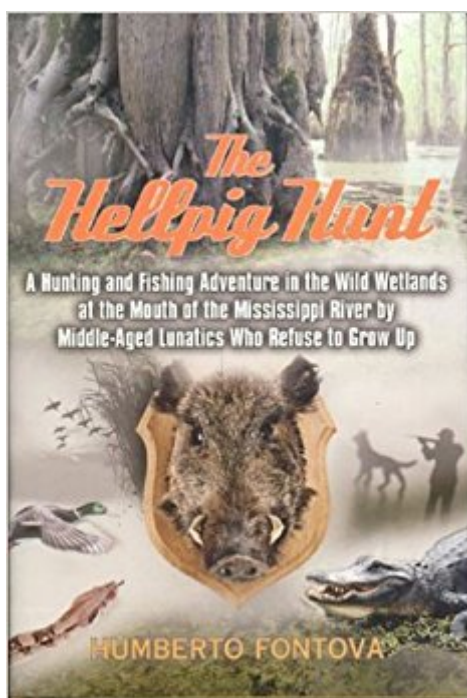


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The Hellpig Hunt: A Hunting Adventure In The Wild Wetlands At The Mouth Of The Mississippi River By Middle Aged Lunatics Who Refuse To Grow Up



Synopsis

Join in on a trip that tests the spirit, the body and the sense of humor of everyone involved. The action starts as soon as Humberto leaves the house, and doesn't stop until he and his buddies have been shocked, scared, gassed, gored, trampled and battered into submission.

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New Orleans journalist Fontova has covered diving, hunting and fishing for specialty magazines like Bowhunter, Scuba Times and Sierra and penned a book about divers who spear fish from oil rigs (Helldivers' Rodeo) two years ago. Now the hellbent author and his equally hellbent pals are back, intent on stirring up more nonstop macho action. This time they hope to nail a wild pig during a Louisiana bayou "hunting-fishing-boozing trip." The pig chase doesn't begin until page 173, but no matter. The fun is getting there. Amid their "orgy of blood-lust, booze, and lechery; a three-day indulgence of our primal passions in primitive splendor," readers get fascinating factoids of Louisiana lore, ecology, geology, history, politics and wildlife, plus literary, cinematic and pop culture references. Navigating the French Quarter and the Mississippi Delta's shallow marshes and squishy mudflats, Fontova and company encounter gators and girls gone wild, "plumb, freakin' crazy" hog hunters, migrating waterfowl, mosquitoes and snakes. Fun comes as the gang razzes a greenhorn businessman along for the hunt: "I explained to him that we cut more business deals in hunting and fishing camps than on any golf course, but probably just as many in titty bars." Memoir adds to the madhouse mix, with Fontova's flashbacks erupting in an onslaught of anecdotes. Fontova's voice is powerful and compelling, and the hog hunt finale is worth the wait. The end result is something like

nice and is what i hoped for

I thought the book would be a lot better. A disorganized mishmash - a few good stories of Cajun-redneck swamp encounters - but IMO quite poorly written. I can see where the author tried to write gonzo like Hunter S. Thompson, but the writing style quickly became tiresome. I wouldn't buy it again.

Bought this as a birthday for my "great hunter" brother. I glanced through it and what I read was humorous. I think he will enjoy this read!

For anybody on your Christmas list who thinks golf is for wussies too housebroken to engage in bloodsport, there's Humberto Fontova's very funny *The Hellpig Hunt: A Hunting Adventure in the Wild Wetlands at the Mouth of the Mississippi River by Middle-Aged Lunatics Who Refuse to Grow Up*. In case that title's insufficiently descriptive, here's Humberto's previous book's title: *The Helldivers' Rodeo : A Deadly, Extreme, Scuba-Diving, Spear Fishing Adventure Amid the Offshore Oil-Platforms in the Murky Waters off the Gulf of Mexico*. *The Hellpig Hunt* resembles what you'd get if Hunter S. Thompson went hunting with Bluto and the rest of the gang from *Animal House*. Plus, Humberto tosses in philosophical asides on the predatory nature of the human male from Camille Paglia, Edward O. Wilson, and the head philosopher of hunting, Jose Ortega Y Gasset of "Revolt of the Masses" fame. A couple of years ago I tried to explain to Humberto the appeal of golf to guys like me: "You see, it's a like a suburbanized form of hunting. It's a battle against nature played out in an ideal landscape for hunting." My little dissertation appears to have been refracted back through Humberto's twisted brain on p. 138 of his tome: "'Then why don't more men hunt?' you ask." "Lack of opportunity," I answer. "They turn to golf for the same reason men turn to sodomy in prisons." "Gee, Humberto, thanks for phrasing my idea like that.

Take a hunting and fishing adventure story, set it in the wetlands of the Mississippi River mouth, and add two middle-age participants with a passion for hell-raising adventure and an ounce of sense and you have *The Hellpig Hunt*, a rowdy hunting trip into Louisiana territory which will have even the most seasoned hunter on the edge of his seat. Rousing tales of danger and wild pig encounters are anything but boring and come from a maniacal hunter, fisherman, and author alike.

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