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The River Challenge – Mastering the Mysteries of Current – Babe Winkleman – 50 minutes

Well this is going to be a somewhat new experience for me in my reviews. Normally I am able to make a fairly strong recommendation with my reviews. However with the video tape The River Challenge, Mastering the Mysteries of Current by Babe Winkleman I can not do it. Don't get me wrong this is a somewhat entertaining video with Babes usually excitement when he catches fish. However, there is not a lot of information regarding mastering the river. The tape does show him catching some nice trout, walleye and even sturgeon. But there are only a few snippets of information on actual river fishing. If you simply want a little enjoyment go for it otherwise pass on this one.

Super Hatches Carl Richards & Dick Pobst 44 minutes

If deference to the first review you will want to view this tape and garner from it much information that will make you a better fisherman. If you are a beginner this tape will go a long way to give you an understanding of how to choose dry flies in the most

effective manner. It will also give you some basic understanding of the insects that you are attempting to imitate. If you have been doing this a while it might reminder you that sticking to the basics is important in choosing and fishing flies. The tape identifies both for the Eastern and the Western fisherman the four major fly groups in simple terms. Midges, Stones, Caddis and May flies and most importantly for the beginner focuses on a general guide as to when it is most effective to fish each pattern. It gives you some insight into time of day and seasons and fly sizes. It provides you a guide as to size, color, Silhouette, markings and numbers of tails that you fly imitations should include. Some of this is done on the stream comparing fly patterns with the naturals. Now granted this is not the end all for all fisherman to give them all the knowledge they will need to successfully fish. It is however, a look at fly patterns and naturals from a common sense approach and may just help you have the right pattern available on that day when you are unsure as to just what you should be fishing. It will not give you all the Latin names but it will give you insight as to where you might learn them if that is your wish. It is a practical look at this sport we enjoy and it also makes some recommendations as to books you might read that will help you further educate yourself. Oh, Did I mention that it will give

you some examples that you might want to include in your fly box if

you are fishing for trout.