

Library Thoughts from the Professor Vol. 2 Chapter 6

This month I will be reviewing two books and a DVD from the Library.

The first review is a book called **In The Ring of The Rise by Vincent C.**

Marinaro(182 pages). Now if you are like me I had heard of the book before and always thought about reading it. Let's note that this was copywrited 1976. Obviously this is not an up and comer of a book. Being this old the writer, when he talks of equipment, it is bamboo and some fiberglass but not much about the upstart graphite. What he does talk about and show you is pertinent is how trout, yes this is solely a trout book, acts especially in moving water. He does this with pictures, technical jargon and skilled writing. How they see the fly and you and how they stalk the fly. It is a book from which you can still learn. And if you are one of those people that like the stories of dimple rises and trembling hands waiting on large fish there is some of that as well. You do have to get by the information on equipment that is outdated but still a good read.

The Second book I am going to review is **Trout and Illustrated History by James Prosek** and it was copywrited in 1996 (158 pages). Now this is exactly what it appears to be. It is a lot of illustrations in Watercolor of trout. It includes those that are still with us and those that are extinct. Most importantly it gives us a brief insight and history into all these fish and for me some things I did not know including that some species of trout were naturally south in Mexico. I also was not aware of the many species of rainbows, cutthroat and even information on our brook trout which as most of us know are really char not trout. The written word in this book actually run about 35 or so but I enjoyed it all.

The last review is a *DVD from the New Fly Fisher Series*. I have done a general review but thought it might be good to pick one or two on an occasion and review them. This one is Season 2 Disc 1 and it covers quite a bit of territory. All these DVD's have the commercials from the show and once you zoom past them you will have between 22 to 25 minutes of fishing and tips. This DVD has the **North Platte River, Whistler Fly Fishing, Wyoming Small Stream Fishing and finally Prairie Lake Pike Fishing**. The Platte has rainbows and Large Browns and it includes wading and drift Boat fishing. It also boasts pretty scenery. They fish mainly nymph and as with all the shows tips are there for the learning. The Whistler is in British Columbia and it focuses on Dolly Varden and Steelhead and you do see a lot of large Steelhead underwater and not many on the rod. Still there are some tips and some gorgeous scenery with a focus on the bald eagle and the snowcapped mountains. The Wyoming Small stream fishing is for browns on the Willow Creek Ranch for the Buffalo Creek Stream. Again the countryside is exquisite. This is totally different from the Whistler. Here are small streams which are often only a few feet wide but the trout abound. Finally Prairie lake is about the small prairie lakes that abound out west and in Canada. These lakes have smaller 20" to 28" Pike but lots of them and ready to come to Clousers, Deceivers and Leech patterns.

You will find that many of these DVD's offer this kind of diversity and most importantly and enjoyable time in front of the TV

That's all for now so.....

Tight Lines
Professor Ernie