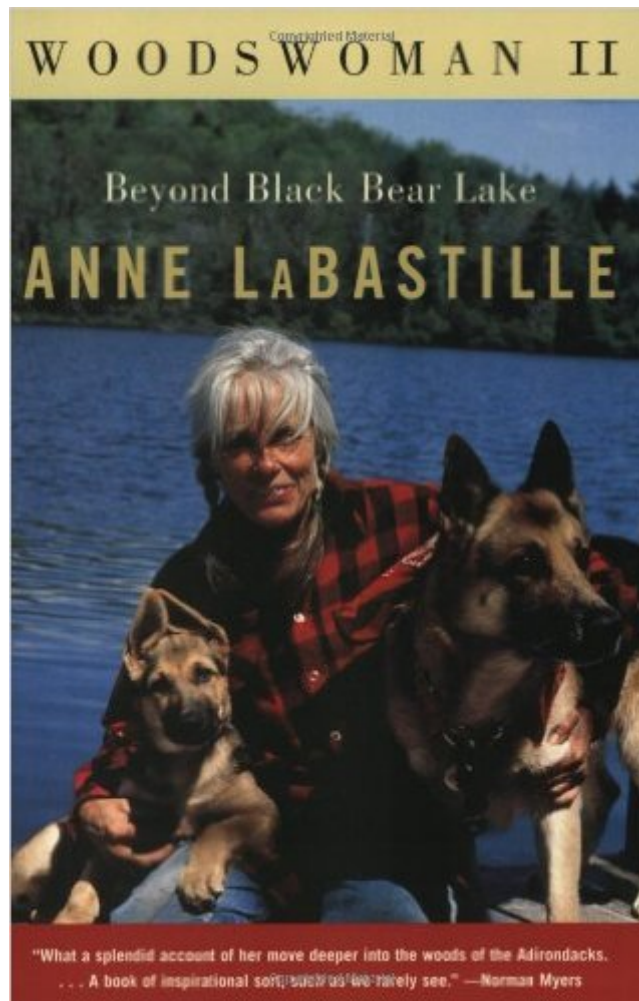


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Woodswoman II: Beyond Black Bear Lake



Synopsis

Anne LaBastille wrote her best-selling book *Woodswoman* about the peace and solitude she found in the log cabin she built at Black Bear Lake. Eventually, however, the outside world intruded. *Woodswoman II* is the equally engrossing story of the author's decision to build a tiny cabin retreat fashioned after Thoreau's *Walden*, of her life with two German shepherds as companions, and of her renewed bond with nature. Originally published under the title *Beyond Black Bear Lake*. Over 200,000 copies of the *Woodswoman* series have been sold.

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Customer Reviews

My last page read in *Woodswoman: Living Alone in the Adirondack Wilderness*, I immediately picked up *Woodswoman II: Beyond Black Bear Lake*. This hasn't been a story I've wanted to put down. Anne LaBastille's ongoing autobiography has followed lines too closely to my "retirement" plans north to upper Michigan for me to miss, and I have found inspiration, motivation, and quite a bit of education, and not a little forewarning in reading about her experiences as a woman living alone in the woods. This second in a series does a quick recap of how LaBastille's adventure began. After a divorce, LaBastille decided to build her own cabin in the Adirondack wilderness, making her living as a freelance writer and ecologist. This book begins with her growing problem with intruders and overly ardent fans. With several books by now published, many articles, and an increasing number of academic lectures and speaking tours, her need for solitude and seclusion is coming under (mostly) friendly attack. Fan mail comes by the bag full, phone calls await at a neighboring

camp (LaBastille's cabin has no electricity and no phone line), and a stunning number of fans search her out in the woods, even though she has carefully avoided naming her exact location, using fictional names for landmarks and lakes. Some pursue her for years until tracking her down. LaBastille is horrified, and eventually forced into building a second, more remote cabin that she calls Thoreau II, crediting Henry David Thoreau of Walden Pond. "What do such visitors and callers hope to find when they search out the Woodswoman? I still don't know exactly, but I'm sure America is lonely. Americans are looking for identities. They want to attach themselves to authors, singers, actors, and TV stars. These searchers have fantasies.

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