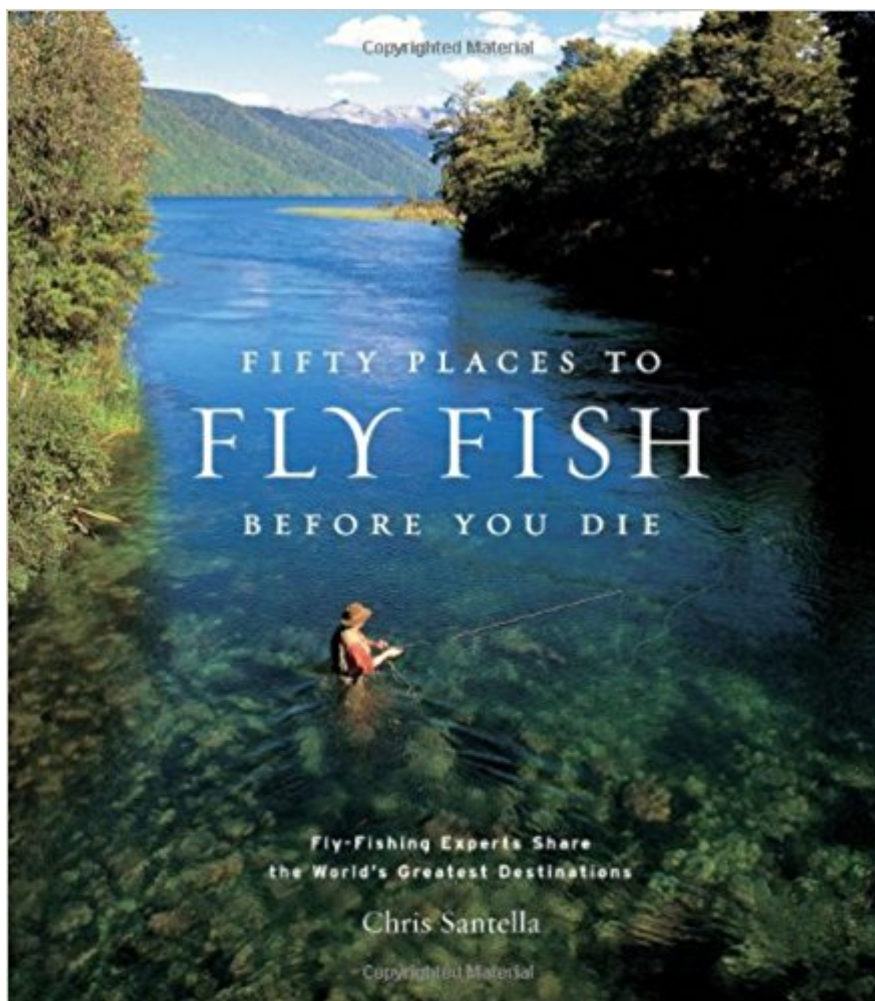


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Fifty Places To Fly Fish Before You Die



Synopsis

Amateur or expert, every angler dreams of landing "the big one," but that's only part of the appeal of fly fishing. Because even when hours pass without a bite, nothing beats the rugged beauty of the surroundings. For both armchair travelers and avid outdoorsmen who may have already started a checklist of their own, *Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die* maps out the meccas of the fly-fishing world. Through in-depth interviews with the sport's acknowledged gurus, author Chris Santella goes beyond standard guides to convey the very essence of the recommended locations. Readers can vicariously cast mouse patterns to fifty-pound taimen in the wilds of Mongolia, wrangle with wily permit off the Florida Keys, and match the hatch on Montana's Armstrong's Spring Creek. Jardines de la Reina, Cuba (tarpon), the Zhupanova River, Kamchatka (rainbow trout), and the Rio Negro, Brazil (peacock bass) are also included. The essays include a cultural and natural history of each site, along with colorful anecdotes based on the author's and authorities' experiences. With breath-takingly-beautiful photos of the spots, many by celebrated fly-fishing photographer R. Valentine Atkinson, the book also provides adventurous anglers with enough travel-and-tackle information so that they, too, can start planning excursions to go fish around the globe.

