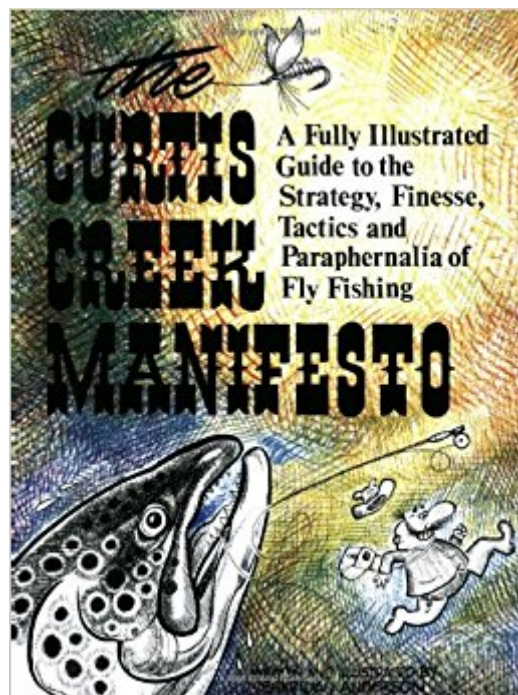




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Curtis Creek Manifesto: A Fully Illustrated Guide To The Strategy, Finesse, Tactics, And Paraphernalia Of Fly Fishing



Synopsis

Finest beginner fly-fishing guide due to its simple, straight-forward approach. It is laced with outstanding humor provided in its hundreds of illustrations. All the practical information you need to know is presented in an extremely delightful way such as rod, reel, fly line and fly selection, casting, reading water, insect knowledge to determine which fly pattern to use, striking and playing fish, leaders and knot tying, fly tying, rod repairs, and many helpful tips. A great, easy-to-understand book.

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Customer Reviews

Sheridan Anderson, self-described "foe of the work ethic," has put together an illustrated guide to "the art of fly fishing on moving water" that one must see to fully appreciate. There is much wisdom in this introduction to a difficult sport, all presented in a large cartoon format. Like William Nealy's *Kayak*, Anderson takes advantage of his multimedia approach to explain aspects of fly-fishing, through both words and drawings, that might otherwise be lost on the neophyte. All this is conveyed with a good sense of humor, something beginning fly-fishers need in abundance.

The *Curtis Creek Manifesto* is book about the basics of fly fishing written in a humorous, cartoon-like style that probably will appeal to younger (read teens and pre-teens) than adults. However, adults don't let that fool you; if you interested in learning to fly fish this is a pretty good primer for a reasonable price. I think the only one better that is written in a similar style is 'Everyone's Illustrated Guide to Trout on a Fly'; unfortunately the latter is out of print best I can tell. Most topics are handled

in a single page or at most 2 (Fly tying does rate 4 pages; by far the most to any topic); again this is an introduction, not a thorough instruction. Topics include among others, casting, flies, trout food, hooking and landing, equipment, basic fishing styles, reading a stream; even esoteric things like cleaning and cooking, the priorities of fishing for trout with a fly rod, the 'eleven commandments', and 'tickling' for trout ('fishing' with bare hands). The 4-star rating comes from the fact that the book was published in 1978; while some parts of the sport have changed little in several hundred years, other have, including newer equipment and materials. I recommend this book to those who are looking for a gift for a younger child/friend/sibling (or an adult that still reads Batman comic books) who are newly interested in fly fishing.

Don't listen to the (very) few detractors of this book. While some mentions of tackle and tippet strength in this book are dated (it was written in the 70's), everything else is dead on for what you need to catch wild trout in the mountains, East or West (or upper Mid-West for that matter). This book succinctly covers the fundamentals of trout fishing such as stealth, locating prime fish lies, casting, knots, and gear basics. This book should be required reading for any beginner, and even experienced anglers should own it because it contains fundamentals we fishermen always seem to forget. True, this book won't tell you how to catch fish on the Dream Stream, or how to rig that hot 10-fly french nymphing rig for your 11 foot 2 weight rod everyone is talking about these days, but those skills are outliers in the grand scheme of things. This book gives you the basic skills to catch trout in moving water almost anywhere. Read it, and give it to someone else who is getting started.

Over the past several years, I must have given close to a dozen copies of this book away. It's essential equipment for anyone who's picked up his or her first fly rod and is taking those first steps into the world of fly fishing -- clear, entertaining, and funny. The late Sheridan Anderson -- self-described "eternal foe of the work ethic" -- has ingeniously made fly fishing approachable for decades of prospective anglers. Simply a classic. As the title suggests, the book concentrates on the skills most useful on small streams and creeks, where one is often very close to the trout . . . and where finesse in presenting the fly always trumps distance and power. It's also where one learns to be sneaky, and eventually master the "Curtis Creek crawl." It's hard to say it any better than Anderson: "A frightened fish cannot be caught." The book is full of similar nuggets of wisdom and wonderfully wacky illustrations, penned the author himself. If fly fishing can change your life, you won't find a better place to start.

This is a must read for the beginner fly fisher. It describes the overly advanced language of fly fishing in laments terms. Love the graphics paired with all the lessons. Great buy.

I've read a lot of flyfishing books. A lot. Most had far more pages than this little gem and, in the end, fell short of Mr. Anderson's diminutive tome outshines them all.

The best beginner guide I know of. Enjoyable format. I have fly fished for 35 years and still flip through this book from time to time.

IF THERE IS A BETTER INTRODUCTORY BOOK ON FLY FISHING, I'VE NEVER SEEN IT. I think this is basically what Yvon Chouinard is saying in his new book; the basics are all you need to start and that platform is sufficient to take you as far as you want to go, if you commit to learning as you go. It's not about the fancy gear and having an encyclopedia of flies to choose from; it's about knowing where the fish are, how they are feeding and technique plus practice

Someone at a local fly-fishing seminar in Pittsburgh this past weekend highly recommended this book and I see why after reading through it once already - it's brilliant, funny, sarcastically simple, and yet has a ton of sagely advice for the beginning (and really all levels) fly-fisherman. Excellent book.

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