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TEEN-AGER'S NEW BOOK PRAISED BY WISCONSIN AUTHORS

OREGON, WI, November 11 -- A new book by a teen-aged author about Wisconsin's Northwoods was hailed by several Wisconsin authors for its description and writing quality..

Plum Lake : Visits to the Northwoods (\$9.95, softcover) describes vacations of author David Nyweide's family in northern Wisconsin. Nyweide, 17, is a high school senior in Bloomington, Ill. whose family visits a cabin near Plum Lake every August. *Plum Lake* was published in April by Badger Books Inc.

"A true sense of peacefulness surrounds a log cabin on the east end of a lake in the northern reaches of Wisconsin," Nyweide writes. "Indeed, with a forest able to be seen through the cabin's every window and a light splash of waves able to be heard from the cabin's screened porch, there is always a true sense of relaxation here."

Steve Hopkins, a noted Wisconsin outdoor writer, former *Wisconsin State Journal* columnist and the author of *Walter's Boy* and *The Quiet World of Steve Hopkins* praised Nyweide's book for its vivid description of Northwoods experiences.

"David Nyweide's book is a story of family and of youthful adventure, but mostly about a boy's kinship with Wisconsin's north country -- a kinship nourished during sixteen years of summer family vacations at a Plum Lake resort," Hopkins wrote of the book. "The crisp mornings, the soft evenings, the smells of campfires and pines, the sounds of water lapping the sandy shore -- all are delightfully described by a talented young writer."

Steven Fortney, a retired Stoughton, Wis. teacher and the author of *Heg : From Norwegian Immigrant to Civil War hero*, found Nyweide's reverence for history unusual for a young writer.
