# **Our Favorite Hammocks**

### We test a variety of sway-worthy options

By Kristin Sutter

#### **OVERFLOW SLEEPING**

#### **BLUE RIDGE CAMPING HAMMOCK**

Just like a ground tent, this one-person camping hammock with built-in mosquito netting and rainfly is a realistic option when you need to sleep a crowd (or just some adventurous types) at the cabin. Setup is quick & easy, and the shelter doubles as a ground tent. Plus, stocking up on a few of these may be cheaper than adding on a bunkhouse. Weight limit: 250 pounds.

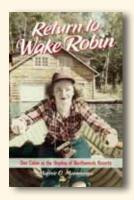
\$140, Lawson Hammock Company, (919) 829-7076, www.lawsonhammock.com





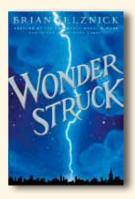
Made of 100% recycled cotton, this one-person hammock is soft, sturdy, and breathable. It comes in seven pretty striped colorways, with a matching cotton bag. A perfect fit for this hammock's loops, the MicroRope offers the easiest, most adjustable hanging system we tried. Hammock weight limit: 330 pounds. MicroRope weight limit: 250 pounds. \$90, (MicroRope: \$17), Byer of Maine, (800) 338-0580, www.byerofmaine.com

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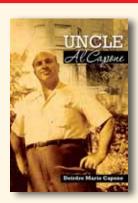
Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts By Marnie O. Mamminga For five generations, **Mamminga's** family has

found respite and rejuvenation at their Northwoods cabin, "Wake Robin," in Sawyer County, Wis. Preserving the simplicity of a vanishing era, Mamminga shares a series of essays that trace the history of the cabin from the 1920s to the 1960s. This collection of priceless stories and vintage family photos will resonate with any cabin lifer. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, \$22.95, hardcover, 192 pages, www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress



Wonderstruck **By Brian** Selznick Following in the footsteps of his Caldecott Medal-winning novel, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Selznick offers this innova-

tive book for younger readers. It weaves together two stories - one about a boy named Ben who longs for the father he has never known, and another about a girl named Rose who dreams of a mysterious actress. Ben's story is set in 1977 and told only in text, while Rose's story is told entirely with pictures and takes place 50 years earlier. Led by various clues, each sets out alone to find what's missing. Scholastic, \$29.99, hardcover, 608 pages, www.scholastic.com/wonderstruck



Uncle Al Capone By Deirdre Marie Capone In this book, the niece of the most notorious gangster in American history reveals hard truths

and debunks myths about her Uncle Al Capone, who, incidentally, owned a cabin in Wisconsin. Dierdre also reveals her own struggles in overcoming the stigma of her ancestry. After years of hiding her true identity from the world, she must finally confess to her children, grandchildren and even herself that they are indeed descendants of a crime family. Recap Publishing Co., \$17.99, paperback, 214 pages, www.unclealcapone.com