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# THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS

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A National Geographic Best Book of the Year National Bestseller Many people imagine escaping modern life. Many will never action on it— By turns riveting and thought-provoking, *The Stranger in the Woods* gives us a deeply moving portrait of a guy motivated to live his personal way. He would not have a conversation with someone else for the next twenty-seven years. A previous alarm technician, he stealthily broke into close by cottages for meals, books, and items, taking just what he required but sowing unease in a community suffering from his mysterious burglaries. Drawing on comprehensive interviews with Knight himself, journalist Michael Finkel shows how Knight lived in a tent in a secluded encampment, developing ingenious methods to store provisions and push away frostbite through the winters. and compelled us to reexamine our assumptions in what makes a good life. Since returning to the globe, he has faced unique challenges—however in 1986, twenty-year-outdated Christopher Knight did that when he remaining his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the woods.



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