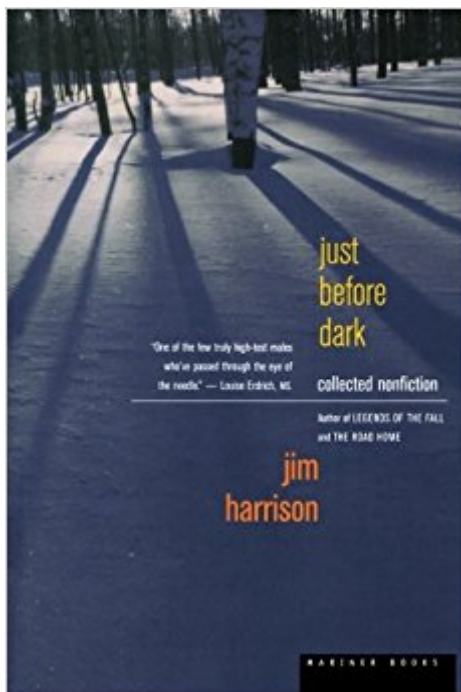


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# Just Before Dark



## Synopsis

Jim Harrison's essays and articles have been selected from twenty-five years of work, from venues as diverse as PLAYBOY, THE NATION, OUTSIDE, and the AMERICAN POETRY REVIEW. They explore the passions and concerns of a classic American writer: ice fishing and bar pool, nouvelle cuisine and night walks.

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Best known for his fiction, Harrison here sorts magazine pieces written over four decades. "Food" celebrates the pleasures of cooking, eating and drinking, with exuberant disdain for trendy health-consciousness. "Travel and Sport" defends hunting and fishing as time-honored, ecologically sound pursuits that, practiced responsibly, draw us closer to the natural world. "Literary Matters" includes book reviews and dissections of the author's own working methods. Harrison, who came of professional age in the 1960s, favors a casual, intimate journalistic style that reveals as much about himself as his topics. We learn about the loss of an eye when he was seven and the deaths of his father and sister when he was 19. While a few phrases and stories turn up more than once, and while some of the early-'70s sporting pieces display a hip swagger that now seems hilariously dated, the essays taken together suggest the life experience and philosophy that underpin such novels as *Legends of the Fall* and *Dalva*. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Poet, novelist, gourmet, and self-described "amateur naturalist," Harrison's wide interests make eclecticism one of the hallmarks of his writing. This volume, drawn from over 25 years of work, collects pieces that first appeared in forums as diverse as *Sports Illustrated*, *Antaeus*, and *The Psychoanalytic Review*, as well as several unpublished essays. While not all the material has held up equally well, few of the pieces are without moments of insight or pleasure, and some, such as "Passacaglia on Getting Lost," are near-classics. The unifying thread is Harrison's passion for the genuine, for a life lived exuberantly and deeply. Whether describing the pleasures of a good poem, a good meal, a fishing trip, or a walk in the Michigan woods, Harrison is really celebrating the things he loves. For larger collections and where interest warrants. - Lawrence Rungren, Bedford Free P.L., Mass. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

it is one of those rare finds --an eclectic treasure ----that touches you and reminds you of what a human being is all about. His faults and imperfections add a dimension like a refreshing shower after a blistering hot day..It is an antidote to the snake bit technological frenzy that we are caught up with. The writing emits a pheromone and essence that submerges one and says calm down. .

A great writer with opinions and many life experiences. I pick up this book and choose a subject that matches my mood, and Jim takes me to places.

A revealing self-portrait of a national treasure. Candor and humor are never lost in this man's writings. Sober, thoughtful and adventurous prose.....as always.

Stunning! Pure Jim Harrison and it doesn't get any better than that.

If I read much more of Harrison's literature he may convince me to try poetry. Damn fine writing for one of the best.

This is a great book for anyone who enjoys reading about nature, literature, food, hunting and living an active life. Harrison is truly a master at his craft and I wish he were more prolific. Totally a guy who you could sit down, grab a beer and spend an entire day with, as is evidenced in the work. Some of the pieces leave more to be desired and some are a bit lengthy, but overall an excellent read.

Even more poignant now as he so often wrote about death.

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