

Chapter 1 : The hermits tale and other poems: G. A Leigh: calendrierdelascience.com: Books

*Charles Coffin, the hermit, was born in and died Nov. 15, at the age of Allen wasn't sure if Coffin was from Freeport, "but his parents, John and Florence Coffin, lived further up in the woods behind where Charles lived, so there is a good chance he was from the area.*

The tale of the modern American hermit By Ethan Gorstein, Jul 6, Sometimes it just seems as if this world is getting to be too much. Too much traffic, war, heat, and disease. Too many smart phones, computers, interconnectivity. There are even refrigerators connected to the internet at this point. On top of this, there are the everyday hustles and stresses of life. There is work and bosses who scream, family, kids, and just an ever growing list of commitments and responsibilities. And bills, who can forget about those? As we know, the only thing that is constant in life are death and taxes. They take themselves completely off of the grid and just go into nature. Yes, they have to worry about hunting and eating and making their own supplies, but the stresses of modern life are not there. And to top it all of, it turns out they are a lot happier than the vast majority of people living in civilization. These people who completely withdraw from society into complete natural seclusion are usually called hermits. They have been characterized as wise, crazy, and everything in between throughout history. In , a man decided, like so many of us, that he was sick of the world and sick of being tired. But unlike many of us, he decided to do something about it. He actually went out into the woods of central Maine and lived completely alone and on his own for nearly three decades. He found solace, comfort, and introspection while he was alone, and was forced back into civilization only when confronted with police. His name is Christopher Knight, and this is his story. How it all began Christopher Knight was a small kid growing up, and with self confidence issues, he would always try to make himself appear even smarter. He was not the most outgoing of people, preferring to stay indoors as opposed to going outside and playing. This was because he just did not like people. They would talk about things he had nor interest in or just could not relate to. Perhaps that is the reason he became a hermit. What is a hermit? People think about hermits in many different ways. They may think of a hermit crab, or they may think about a person who lives alone in the woods or on the coast who is full of wisdom. The bible was full of hermits who wanted to just be left alone and to their own devices out in the middle of the desert. Many hermits seclude themselves for various religious or spiritual reasons. However, for Christopher, it just kind of happened. The simple life By the time he was 20 years old, Christopher was living in Boston, Massachusetts and working for a security company. His company helped to instal security systems and alarms on all manner of doors, windows, cars, and garage doors. He knew what set them off, how they worked, and the logic behind placing each security measure where. All of this knowledge would come to greatly benefit him in the future. He saved up a lot of his money and made a down payment. He needed to secure an auto loan, so he asked his brother for help. His brother did indeed help him for what he thought was a short period of time. Unfortunately for him, Chris had other, more adventurous plans. Just left Nobody was more shocked than Christopher himself when he decided to become a hermit and live out his days in solitude. In fact, he had hardly ever been camping before he decided to strike out and go completely off the grid. But he left in a very abrupt and sudden way. He gave no two weeks notice, he had no plans, he told no family about what he was going to do, he simply went out and did it. Finding his way At first, he did not want to go too far away from home. Just a couple hours drive away. But then, he began just going. He took left turns, right turns, never really know where he was going until he eventually took so many back roads that he ended up in rural Maine. It was there that for perhaps one of the first times in his life he felt true, complete peace. The roads less taken He did not settle on Maine the first time he saw it. He drove around a lot looking for a good spot that would be comfortable for him, a place where he would feel at home and at ease. He decided to just drive. He made it all the way south to Virginia, Georgia, and the Carolinas. He saw the entire east coast of the United States, but still he had one place on his mind " that spot in rural Maine. Leaving the car Coming back into that spot in Maine, Knight knew that he really wanted to do one thing and one thing only " get lost. He had no compass, no map, and not much in the way of provisions. He was sick of the world and wanted to just get lost in the middle of the Maine wooded

