just some of the awards Bill has received over the years:

- ⇒ Canadian Outdoorsman of the Year by the Canadian Wildlife Federation
- ⇒ The Bronze Teal and Silver Teal Awards from Ducks Unlimited Canada for his fundraising efforts.
- ⇒ The British Columbia Conservationist of the Year Award from the B.C. Wildlife Federation.
- ⇒ A special recognition award for "One who has made a difference" from the B.C. Wildlife Federation. It was the only time this recognition has been presented by B.C.W.F.
- ⇒ The National Recreational Fisheries Award by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada in recognition of his volunteer work on behalf of the recreational fishing community.
- ⇒ Inducted as Member Emeritus to the Sport Fishing Advisory Board.
- ⇒ Honorary Life Membership in the B.C. Wildlife Federation, the Port Coquitlam and District Hunting and Fishing Club, the North Peace Rod and Gun Club, the North Shore Fish and Game Club, the Vancouver Angling and Game Association and the Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association in recognition of services rendered.

Bill resides in Merritt, B.C., with his wife Carol. Their home is a favourite stop for the many friends they've made through the years, including countless conservation officers and fisheries officers. When they get to reminiscing, the laughter is often loud and long.