



New Tony Orman Deerstalking Book

Tony Orman in his 23rd book (currently being released) reflects on over 50 years of hunting in mountain and hill country areas from the Tararua and Ruahines in the 1950s and 1960s and then the Kawekas, Otago's Dart Valley, Nelson and in recent years Marlborough. In his 74th year Tony is still active hunting "once or twice a week" more often with the camera but occasionally selectively taking a deer or pig for the deep freeze.

This is a book with a big difference. It's not endless tales of countless deer shot, but a book that delves into the deeper meaning and benefits of being among deer, the forest and mountains, in

a succession of outdoors and hunting cameos. There's tales of Tony's early days in the Tararuas and Ruahines, exploring unknown country and days getting some venison or just watching deer.

Spanning 50 years of reflections, he notes changes in gear and in hunters' attitudes, and the advent of gadgets. He takes a bold look at deer mismanagement and the blinkered approach of bureaucrats and politicians and shoots hard and sure at myths such as the possum "pest" and poisons like 1080 and brodifacoum.

On deer - labelled by rabid green groups and DOC as a pest - he writes "I began deer hunting back in the late 1950s. Red deer numbers had peaked in many areas about the late 1940s so were still high by today's standards. But nowhere did I perceive deer damage as painted by the government, local bodies, Forest and Bird Society and other zealots. My views are not alone. Scientists such as Thane Riney, Dr. Pat Grant, Dr Graeme Caughley and others have, more or less, said the same".

Hunting and regularly, is good for both the soul and body says Tony Orman in his new book. "I do cherish my years of outdoor recreation. Memories are precious. I now know the hunting - or fishing - will rarely be as good tomorrow as it is today. I should have gone hunting more!" he declares.

And he advises "So go hunting when you can. Enjoy it, tread softly and enjoy the wider experience of hunting in just being there."

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