wilderness. So he parked his car, put the keys on the dashboard, and walked into the treeline. He had no idea when he would be back. Nestled deep in the Longfellow Mountains, the lake is the main source of water for the Kennebec River. The lake has 80 islands to explore, including one so big that it has a summer camp on it. This lake also has private cabins used by people who also want to escape from it all, but with more elegance and style. This is where Knight chose to live. Growing up there Growing up in Albion, Maine, Christopher knew what it was like to be in nature. He grew up in the small town of 2, people with his family. The town was a typical, idyllic New England burgh located close enough to the ocean that it was quite easy to get to in the winter time and close enough to the woods to be able to feel their enchanting beauty. However, it seemed that despite this tiny setting, there were still too many people for Christopher to handle. Laying low He grew up in a family which viewed privacy as being of the utmost importance. They were also very exposed to science and especially physics. The four brothers, chief amongst them Christopher, loved taking different items apart and putting them back together again. Self sufficient family Knight was a quick learner and was able to understand how things worked as well as any engineer. He was able to tell what type of engine problem a car was having solely based upon the noise that it was making. The family was also a model in self sufficiency, living quite well nearly off the grid. They made their own electricity, grew their own food in a greenhouse, and had a well which supplied them with water. The first hermit home When Knight would first venture out into the woods of Maine, he did not realize exactly what he was in for nor how long he would be there. He went into the woods with little more than a backpack full of rations along with a collapsable tent. He was able to set up the pup tent with no difficulty. He saw that his spot and his campsite were up and running, and he felt ready to live there a while. Hunger sets in However, Knight began to get so hungry that he felt as if his stomach was eating itself from the inside. He realized that he had not packed nearly enough food to survive for an extended period of time. As he was walking through the woods and contemplating what he should do, he came across a dead bird lying in the path. He decided to eat the bird raw in order to survive. Picking from gardens Luckily for Knight there were tons of people who lived around the enormous lake, and many of them had gardens of fresh fruits and vegetables. Therefore, Knight would go to these bountiful gardens and proceed to pick and eat the produce which was growing freely in the garden. He did not take too much from any one place, and it just looked like a rabbit had eaten the food. Breaking and entering As the summer months began drawing to a close, the weather started to become colder and colder. Not knowing what to do, he abandoned his tent and went to find himself an empty vacation cabin. He found one which he liked, pried the door open, and went inside. There, he found a nice, warm, and most importantly empty bed which seemed to fit him just right. A stressful night Despite staking out the cabin in advance, Christopher was not completely comfortable with his new surroundings. He had a constant, sneaking suspicion that the actual inhabitants and owners of the cabin would come in at any moment and find him sleeping in their bed, and who knows what they would do to him. He slept a very restless night that night, and in the morning, he promised himself never to sleep indoors again. Finding his dream home Christopher Knight woke up the next morning looking for a place that he could stay long term. A place that would be cool in the summer but warm in the winter. He looked into caves, dens, hollows, and all manner of clearings. He looked into settling down by riverbanks and on the shores of the lake itself. However, nothing sat right with him. But then, one day, he found where his home would be. Following the last trail He happened to simply stumble upon his new home. He was walking up a secluded and unused path when the path simply ended. However, he decided to keep going and try to see where it would end up. The place he found was hidden, filled with boulders, and closed in.

### Chapter 2 : Hermits in Lore: Fairy Tales - Articles - House of Hermit Lore - Hermitary

*I'm just thrilled to hear that Hermit's Tale turned out well at the end of the day, since it was all a whole lot of experimentation. Thanks very much, though, and for reading, I appreciate the interest a whole lot.*

