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YER BASIC MUG.
Matching t-shirt also available.
As Mike explained to the folks in
San Francisco, this is not a joke;
this is a public-service message.



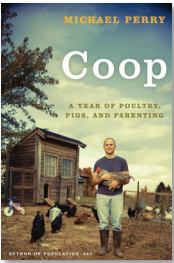
LONG BEDS T-SHIRT:
“Bed Head” model
We are the Grateful Dead plus
blaze orange and cheese.



LONG BEDS T-SHIRT:
“Gordon Lightfoot” model
The quote was from an
informal concert review by a
woman in New Auburn, Wis-
consin. Zippy or not, when
“The Wreck of the Edmund
Fitzgerald” comes on the radio,
we sit down, shut up, and listen.

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Mike’s Latest



Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting

Faced with thirty-seven acres of fallen fences and overgrown fields surrounding his rickety Wisconsin farmhouse, and informed by his pregnant wife that she intends to deliver their baby at home, Michael Perry plumbs his unorthodox childhood—his city-bred parents took in sixty-some foster children while running a sheep and dairy farm—for clues about how to proceed as a farmer, a husband, and a father.

Hardcover signed by author.....\$24.00

Tom’s Cannon



I never like to say too much about the books I’m working on, because they rarely turn out as planned. Many dead ends and tangents. But my next book is about old-timers, and I am very much looking forward to describing what it’s like to watch my 80-year-old neighbor Tom shoot his homemade cannon. It’s the real deal, and he hand-made every bit of it. My writing desk is a mile-and-a-half away as the crow flies, but if the wind is right, a full charge can still rattle my windows.

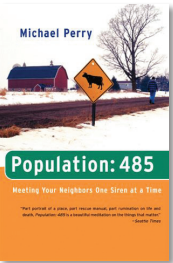
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ON THE HORIZON

- Mike has signed a deal with Amble Down Records to release the next Long Beds album. Recording is done, mixing is underway, and the finished product is due out in March of 2010.
- *Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting* will be released in paperback in May of 2010 (late word is the book will have a new subtitle). Plans are being concocted for a book tour in May and June ...including a few East Coast stops.
- Mike has begun work on his next book. It includes an old-timer who builds (and, yep, *shoots*) his own Civil War cannons.
- As always, the best information is available at www.sneezing-cow.com. And for even fresher updates, sign up for the mailing list at <http://sneezingcow.com/maillinglist/>

WHERE CAN I GET AUDIOBOOKS?

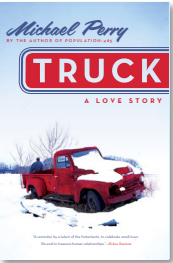
The CD version of *Population 485* (abridged, and including seven essays from *Off Main Street*) is out of print, but it can be downloaded at iTunes and audible.com. Direct links available at <http://sneezingcow.com/2009/02/26/population-485-with-off-main-street-audiobook/>
Mike will be recording audio versions of *Coop* and *Truck* in early 2010. If the pigs don’t get out and the chickens keep laying eggs, he hopes to have them available sometime by the spring or summer of 2010.



Population: 485 - Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time

After a twelve-year absence, a real-life prodigal son returns to his hometown — New Auburn, Wisconsin, population: 485 — and joins the volunteer fire and rescue department. In a place where men post claims of manhood on their truck bumpers, where the local vigilante is a farmer’s wife armed with a pistol and a Bible, and where the most senior firefighter is a cross-eyed butcher with one kidney and two ex-wives (both of whom work at the only gas station in town), writer Michael Perry sets out “to meet my neighbors at the invitation of the fire siren.” The emergencies are real, the settings are surreal, and with each foray into the boondocks, we piece together the history of a people and a place. By turns fiery and funny, violent and gentle, **Population: 485** is the true account of a search for rootedness in a place from the past.

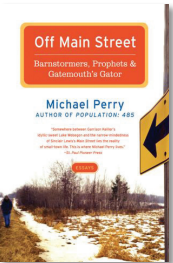
Paperback PS edition signed by author\$14.00



Truck: A Love Story

From the publisher: “All I wanted to do,” says Michael Perry, “was get my old pickup truck running. That, and plant a little vegetable garden. Then I got distracted by this woman...”
As with *Population: 485*, much of the spirit of *Truck* lives in the characters Perry meets: a one-eyed land surveyor; a paraplegic biker who rigs a sidecar so his quadriplegic pal can ride along; a bartender who refuses to sell light beer; an enchanting woman who existed only on the inside flap of a cookbook, and half the staff of National Public Radio.

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Off Main Street: Barnstormers, Prophets & Gatemouth’s Gator

“...A collection of essays about life in small towns, on the road, and around the world. Whether he’s passing a kidney stone, hammering down I-80 in an 18-wheeler, or meditating on the relationship between cowboys and God, Perry draws on his rural roots and footloose past to write from a perspective that merges the local with the global. Ranging across subjects as diverse as lot lizards, Klan Wizards, and small town funerals, Perry’s writing balances earthiness with poetry, kinetics with contemplation, and is regularly salted with humor...showcasing essays on butchers, Elvis, and the downside of bunking next door to a Central American prostitute.”

