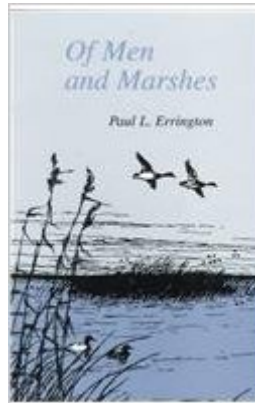




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Paul Errington's milestone book, with a new Foreword for this printing, stresses the essential impact of wetlands on the welfare of humans. Over 7,000 copies of *Of Men and Marshes*, the classic on marsh appreciation, have been sold, and it's all still true, all still relevant today.

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Customer Reviews

A beautiful book. Errington's prose is a pleasure to read as he chronicles, mourns, and celebrates this marshland ecosystem. It's a great resource for anyone interested in environmental or ecological writing.

Paul Errington grew up tramping prairie pothole marshes, then became one of Aldo Leopold's early students, at a time when traditions of nature observation and waterfowl hunting were contributing to the growth of ecological science. This book is a set of connected thoughtful chapters on the seasons and years of pothole marshes - "Of Marshes and Winter", "Of Marshes and Spring", etc., concluding with "Of Marshes and Time" and "Of Marshes and Man". Marsh environments change greatly from year to year; vivid paragraphs of here-and-now description alternate with meditations on past years and the ebb and flow of life. Muskrats, hawks, mink, ducks and geese, shore birds, owls, foxes, fish: Errington watched and tracked and recorded their lives, and their deaths. Errington's clean spare style is a pleasure, and Hochbaum's pen-and-ink illustrations beautifully complement the text; I particularly love one with a few flocks sharing a dawn sky with the morning star. Highly recommended

to anyone who has read and enjoyed Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson, David Rains Wallace, or Barry Lopez, and to waterfowl hunters, bird watchers --

This book was required reading back 30 plus years ago when I was at university studying wildlife biology and natural resources. It inspired me to continue studying and ultimately working as a Professional Wetland Scientist. Errington pulls you into the secret lives of marsh inhabitants, be they ducks, muskrats, or mink, and his prose centers around the pothole region of the central flyway of the U.S. As a young boy Errington's quest to trap steers much of his interest, but his keen observation abilities draw a complete picture of the ecology of marshes. It's at once adventurous and educational. Perfect for sitting by a winter fireplace.

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