William withdrew from society, and wandered across Pennsylvania, eventually settling in a cave for the last 19 years of his life. William Wilson was born during the second half of the 18th century. According to *The Pennsylvania Hermit*: The account also states that William had a sister by the name of Elizabeth Wilson, who was two years younger than himself. William Wilson as depicted in an early printing of *The Pennsylvania Hermit*. Public Domain Whilst William was undergoing his apprenticeship, his sister traveled to Philadelphia, where she found work. According to some sources, she became a servant in the home of a wealthy family, whilst others claim that she became a worker at or the owner of the Indian Queen Tavern. In any event, at the age of 18, she was seduced by a young man by the name of Smith, who was a native of Philadelphia. As a result, Elizabeth became pregnant, and gave birth to a child, who was then killed and buried in a nearby grove. There are a number of variations to this part of the story. For instance, in one version, it was not just one man, but two who impregnated Elizabeth, resulting in two children, instead of one. She was found to be guilty, and sentenced to death by hanging. When William heard about this, he attempted to save his sister. His efforts had all failed, yet William did not give up. The pardon was finally granted to William, who then hurried to the execution grounds. Unfortunately, he was just a couple of minutes late, and his sister had already been executed. Guided by the Ancestors? Note William approaching on horseback, calling, "A pardon. This cave has been traditionally identified as the Indian Echo Caverns, which is a touristic site today. As it was a place of solitude back then, William decided to stay there for the rest of his life, thus becoming the Pennsylvania Hermit. William lived in the cave for 19 years, before dying in One of the most common forms of this tale-telling is perhaps the association of William and Elizabeth with hauntings. The ghosts of the two siblings are often said to be still wandering in the Indian Echo Cave. Depiction of the hanging of Elizabeth Wilson, with William Wilson coming with the pardon from a later edition of *The Pennsylvania Hermit*.

### Chapter 3 : A Tale of Two Hermits | Citydesert

*The hermit set out of camp at midnight, carrying his backpack and his bag of break-in tools, and threaded through the forest, rock to root to rock, every step memorized.*

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*A Hermit's Tale I was born in Berlin in Besides playing around with very modest sample based softwares, which were so cheap that you would get it for free with your cereals, I've got an old version of FL Studio when I was about*

When Christopher Knight walked into the Maine woods without a compass, map, or backpack, Ronald Reagan was president and the world was reeling from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. It was the dawn of the digital age, and the year-old Knight seemed poised to enter it. But that spring, in , Knight decided he wanted out “ out of his job, out of the city, out of modern life. He wanted to be alone. So he drove, first south to Florida and then back north to his home state of Maine. He traveled from main roads to back roads to country roads to logging roads until, finally, he parked his car and vanished into the woods. Twenty-seven years later, Knight was dragged back into society. Caught breaking into the kitchen of a summer camp in the North Pond region of central Maine, Knight was arrested. The book serves as an examination of why and how we seek solitude. Despite the romantic images of a hermit huddled in the wilderness, Knight had actually built a complex camp on a patch of land obscured by thick trees and massive boulders. He had systems for food storage, cooking, washing, and waste disposal. Though alone, he was never far from civilization. At first he was baffled that someone who professed to love solitude and nature would choose to spend a quarter-century on a couple hundred yards of private property surrounded by roads and houses. But then he saw the site. But seeking solace in the woods “ and seeking wisdom from those who cut themselves off from society “ is a cross-cultural tradition, according to Finkel. He initially wrote Knight a series of letters “ written by hand, because Finkel had a hunch Knight would only respond to a hand-written note “ and the two developed an uneasy rapport. Finkel shared his own failings. In the book, Knight rebuffs Finkel and offers flippant answers. Still others see him as a harmless eccentric. They say a lot more about who they are than who Chris Knight is. What do we do with humans who are not evil, not terrible people, but are just different? He definitely wants to be left alone. I think his reaction to the book is that I wrote every sentence with precision and care.

