

Library thoughts from the Professor Vol. 1 Chap. 11

Well the professor is at it once more before ready to do some reviews before the newsletter starts its summer sabbatical. This time I have just two reviews with one a VHS tape and the other a book.

The book is **Trout Bum - Fly-Fishing As A Way Of Life** by **John Gierach**. I can hear all of you now saying he hadn't read this before? Well my guess is a number of you may have not read it as well but had plans to like I had. That being said I did read it and I will note that it is a first edition book and it did come out in 1988 so it is dated in some regards. However it is not dated in its descriptions regarding fishing and landing, brookies, browns, cutthroats and rainbows. O yeah there is a little bit about catching bass and other species as well. The book is a series of short essays about fishing buddies and flies and rods and camping out to fish and all those things most of us have done over the years. True John has taken this to the ultimate end with fishing being the main focus of life rather than that brief respite each of seeks on occasion in our fishing outings. I do have to note that he spends a fair amount of time talking about choosing the right rod and in his time the right rod was cane but it does provide an interesting perspective on the time and the people who were committed to fly fishing. If you are looking for lots of tips and techniques then this is definitely not the book for you. However, if you are looking for a book that is written from an internal perspective of one individual as to the facets of fishing, fly fishing, equipment and people then you will find it interesting and thought provoking. Or you could simply look at

it that it's an interesting series of thoughts by one fly fisherman to another.

The second review is that of a VHS tape. It is one of the **Hooked on Fly Tying** video series and this one is **Tying with Turkey by Rene Harrop**. This is not you typical turkey tying video which most of us have come to know. The feathers used are not the mottled turkey feather that we use in many of our patterns, No this focuses largely on turkey biots and some of the less used other turkey feathers. The flies tied are *Mayfly nymph, Green Drake Biot Emerger, Bwo Biot Parachute Bwo Biot Standard Dry Fly, Brown Biot Spent Caddis, Yellow Biot Stonefly and the BWO Biot No Hackle Fly*. I found this video to be quite interesting and the techniques and the tying process real easy to follow and tie by. Some of the patterns were not only easy to tie but had the appearance of a fly that would be highly effective as a replacement for the fly he was trying to imitate. Overall this is a pretty good video. So until fall I hope you have a great summer and

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Tight Lines
Professor Ernie