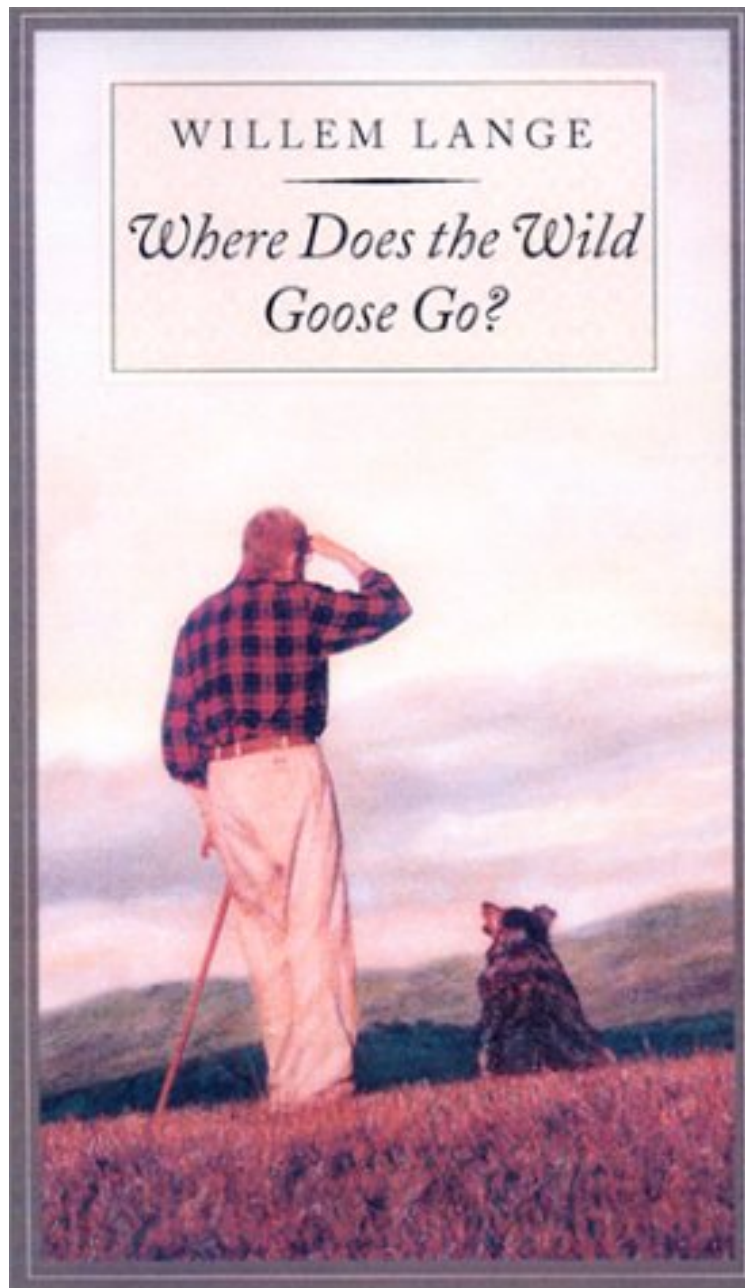


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Willem Lange : Where Does the Wild Goose Go? before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where Does the Wild Goose Go?:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not what you expected. By C.M. Carroll I saw Willem Lange on PBS a couple of months ago. He was being interviewed and read from one of his books, "Intermittent Bliss." It was an eye-opening moment. He has a TV program on PBS called "Windows on the Wild." You would never, ever guess from watching "Windows on the Wild" that this thoughtful, funny man existed in that body. I went out and bought everything he's had published (I'm afraid I bought the remaindered books on .) His stories are thoughtful, well reasoned, beautifully written, and can be totally hilarious. These books aren't very lengthy and can be finished in an evening, but oh, what a lovely evening!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of Willem Lange's fabulously written wonderful books! By Karen Brook This is a marvelous book of fabulous stories elegantly written, and authentically real. The reader is immediately drawn in and is "there". It is a compilation of some of the author's columns which are syndicated in a number of New England newspapers. Willem Lange is also the intrepid, cordial and knowledgeable host and major participant in the PBS series "Windows on the Wild". He is an amazing illustration of determination, joy, and courage as he climbs rugged terrain, paddles long miles, rides rapids and more in the wildernesses of the Adirondacks in NY, the Green Mountains of Vermont the White Mountains in New Hampshire, and the mountains of Maine, even now in his 80's with knee replacements and more. As I have formerly been in much of the territory Mr. Lange writes about, I am immediately transported back to beautiful places and happy times from my college days. Having discovered his column in a local newspaper, it hopefully occurred to me that perhaps he has written some books. Gleefully I discovered he had indeed and immediately ordered one of each of his titles from and sellers. I am MOST dismayed at the meager number of copies available and quickly ordered one as a gift for friends who also thoroughly enjoy this, "Where Does the Wild Goose Go?". Even for those who've never been in the woods, climbed a mountain, camped in the forest or paddled a canoe, I would heartily recommend any of Willem Lange's books. For those who've been there (even north of the Arctic Circle with elderly adventurers, and islands off the coast of Maine with Outward Bound youths), it will be a wonderful trip back. For those who've never even considered it, you'll experience all the adventures as well as beauty and serenity of being there. Oh I wish there were more of his books! Perhaps there will be :-)

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Essays Worth Reading By Virginia Allain One expects New England topics and an emphasis on nature in Willem Lange's pieces. He delivers some of those in The Three Bears (why he no longer hunts bears) and musing about Canada Geese. Then he surprises the reader with excursions to Texas, then to a village where 642 people were massacred in 1944 France. He remembers boyhood fun at YMCA camp and finds primitive campsites, long-abandoned near the Arctic Circle. I find it best to pause before reading a second essay. Clear the mind by doing something else then return to reading. That way each gem of writing stands apart from the rest. Lange is a marvelous wordsmith, so you want to savor the flow of language that wraps around a topic to create a scene or a feeling. Excellent summer reading or great for fireside reading in winter.

Fifteen pithy, humorous, and heartwarming autobiographical pieces describe either trips Willem Lange has taken—to Alaska, France, Texas, and elsewhere—or, in a metaphorical sense, the long journey of his own life. As always, embedded unobtrusively within his tales, are profound ruminations on life and death, love, nature, and God. "I have noticed how much my joy in people has run as a bright thread through the whole fabric of my life," he explains. "The stories in this collection are about some of those people who in the last fifty years have brightened or darkened—but always enlarged—my life. They are my constant companions on the luminous little brooks of memory."

From the Publisher 5 x 8 1/2 trim. LC 2001-004981 About the Author A building and remodeling contractor living on a dead-end dirt road in Etna New Hampshire, Willem Lange writes a weekly column for several New England newspapers, is a regular commentator on Vermont Public Radio, a charter member of the Geriatric Adventure Society, and also the author of Tales From the Edge of the Woods, and Okay, Let's Try It Again.