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Customer Reviews

Santella, a freelance writer for the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker* and *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine, offers 50 short takes on the ultimate fly-fishing destinations in this beautifully photographed and nicely packaged volume. Each locale comes recommended by an avid fisher; for example, the founder of *Frontiers Travel*, Mike Fitzgerald, and his son, also named Mike Fitzgerald, suggest

fishing for Atlantic salmon at Laxa l Adaldal in Iceland. Fly-fishing instructor Cathy Beck leads Santella to the thrill of catching snook off Boca Paila in the Yucatan. And Sweetwater Travel founder Jeff Vermillion describes the excitement of fishing on the Ponoï River in Mongolia for taimen ("the world's largest almonid, capable of reaching 70-plus inches in length and more than 100 pounds"). In Europe, Simon Gawesworth tells Santella about the trick to fishing brown trout on the River Test in Stockbridge, England, where wading is forbidden. The book also highlights more traditional (though no less exciting) trout fishing destinations, such as the Bighorn River in Montana and the Green River in Utah. With its elegant descriptions, gorgeous photos and practical information on accommodations and equipment, this book is a dream travel guide for avid fly-fishers. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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"A lavishly photographed dreambook of the world's top angling spots."-Men's Journal
"Everything dad needs to tackle his next trip."-Fort Worth Star-Telegram

This is a beautiful book, one that is smartly designed and packaged, pleasant to leaf through and to handle, but somewhat lacking in substance. Here's an example of the kind of lapse that would have been caught had the book been written for hard core fisherpeople. We read, "The South Island of New Zealand is awash with beauty and teeming with trout". And then a few sentences later, "The South Island trouting experience is certainly one of quality rather than quantity. A majority of the rivers simply don't support large numbers of fish. Some of the most fishy-looking water you can imagine may not contain a single fish". So is the South Island "teeming with trout" or is it not? Ultimately it doesn't really matter. This isn't a book about information - it's a wonderful collection of vicarious fishing trips. I'd never flicked a fly rod when I got it, yet I was engrossed, transported, and in the end captivated. The settings range from intimate, "Brown Trout on Letort Spring Run", to grand, "Steelhead on the Dean River". Along the way we encounter tarpon, bonefish, snook, pike, redfish, all manner of salmon and trout, and even something known as a giant trevally that lurks in the waters off Christmas Island. And the photographs are stunning. I only wish there were one for every destination. Recommended to wile away a winter's afternoon while waiting for the ice to break.

Good Book

Great reading ! A must for fly fishermen

nice book, but i would like to see more pictures of the different species!! also some maps to locate some places would be great...I live in argentina and the 3 places chosen are great, although you must be a millionaire to fish rio grande!! Fortunately we still have a lot of places here to fish for free. I would rather see a book where they tell where to fish and spent little money (as an example the book tells you that if you want to fish rio triful, the only way to do it is going to arroyo verde lodge and thats no true!! you can do it for free if you want..there are accesses by foot or you can reach it by the lake, an there are other private places much more cheaper, but why they dont describe that??). Do not tell me where i can go spending \$ 5000 a week because its obvious i could go everywhere with that money!!!!

Title can be offensive to the older reader but very enjoyable book.

This is a great gift. It is exactly what you are expecting. With pictures and graphics it gets you persuaded to travel. I bought this for my fly fish loving brother and he is so stocked to travel in seek of these places.

My dad loved my christmas gift for him. I look forward to purchasing more books like these. He can't wait to travel to some of the places listed in this book!

My boyfriend is huge into fly fishing. I bought him this book for his birthday and he was so pleased. He did say he tried fishing one of the places recommended in Pennsylvania and it was a let down. But all in all, he loves it, loves the recommendations and knowing what places he wants to add to his bucket list.

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