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This month I am again reviewing only one item from the Library. However this month it is a book called **Bug Water** by **Arlen Thomason**.

Callibaetis, Ephemera, Pteronary, Limnephilidae, Hexagenie Limbata bugs that you know so well. Albeit that they might be more recognizable as Mayflies, Stone Flies Caddis and other more common names. Yes this book is definitely a bug book with all the technical terminology that goes with it. If you want an in depth study as to the life cycles, feeding habits and development of Bugs this is you book. It covers all the species we think of when you talk about insects, bugs and the like in both the still and fast waters we fish. This is not a sit back and kick your feet up reading type of book. Although this is a technical book there are those moments of relief in a few fish stories and fly patterns. Probably the greatest relief from the technical side of the book are the pictures. Yes you heard right I like the pictures. Without question this book contains some of the most detailed and accurate pictures of the bugs we imitate in our flies in all stages of development. It really gives insight of those of us that tie flies. The creative juices will flow in your ability to create flies that match the pictures.

There is also a couple of added features which are noteworthy. The book outlines how fish see flies on the water and including their field of vision and their perception of the bugs on the water. It first does it with the technical knowledge. Then it does it with a unique perspective utilizing the Slant tank which allows the reader to see how fish see bugs and tied flies on the water. The perspective really gives you a real insight into what fish see. As I said in the beginning this is not an easy light read but for the person who wants an in depth persepective it is the book to read.. It will provide you much information and a new perspective of the fly fishing hobby we love.

So from the technical side………….

Tight Lines
Professor Ernie