

ABOUT BILL SCIFRES



Born at Crothersville, Indiana, prolific Hoosier author Bill Scifres has written thousands of newspaper and magazine articles as well as two books, *Bayou Bill's Best Stories* and *Indiana Outdoors*. After more than 36 years as sports and outdoor writer for the *Indianapolis Star*, he retired in 1990 but continued to publish his outdoor-oriented *Lines and Shots* column there until 1999. Bill now does free-lance writing for magazines and produces the popular *All Outdoors* column, which regularly appears in numerous newspapers throughout the state. His current endeavors also include work on a forthcoming cookbook, *Just Add Heat: Bayou Bill's Simple Little Cook Book*.

As the son of an ardent outdoorsman, Bayou Bill began his hunting and fishing lessons on the Muscatatuck River at the age of four, had his first rifle at age seven and his first bait-casting rod and reel at age eight. When ten, he began to hunt and fish alone or with some older men of the area.

Bill is truly a naturalist. His knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the outdoors extend far beyond hunting and fishing. His enthusiasm is invigorating. He speaks to the outdoors literally and it seems to speak back to him . . . I have never been with someone who enjoyed the outdoors as much as Bill seems to.

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