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For The Nessmuk Lover in You

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A nice slipjoint...

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I've been searching for my own modern "Nessmuk Trilogy" of fixed blade knife, small axe, and pocket knife. While the right fixed blade still evades me, the axe I found in Vaughan's Sounding Hatchet. I think I've found the right pocket knife, too. Here's one that I think Mr. George Washington Sears certainly would have ogled ...



The knife is a Queen "Special Muskrat", Model 66COBO-S. While Queen calls it a Special Muskrat, I like to think of it as a Mini Moose, done the right way. The knife sports opposing thin D2 steel blades on a single backspring. Fit, finish, walk and talk are all near perfect. The blades even came to me with a better than average edge, both capable of shaving hair. The knife is 4" closed and weighs in at a mere 1.9 ounce. Measured from the plunge line forward, the blade length is approx. 2 3/4" on both blades.

I've been using the knife for the better part of two weeks for daily chores and the edge has held up extremely well for the punishment they've received. Speaking of punishment, I also have to comment on the absolute lack of blade play, despite the rough use I subjected the knife to. The Special Muskrat is grippy, comfortable to use for extended periods, and with the single backspring; it's a pleasure to tote in a pocket. The added olde time appeal is the topping on the cake!

It's a pretty impressive knife at a bargain basement price of <\$45 USD.

Here's another look, at mine and another that I bought as my gift to a friend ...



I don't give friends bad knives. This one's a winner!

For more info on this knife, contact Queen Cutlery ... <http://www.queencutlery.com/>

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