Chapter 5 : THE HERMIT'S STORY by Rick Bass | Kirkus Reviews

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Fairy Tales If the characters in fairy tales represent psychological archetypes, then hermits should be identifiable characters in these traditional stories, among the kings, princesses, witches, rival siblings, sorcerers, talking animals, and fools. But many standard collections do not include hermits: Of the collections, only Grimm has one very important representation, and Andrew Lang has half a dozen. There are two distinct types of collected fairy tales. Fairy tales composed intentionally as belle lettres are known as art fairy tales loosely fitting the requirements of the genre. Art fairy tales are best represented by Hans Christian Andersen and his imitators. In Andersen is one valuable story featuring a hermit. A "successor" to Andersen is Godfried Jan Arnold Bomans , who also has a representative story featuring a hermit. The titles in Lang that include a hermit character approximate best the medieval and later Western perception of the hermit as sage and magician -- not a Christian so much as a Celtic druid or equivalent, not unlike the archetype of the tarot which see. The hermit in Lang is not a wanderer or proselytizer but a contemplative and a true solitary. And when you are in need yourself, call upon me, and I will come to you. In the French story "Princess Rossette": The queen heard that in a great forest near the castle there was an old hermit, who lived in a hollow tree, and that people came from far and near to consult him. In this story, the hermit foretells the future not through any device or sorcery but as plain advice about what to do to avert misfortune. In the Romanian tale "Little Wildrose," an "old hermit with a white beard" is found reading a book in a cave. He offers advice on how the protagonists, an elderly childless couple, can have a child, given to them by a fairy. In the Breton story "The Castle of Kerglas," the hero learns how to overcome an evil sorcerer on the advice of the "hermit of Blavet," who, however, does not appear in the story. Several Grimm tales also include hermits in traditional roles of giving advice or contriving moral lessons. In "Brother Frolick," the picaresque hero has completed a lifetime of adventures and visits a hermit "who was known to be a pious man" for advice about getting to heaven. The hermit tells him that there are two roads, one broad and pleasant leading to hell, and a second narrow and rough leading to heaven. Brother Frolick thinks to himself, "I should be a fool if I were to take the narrow, rough road. Perhaps as interesting as the conventional plot is the wilderness isolation of the woodcutter, his wife, and three daughters, and the perennial dangers of enormous forests to the imagination of common people. A nearly identical plot is spun in "The Old Woman in the Wood. Here the hermit is clearly Christian and the story refers to prayer, sin , repentance, and God. In this story, the wilderness setting and the pious sagacity is banished. Ole is a secular, talkative old man, worldly-wise and stubborn. As Andersen puts it: So he turned his back on everybody and finally became a hermit. But in a big city, hermitage with a livelihood is to be found only in the church tower, so up it he went. The narrator provided the tower keeper with books, and one book in particular becomes the topic of the first of two visits described: Ole waxes eloquent and ironic on how much of a valuable perspective he has gained from the book, putting human beings into their proper perspective over the millennia. The visit, not unexpectedly, is full of digressions, always returning to the topic of human pride and folly. And that, says the narrator, was that: There was no one else living in the wood and so the blackberry picker thought he was alone in the world. However, this belief in no way affected his high spirits. He would sing the merriest songs at the top of his voice, without pause, except at night, because that was when he had to sleep -- and that is a good excuse. But apart from that, it was impossible to imagine a happier man. To him, the morning dew clinging to grass and flowers is like diamonds and pearls. The ponds in the mirror the shapes of trees and sky. The sunlight at dawn produces shimmering colors like a mosaic. And the tall trees of the forest form a great vaulted cathedral, with singing birds a beautiful choir and the nightingale a soloist. The traveler shares the table with the blackberry picker and offers the hermit a gold coin for his trouble. But that is when the trouble begins, because the hermit-fool refuses the coin, countering that he has riches to spare. The traveler coaxes the details from him: He demands to see the riches. It is night and the

hermit-fool explains that his treasures cannot be seen in the dark, but he invites the traveler to stay until morning. No, replies the traveler. The hermit-fool points to the meadows and its jewels but the mob, led by the mayor, is mocked. The mayor answers angrily that what the hermit sees is merely the dew. The ending is, of course, tragic and predictable -- we omit it here for its gruesomeness. Here, perhaps, is a psychological insight as good as any ancient archetype. As examples, the complete Grimm can be found at [http:](http://) The complete Lang is available at [http:](http://) Hans Christian Andersen is reproduced in full at [http:](http://) URL of this page:

