



## An Important and Thoughtful Book Poised to be *the Sand County Almanac* for Lakes

[East Lansing, MI] – [September 1, 2011] Darby Nelson's new book, *For Love of Lakes*, released October, 2011 by Michigan State University Press and is available for sale through their website at [www.msupress.msu.edu](http://www.msupress.msu.edu) and through fine bookstores.

America has more than 130,000 lakes of significant size. Ninety percent of all Americans live within fifty miles of a lake, and our 1.8 billion trips to watery places make them our top vacation choice. Yet despite this striking popularity, more than 45 percent of surveyed lakes and 80 percent of urban lakes do not meet water quality standards. *For Love of Lakes* weaves a delightful tapestry of history, science, motion, and poetry for all who love lakes or enjoy nature writing. *For Love of Lakes* is an affectionate account documenting our species' long relationship with lakes — their glacial origins, Thoreau and his environmental message, and the major perceptual shifts and advances in our understanding of lake ecology. This is a necessary and thoughtful book that addresses the stewardship void while providing improved understanding of our most treasured natural feature.

### **About *For Love of Lakes*:**

Nelson weaves an interesting and thought-provoking story based on his love of lakes and the outdoor world. The text blends his power of observation, personal scientific knowledge and an appreciation of important contributions to the field of limnology. His "story-teller" approach provokes the reader to consider their particular "dream" lake and what they might do to protect it for future generations. —Steven Heiskary, Research Scientist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Past President 2005, North American Lake Management Society

Darby gracefully describes the beauty and ecology of lakes through rich personal and natural histories. This book engagingly challenges us to consider both our relationship with nature and how our choices affect its future.

—Jonathan Higgins, Senior Aquatic Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy

Nelson's interplay of emotion and logic stimulates the reader to think and that is a good thing. *For Love of Lakes* is poetic to the end—a wonderful read for all who enjoy natural history.

—John J. Magnuson, Emeritus Professor of Zoology and Limnology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

For those of us who live in lake country, nothing is as fine as the mist rising in the early morning, or the pickerelweed in the midday sun, or the beaver slapping at dusk. Darby Nelson captures this glory; more, he tells us how we might preserve it against the myriad abuses now plaguing our freshwater oases.

—Bill McKibben, author *Earth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet*

### **About the Author:**

Darby Nelson, Professor Emeritus at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and aquatic ecologist, has served three terms as a Minnesota state legislator and is the former board president of Conservation Minnesota.

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