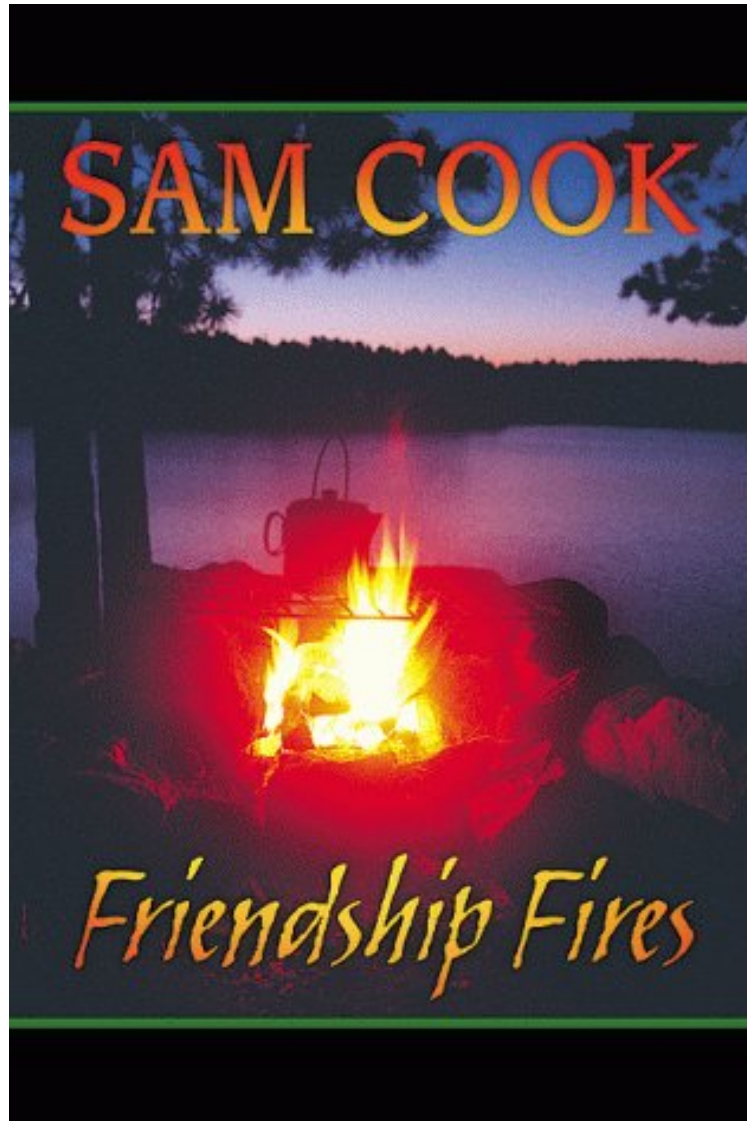


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About the Author Sam Cook, award-winning author and columnist, has gained renown for his witty and heartfelt descriptions of life in the north country. Born and raised in Kansas, Sam moved to Minnesota in 1976 and soon thereafter became the outdoor writer for the Duluth News-Tribune. Since then, Sam's readers have savored his poignant observations of life throughout the seasons. When not hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, or hiking, he pursues an arduous life of research around a campfire. Sam lives in Duluth with his wife and two children.

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I went to the woods because I needed to be alone and to see some white snow . . . I didn't know where I was going to, and it didn't much matter. All I wanted to do was walk or shuffle along, let the northwest wind pepper my face, and let my legs get tired. I built a fire on the edge of the river, in a splash of sunshine. I have built a hundred little fires like that one. Friendship fires, a friend of mine calls them . . . I knew I needed to sit by that fire and smell it and listen to the sounds it made. Now, every time I build a friendship fire . . . the memories come flooding back with the first whiff of wood smoke.