### Chapter 6 : The hermit's tale | Island Institute

*The Hermit in Lore: Fairy Tales. If the characters in fairy tales represent psychological archetypes, then hermits should be identifiable characters in these traditional stories, among the kings, princesses, witches, rival siblings, sorcerers, talking animals, and fools.*

These stories are quiet, even when they are adventurous. This story haunts me. The story of the swans enchants me, still. These are mostly melancholy tales, but give me a glimpse into lives and places I only dream about. Mostly I connect to the sense of place that Bass creates, even more than the characters. I am not a hunter, and I never will be, but when I read a Rick Bass story about a hunt, I come closer to understanding why some people do it. I actually did not realize this was a collection of short stories until the first story ended and then I looked at the contents. It is a good, solid collection. All the stories go together roughly enough; they feature rural, wooded landscapes and are more often than not set in winter. There are people who used to be in love falling out of love and several stories about tough old men losing their virility. Animals are frequently brought back to life either frozen and then alive when thawed or not properly killed in the first place. But the best part are the few stories here that are creepy. Because man are they just so creepy. I have notes below on each particular story. The description of the space: It had a different density to it, so that smaller, shallower breaths were required; there was very much the feeling that if they breathed in too much of the strange, dense air, they would drown. It also had one of the best quotes of the book: This was my least favorite story. I thought that this story could have just kind of ended on the highway, or ended when they got to the dock to meet the fishing guide. This connected least with the rest of the book. The necessity of the fires to keeping the marriage alive was an interesting thread and certainly provides the unity, but otherwise this was a very urban story as opposed to the rural nature of all the others. Once again there is a father who is devoted to his children and less so to their mother ; once again the importance of human connection is mediated through a lens in this case the fires to allow for the characters to recharge and regroup. This was my favorite story. It was so deliciously creepy with the prowling around under the earth. But then, it became rather ridiculous. I mean how many times can two people have sex underground and ride around on old boxcars before they start to panic about finding their way out. It was really all very fantastical; I had to believe that they had given up hope of ever coming out when they stumbled upon the light. And yet, there was no sense of this. In the beginning there is panic and then certainly a sense of comfort in the middle; Sissy is relieved to find a way out, but almost abstractedly so. And Russell could spend the rest of his life underground. Again we have the loss of virility as Jim reaches out to Jerry for help and Jerry ponders his failing relationship with Karen. The overall story here is interesting enough, but the moment of oddity is when Dr. Le Page turns into Doctor Smock. Of course the idea that tourists will buy anything is just plain funny, but I found the sadness of her desire for a family coupled with the image of all those dying puppies to just be a bit too macabre for my taste. This story is a coda to the Cave, although I am almost positive that it precedes the cave; partly because Russell mentions having eaten so much in the cave just before he takes a poo , but also because it is really hard to picture them stopping at the diner in such a calm way AFTER having come out of the cave. This was an absolute absurd piece from the owl to the elk and the 24 eggs. I felt like I had stumbled into some sci-fi collection with this one. Once again, there is the relationship of 20 years stalled out and looking for a spark: I think this was my least favorite story. It fell into the rural motif and followed the pattern of something year married folks falling out of love and trying to find the spark again , but mostly just felt like a rehash of the previous stories. Again, there were lots of frozen woods and water; the revivification of several deer, but ultimately they die.

### Chapter 7 : A Hermit's Tale

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Chapter 9 : The tale of the modern American hermit | KiwiReport

*"The Hermit's Story," a magical tale about entry into an alternative reality, begins with a sort of poetic overture about the blue color of an ice storm. The narrator and his wife have gone.*