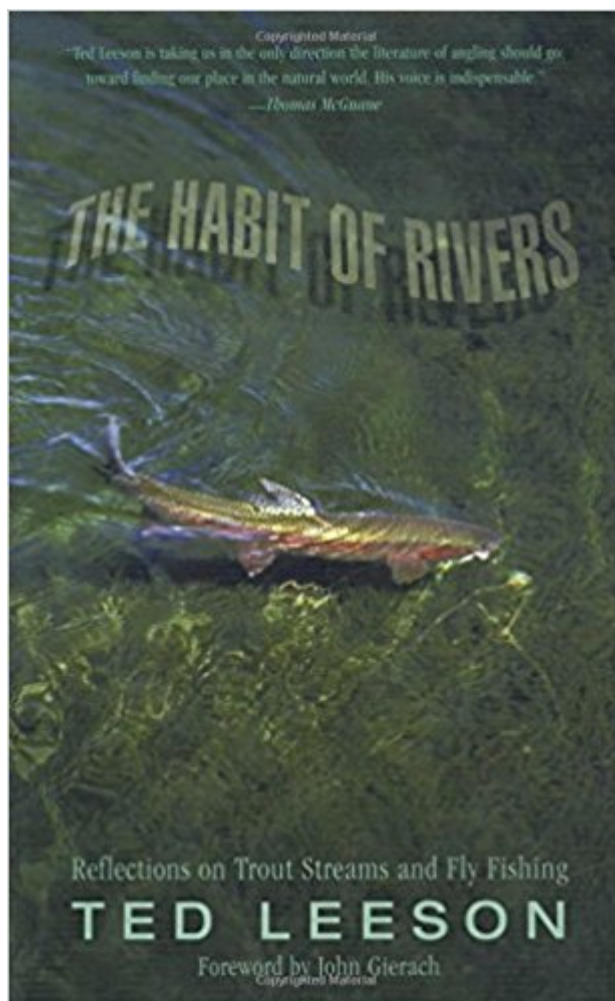


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# Habit Of Rivers: Reflections On Trout Streams And Fly Fishing



## Synopsis

Originally published in 1994, this book was a fly-fishing phenomenon in the way Howell Raines's *Fly Fishing Through the Mid-Life Crisis* was. Taking his fishing hobby to near metaphysical levels, Ted Leeson tells about his passions: rivers, trout, and fly fishing. With wry humor and rare insight, he explores questions that engage most fishermen: What is it about rivers that draws us so irresistibly, and why does fly fishing seem such an aptly suited response? Above all, *The Habit of Rivers* is about ways of seeing the wonderfully textured world that emanates from a river.

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## Customer Reviews

Admired fishing writer Leeson presents an elegant collection of essays on angling adventures in the Pacific Northwest. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"The fishing here is invariably superb; always, it's the catching that's up for grabs." Such is the refreshing, sometimes humorous, always gracefully expressed philosophy of Leeson. He believes that fly fishing can take one outside oneself and help one develop new ways of seeing. Leeson fishes as much as 100 days a year; writes for *Field & Stream*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, and other magazines; teaches English; ties flies; and knows the literature of the field. Yet this is not a how-to, or what-with, but rather a passionate celebration of the attractions of rivers, trout, and fishing. As in Howell Raines's *Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis* (LJ 9/15/93), the arts of angling, writing, and living are blended. Public and academic libraries should acquire this fine book.- Roland Person,

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Just discovered Leeson and he's a gem. Like the best fishing books (IMHO), this book isn't a how-to or a Fantastic Tales of fish counts; it's an adventure for the spirit and the mind. Leeson draws upon humor, humility, literature, science, and his own skinned knees to give us insight into ourselves and the world around us. Fishing at its best. Inventing Montana is superb, as well. I hope there are more of his books coming soon! (Gierach's intro--another top-tier writer--is spot on.)

this is a replacement copy, so I guess that is review enough.

Mr. Leeson's tales of experiences in the northwest seems to explore many other facets of fly fishing other than the fishing experiences and catching of fish. The book explores other perceptions of the author while he goes about his activity of fishing. For a person who would like to read about the fishing adventures of a fisherman while also noting those other aspects which one thinks about while fishing, this book will tend to do that - the seasons, the environment, philosophical thoughts etc. Not so much a story but recollections of experiences and thoughts while going fishing.

This is ZMM for fly fishing with more emphasis on the fish and their prey, and without asking too many open ended questions. A real treat and inspiration in unexpected ways.

The author's connection of fishing to spirituality is natural and unforced. He puts into words many of the things I feel when fishing.

I'd recommend this to friends who fish, or who remember fishing. It's full of wisdom and flashes of good writing

Ted Leeson's philosophy is wonderful

a good escape from MN winter....arrived in good shape. The author lives for fishing, favors dry flies, but also looks beneath the surface.

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