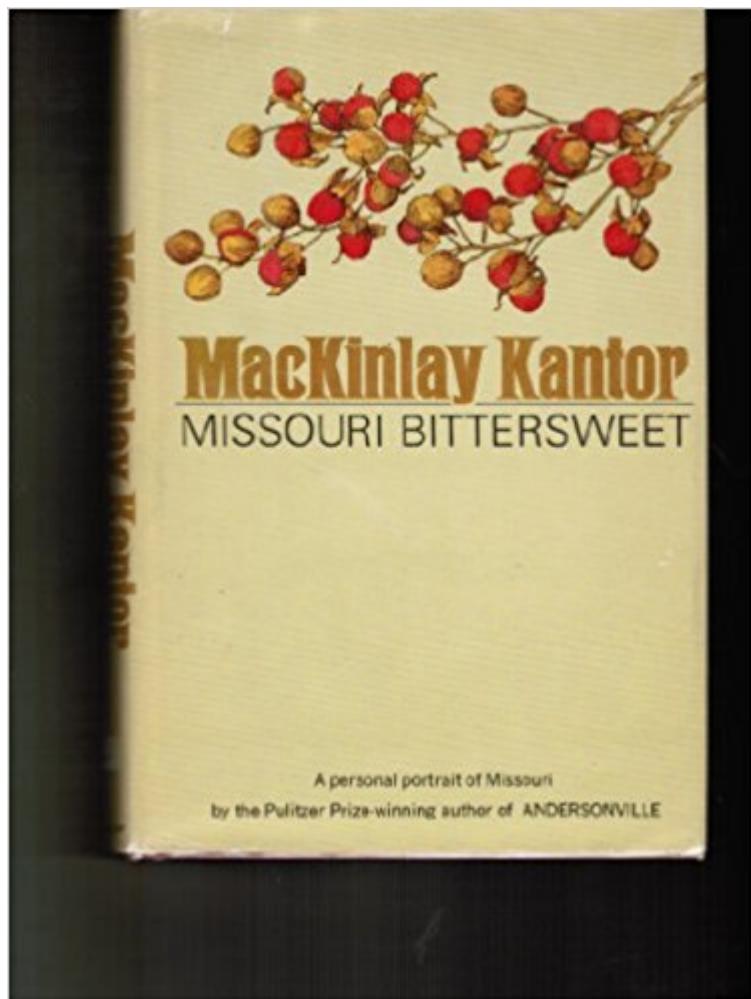


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This is a hauntingly beautiful collection of real life vignettes recounting Kantor's memories, both good and bad, of times he spent over a period of several years in various parts of Missouri. From St. Joseph to Poplar Bluff, from St. Louis to Springfield, he paints a poignant word picture of this beautiful midwestern state--of scenery he's seen, of people he's met, of meals he's eaten, etc., all with a comfortable and "downhome" style that makes reading it a real pleasure. And though it's no doubt more memorable and meaningful to a past or present citizen of Missouri, I feel it would appeal to any reader who appreciates character studies and who doesn't mind laughing and/or shedding a tear(s), sometimes in the same chapter. As you progress through the book, you'll get to know "Mack" and his companion, wife "Irene," better and better until they seem like close friends, like you're sitting in front of a cozy, cheery fireplace, listening to him regale you with his/their real life

adventures.

This one has been out for a number of years and has been out of print for several of those years. This is a pity. This is a wonderful collections of sketches by the author of various characters and travels through this interesting state. The author is a natural story teller and his descriptions of both the country and of the people he writes of are first rate. This is another of those "lost gems" that you can find in used book stores on the bottom shelves of libraries. You need not live or have lived in the state of Missouri to enjoy this one. People are people and people are interesting. The author's take on these individuals and these places are most interesting. Recommend this one highly.

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