Paperback signed by author\$12.00



T-shirt - “Never Stand Behind A Sneezing Cow”

Spread the truth and the warning in a 100% cotton black T-shirt. T-shirts are black with “athletic gold” print. T-shirt reads, “www.sneezingcow.com” across chest; back features polka-dot cow on yield sign, over the message, “Never Stand Behind A Sneezing Cow.”

Traditional Unisex Styling - Hanes Heavyweight in S, M, L, XL, XXL (add \$1.50).....\$15.00
Women’s - American Apparel Fine Jersey in S, M, L.....\$20.00



Why They Killed Big Boy... and other stories

A collection of essays, humor and nonfiction by Michael Perry. Reviewer comments: “Rural America is changing fast, and Perry is one of the funniest, most astute chroniclers of those changes...perceptive, witty, unpretentious writing...he creates characters worth remembering, takes you on journeys you’ll not easily forget...Perry is an emerging writer who brings fun to the emerging genre of creative nonfiction.” (*some essays duplicated in Off Main Street*)

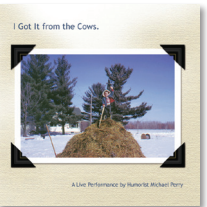
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Never Stand Behind A Sneezing Cow & Other Tales From Foggy Crossing

A live-audience recording of Mike addressing issues including high culture in low places, Fightin’ Frogs football, parade floats gone bad, the fine art of manure spreader maintenance, coon dogs and the people who own them, things you should never say in an ambulance, Mavis Turner’s *Love Guide*, the truth about deer hunting in Wisconsin, and, of course, this business about the cow.

CD\$10.00



I Got It from the Cows

A live-audience recording of Mike searching for truth in everything from the perfect cow to clogged sewer lines. Tracks include: “The Bull Catalog,” “The Perfect Cow,” “Explaining the Nurse Thing to Dad,” “The Dew is on the Beer Tent,” “*Faux Pas Avec* Monster Truck,” “Holy Bumpersticker,” “Zed Sets Me Straight,” “Freaked at the Conoco,” and “Just Say Whoa.”

CD\$10.00



Headwinded
Michael Perry and the Long Beds

Ten-song album (on CD) of original songs written by Mike and recorded with his band the Long Beds. Some have called it roughneck folk, and it honors the spirit of folks like John Prine, Waylon Jennings, James McMurry, and so on. One lady in New Auburn said it was “like Gordon Lightfoot, *only zippier*.”

CD\$10.00

The Long Beds T-Shirts

Heavyweight 100% cotton black t-shirt. Choose from two designs: “Like Gordon Lightfoot only Zippier” or “I’m A Bed Head.” Longbeds URL on back.

Sizes S-XL\$18, XXL\$20.00

Sneezing Cow Mug

Yer basic black ceramic 15-oz. mug. Polka-dot cow crossing sign and “www.sneezingcow.com” on front. “NEVER STAND BEHIND A SNEEZING COW” on back\$8.00

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SNEEZING COW REPORT

News from author and humorist Michael Perry

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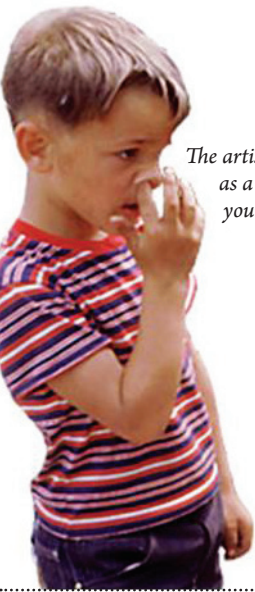
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Note from Mike



Fall Yard Work Made Easy with International Harvester Power!



The artist
as a
young man

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THANK YOU First and always, everlasting thanks to the shaman girl.

Howdy folks. Here at the Sneezing Cow compound (where we don't actually have any cows) (check with us next year...) we're mostly ready for winter (good thing, since it snowed all through October). Thanks to grand assistance from Mike's Dad and our pal Mills we have a new woodshed that is half full of mostly dry firewood. Thanks to my beloved wife, the pantry and basement are stacked with squash, pumpkins, potatoes and row on row of canned goods. I did very little but till. Both the coop and the freezer are full of chickens, and our pigs are currently "transitioning" under the care of our butcher friend Bob the One-Eyed Beagle. My youngest daughter recently led me to rediscover (and then re-re-re-re-read) *Where The Wild Things Are* and my oldest daughter made my summer in a single evening when she consented to my company on a trip to the dirt track races. She wore hearing protection, learned to say "WOOOO-HOOOO!" and grinned

unabashedly with red clay in her teeth. We are blessed with fine Fall Creek neighbors (thanks for plowing, Mr. L.), but still make our way north to Nobbern to visit kin and, yep, catch the Jamboree Days parade. I continue to try to strike some balance between home and the road. As we stoke the woodstove for the cold months ahead we want you to know that in our thanks we include everyone who has picked up a book, taken time to attend a reading or concert, or lent an encouraging word along the way. It means everything, and so, simply: Thank you.



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