

Two Bucks and a Can of Gas

Model A Adventures on the Gunflint Trail



Robert R. Olson



“...at 25 cents per gallon, two bucks went a long way.”

As a teenager in the 1950s, Bob Olson discovered the North Shore and the Gunflint Trail. Driving a “hand-me-down” Ford Model A truck, he fished, hunted and roamed throughout the lonely North.

Eventually, he built a cabin on a Gunflint Trail lake, and later a second cabin where he now makes his home. Two Bucks and a Can of Gas chronicles a colorful era in the northwoods and the resourceful characters who lived there. Hop into the Model A with Bob Olson and take a ride to adventure!

“Bob provides glimpses of a bygone era on the Gunflint Trail.”

—Luana Brandt, owner of Nor’Wester Lodge

“From the cab of Bob’s Model A, the back roads, lakes and woods of the Arrowhead region come alive.”

—Mary Pulford, University of Wisconsin, Superior; retired

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