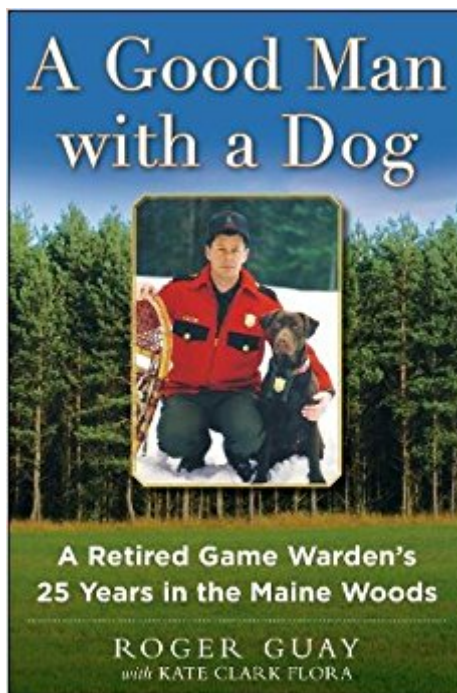




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# **A Good Man With A Dog: A Game Warden's 25 Years In The Maine Woods**



## Synopsis

A game warden's journey from the woods of Maine to the swamps of New Orleans. When Roger Guay's father died in a tragic fishing accident, a kind game warden helped him through the loss. Inspired by this experience, as well as his love of the outdoors, Guay became a game warden and certified K9 handler, beginning a successful career that would span twenty-five years and see him establish canine units as a staple of the game warden service. Guay takes readers into the patient, watchful world of a warden catching poachers and protecting pristine wilderness, and the sometimes CSI-like reconstruction of deer- and moose-poaching scenes. Guay searches for lost hunters and hikers, estimating that over the years, he has pulled more than two hundred bodies out of Maine's north woods. His frequent companion is a little brown lab named Reba, who can find discarded weapons, ejected shells, hidden fish, and missing people. *A Good Man with a Dog* explores Guay's life as he and his canine partners are exposed to increasingly terrible events, from tracking down hostile poachers to searching for victims of violent crimes, including a year-long search for the hidden graves of two babies buried by a Massachusetts cult. He witnessed firsthand FEMA's mismanagement of the post-Katrina cleanup efforts in New Orleans, an experience that left him scarred and disheartened. But he found hope with the support of family and friends, and eventually returned to the woods he knew and loved from the days of his youth.

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## Customer Reviews

Roger Guay served with the Maine Warden Service from 1986 until his retirement in 2010. He is a K9 master trainer, a certified K9 handler, and certified in cadaver and explosives searches. In addition to decades of search and rescue experience, he has extensive experience in missing persons/homicide searches and body recovery. Guay has received numerous commendations from the warden service; the Maine House of Representatives; the Maine State Police; the Miramichi, New Brunswick, police; and the USPCA. Guay lives in Guilford, Maine. Kate Clark Flora has published fourteen mystery and true crime books. Her titles include Finding Amy, an Edgar Award nominee, Death Dealer, an Agatha and Anthony finalist and 2015 Public Safety Writers Association Award-winner for Best Non-fiction, Grant You Peace, a Joe Burgess police procedural and winner of the 2015 Maine Literary Award for Crime Fiction, and the Thea Kozak mysteries. A former Maine assistant attorney general, Kate lives in Harpswell, Maine.

Roger Guay's recollections of events, both humorous and serious will pull readers into the world of a Maine game warden in ways other memoirs can't. His careful retelling of events like his time in New Orleans, as well as in 'Buried Babies in Baxter Park' will stay with readers for a long time. His willingness to share the personal and emotional toll certain events take on members of the warden service make this a stand out book. Definitely worth adding to ANY library as well as making a good gift to sportsmen and members of and branch of law enforcement.

A Good Man with a Dog, by Retired Warden Roger Guay with Kate Flora is a very interesting and well written book. The book really gives you insight into the life of a Maine game warden. Warden Guay brings home the point that Maine's large tracts of woods and water must be respected or bad things can happen. Also, that the Maine warden service has a big job protecting wildlife and the people who enjoy Maine's great out doors. He makes the case how trained dogs have become a great asset to the warden service and gives many examples of dog work. Anyone who ventures out in the big northern woods should read this book. It may save your life as the book has many experiences, tips and physical signs you should be made aware of if you're a north country outdoors person. I give Warden Guay a lot of credit and respect for his service to the state of Maine, I really enjoyed his book.

This is a fantastic book detailing 25 years of a great man's life. He has an incredible knack for finding people lost in the woods with or without a dog. There are some very funny stories and some very sad stories but they will all help you realize what a great man he is.

I'm one of those who got hooked on the tv series about wardens in Maine so was very excited to find this book by a Maine warden. I am a Mainer, born and bred, who chose to come back to Maine to raise the kiddos and I have fallen more deeply in love with all things Maine ever since. This true account of a warden's life that never quits has deepened my respect for those who serve in that capacity and also a greater appreciation for Maine's 'wild side'. Their dedication to preservation is always their primary motivation as they make their rounds. However, I was not aware that they have all the training in law enforcement of all types and are called on to participate with state and local police when needed. A great read written just the way we Mainers speak, showing the authors' dedication to service and dependence on God to see him through very tough circumstances. Thanks Roger Guay for sharing your story!

I really enjoyed this book. It gives a good view of the day to day life of a game warden in Maine and by extension in many other states. It's often funny, sometimes sad. Most people, myself certainly included, do not realize what all a game warden is responsible for. They obviously enforce game laws, they are state police in many states as well and are responsible for search and rescue or often search and recovery. And the book talks about them being sent to New Orleans after Katrina. Sadly that part shows how ineffective FEMA and the federal government generally is. The book shows how useful a K9 is for finding not only people, alive and dead but also evidence such as cartridge cases.

I am from Maine, In last few years I bin reading books from game wardens and state police that has retied from the state. This book was a little different that the dogs he worked with was a big part of the story in this book that I enjoyed. Also when gets close to the end of the book it is a eye opener what happen in his life.

I couldn't put this book down! A hardcore law enforcement officer that still treats people like people. Roger is a true credit to his profession

Humorous, sad, terrifying, and fascinating. Written by Roger Guay and Kate Clark Flora, this book is an honest and deeply personal portrayal of Roger's life as a Maine game warden. Highly recommend!

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