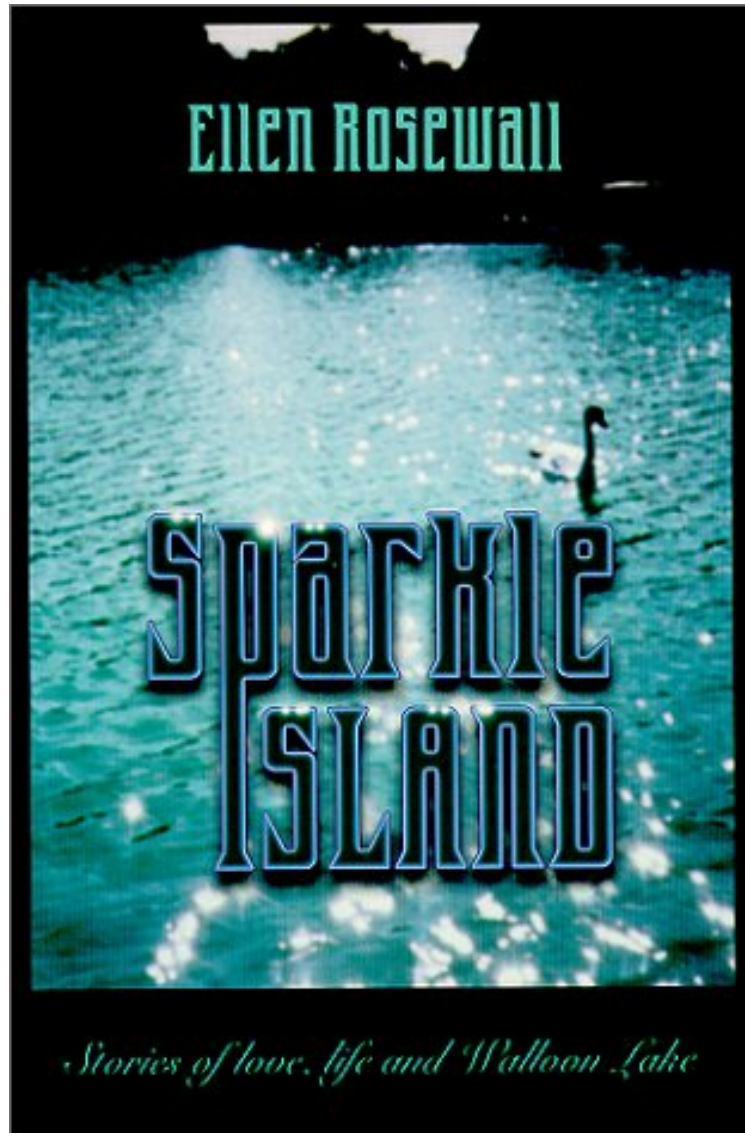


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**Ellen Rosewall : Sparkle Island (Outdoor Essays Reflections)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sparkle Island (Outdoor Essays Reflections):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book will touch your soul.By N. DoebertWhen I bought "Sparkle Island", I had intended to save it for reading material on an upcoming vacation. That idea lasted about a day...until I couldn't resist and wound up reading it cover to cover in one night.Ellen Rosewall shares not only beautiful descriptions of her family's cottage on Walloon Lake. She shares a part of herself. As I read the book, I began

to feel like a part of her family. "Sparkle Island", written in short essays, reads much like a journal. This more personal format enhances the personal nature and brings you closer to the events, the surroundings and the people in the book. As I read through each of the essays, I felt as though I was sitting across the table with Ellen Rosewall herself, reminiscing about old family stories. In short, this book is wonderful. It's charming, witty, and should definitely be read not just once. Whenever you're feeling a yearning for family or a relaxing trip to a beautiful cottage on the lake, just pick up "Sparkle Island" and you'll be there. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Can't get enough By Customer Sparkle Island is a fantastic book which reminds us that in today's world of constantly shifting workplaces, homes, relationships or whatever, that the most important things cannot be bought for any price. Family life is the one true thing that needs to be cherished and I feel honored to be an observer into this author's family. Not only are readers allowed a glimpse into an obviously warm and loving family, we are allowed to experience cottage life, with all of its charms. The sense of closeness they share and experience at the cottage almost convinces the reader Ja-Ma-Ca has magical qualities, which indeed it may have! I have traveled around somewhat and still have many places I yearn to visit but now Walloon Lake is on my list. I long to collect a Petoskey stone, to eat planked whitefish, to go for a boat ride on the lake, and most of all to play petanque! Read this book and share it with others. You won't be disappointed, especially if you have a cottage or have summered at one. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sparkle Island By Karen Raymore Sparkle Island is one of the most delightful books I have ever read. Ellen Rosewall has an extraordinary gift for bringing the reader right onto the porch of her family's enchanting cottage. You can almost taste the lemonade. Like any fine writer, Ellen writes what she knows. Her subject is familiar to anyone who has ever enjoyed a family vacation in a familiar cottage and anyone who has just dreamed of such a pleasure. Every detail of cottage life is described in such a way that the reader can't help but want to plan a vacation to Walloon Lake or a reasonable facsimile. This book should be in every family and vacation cottage on earth, if only to inspire others to record and remember their family history.

This warm, nostalgic collection of essays chronicles the author's ongoing love affair with a 100-year-old lake cottage that has been in her family for four generations. Set in a charming and historic resort area in Michigan (and located just down the road from Ernest Hemingway's childhood home), Sparkle Island takes the reader to a place where time moves slowly and the birds and trees are part of the family.

"Like finding a Petoskey stone in a dresser drawer, this book evokes marvelous memories of Michigan magic." -- Coggin Heeringa, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Traverse City "Sparkle Island reminds me of Lake Wobegon the writing is so clean, clear, honest and from the heart." -- Jane Winston, Editor and Publisher, Voices of Michigan: an Anthology of Michigan Writers From the Author In 1930, my grandfather bought a cottage on Walloon Lake in northern Michigan for \$1,000 -- without ever seeing the inside! Since then, Ja-Ma-Ca cottage has been a marvelous constant in a sea of change through four generations. This book is about Ja-Ma-Ca and our family, but it's also about love, and life, and those very special places that help us clear our heads, open our senses and make the world come alive. I hope you enjoy Sparkle Island. About the Author Ellen Rosewall has been going to Ja-Ma-Ca on Walloon Lake since she was six months old. Since then, she has commuted to the cottage from homes in Columbus, Ohio; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Palo Alto, California; and De Pere, Wisconsin. She lives in De Pere with her husband, Michael, and son, Peter. She spends her winter months consulting for arts and cultural organizations and dreaming of Walloon.