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"Some of the best fishing is done not in water but in print."

~ Sparse Grey Hackle



TROUT HUNTER THE WAY OF AN ANGLER

by René Harrop

I had the great pleasure of driving to St. Anthony, Idaho to pick up our shipment of freshly signed books from René Harrop's living room. The coffee was hot and fresh -- and an hour of one on one with him and Bonnie was long enough to understand why **Trout Hunter** was so highly anticipated by all of you. We talked of flies and waters, and how fly fishing has evolved over the past twenty-five years.

He is "old school" from start to finish. No gloss, just the man that figured out young what he wanted to do with his life and how to go about it. The *House of Harrop* turns out the finest flies in the world because that is what René chose to do. He raised his family and passed along an enduring tradition. From October to April, the Harrop family, René, Bonnie, daughter Leslie, and son Shane tie flies. Come spring they head to the Henry's Fork in Island Park and the Trout Hunter lodge to ply his art. René talks to the anglers that come from all over the world. (I've heard he sometimes shares a beer with Jeff Currier at Last Chance . . .) Some days he fishes with the "old timers", sometimes he fishes alone.

This collection of stories represents some how-to and much of the philosophy behind the man. Like Mike Lawson, René seems surprised that his work is so well received. He may take up the pen again, I sure hope so. The Henry's Fork river shapes man and angler, for the better it would seem.

Each article is an affectionate account covering six decades of fly fishing. "This book will teach you about fly tying and fly fishing. But mostly, it will show you what it means to be a true trout hunter." Just think what we will know after sixty years of angling, but we'll never tell it as well as René Harrop. Tie up with the *House of Harrop* and become an even better angler.

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After that, we will include a signature card signed by René with an copy of an original drawing embedded on the card.

VISIT THE TROUT HUNTER WEBSITE <http://www.trouthunt.com>

An Emerger Incident

by Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes

For the past couple of years, we've been working with a magic mirrored plexiglass aquarium that we acquired in Japan. It's a size that would hold a grapefruit if you plunked one in it, though that would splash most of the water out of it. A mirror is cut perfectly to slip into it on a 45° slant. When you fill the aquarium with water and place a dry fly or natural insect on its surface, then look in from the side, what you get is precisely the trout's point of view just before it rises up to eat something: looking up at whatever is sitting up there, from its underside. It's easy to imagine yourself a big, fat trout about to rise up for the take.

Among the things we've been able to notice in this aquarium so far is the way emergers - mostly caddis, mayflies, and midges because they're most of what has trouble getting successfully through the surface film -- look like tangles when seen from the trout's angle of view. This comes as no surprise to us, but we wish we'd have known earlier the extent to which one tangle can come to look a lot like any other, again, from the trout's point of view.

This tangled nature of emergers brings to mind an incident that happened on the Bighorn River, during the pale morning dun hatch, while we were diligently working on the research for **Western Mayfly Hatches**. If you weren't aware of it, "researching" a fishing book requires lots of fishing, which is why we suspect so many smart folks desire to be fishing writers.

We were fishing with Jim Schollmeyer, who seems to find new ways to outfish us nearly every time we get our waders wet with him. Duns were popping all around us, we were using standard compara-duns and parachutes to imitate them, and doing fine, or so we thought. We'd taken three or four nice trout each, over a period of about an hour, when it caught our attention that Jim, fishing a hundred feet upstream in an eddy, was busy releasing another trout just about every time we glanced up there. We finally reeled in and waded up to see what he was using.

To our more than mild surprise, it was a Gary LaFontaine *Emergent Sparkle Pupa*, yellowish-olive in color, size 16. That's a caddis pattern. We were fishing a mayfly hatch. It was obvious that Jim was making a big mistake, but that's difficult to point out to a guy who's not only about the accumulated size of the two of you, but also catching trout after trout while you're enjoying fishing that's quite a bit slower.

Rather than try to show him his error, we whined a couple of the great Gary's caddis emergers out of him. Then we spread out down the length of the eddy, and began catching trout almost as fast as Jim. Scores of shipwrecked PMD cripples were delivered into the eddy out of the main currents. Dozens of big noses poked out through the surface of the eddy to celebrate them. Those highly-selective trout were happy to take the caddis emerger, with no regard for what it might imitate.

It's a trick that can be applied across a lot of mayfly hatches. Try a size 18 olive *Emergent Sparkle Pupa* during blue-winged olive hatches, a size 16 yellowish-olive *Emergent Sparkle Pupa* for PMDs, a size 14 cinnamon *Emergent Sparkle Pupa* for march browns and mahoganies, and a size 12 olive *Emergent Sparkle Pupa* for the widespread lesser green drakes. The fly style might even work during hatches of the larger green drakes themselves, but we haven't made that experiment.

We've left that one for you.

If you haven't bought it yet, Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer's big, brilliantly-written, gorgeously photographed **Tying Emergers** (p. 3) is clearly one of the most important books of this entire century, which would be just as true had it been published in the last one, as well. It's a great book.

The long-awaited, big, thorough, and color-photographed **Western Mayfly Hatches**, by Rick and Dave, co-authors of the classic **Western Hatches**, is now finally available, after nearly 20 years of research.)

Western Mayfly Hatches (p. 3) is due out from Frank Amato Publications in June 2004 -- pre-orders accepted. We will have signed copies available of the hardcover edition.

Hi Cathy & Marcy,

Thanks for sharing with all of us the "chapter" from Gary's intended book on BWOs and Chester, the master of fishing dogs.

I was one of the lucky ones who was able to have the services of Chester as my guide one day. In late summer '99, I visited Gary in Deer Lodge just before he had to move to Missoula. It was obvious after I spent a week with him that he needed that help. However, it was the week of a lifetime and fishing -- Gary took me to his favorite streams, told me where and how to fish, what patterns to use; I had considerable success at each of the venues. Let me tell you briefly about my Chester guiding experience.

Gary indicated he wanted to take Zeb and Chester up to the mountains to run loose -- they hadn't had that opportunity for some time. He asked if I could take them along -- in my rental car -- and go up to "little" Rock Creek (a tributary of the Clark Fork) to fish that afternoon. I was hesitant, knowing how much Zeb shed and wondering what the car rental agency would do, so I suggested that I should clean out Gary's car and we could take the dogs in the back of his car. He was amenable to that suggestion, so I spent considerable time cleaning out his Subaru enough so that the dogs could travel in the rear and we could travel in the front seat.

We drove to Little Rock Creek in the early afternoon and Chester and Zeb had a great afternoon romping freely in their Montana mountain homeland. Let me quote from my fishing log: "Chester chose to help me fish -- I felt very complimented. Chester watches the drift of the fly, then lunges, startles or yips when a fish rises. He would obey the command to 'come back' if he got too far ahead of me, but didn't do well at not trying to bite the fish I caught, even with my 'no' commands. Gary said I needed to whack him on the snout -- Chester hadn't done much fishing in the past couple years and needed a stern reminder. I caught a couple of dozen in 2-1/2 hours, thanks in large part to Chester's acute senses. Gary seemed better today, both in strength and attitude. I think he really had a good time seeing Chester and Zebbie enjoy themselves, seeing this beautiful mountain country in his native area, reading a good book, seeing me have a good time and good luck on this totally uncrowded high mountain stream."

I thought you might enjoy that description of a very special time I had with Gary. I continue to enjoy the Book Mailer and the e-mails. I have the entire collection of videos -- LaFontaine Originals -- and use them fairly regularly to tie his patterns, which I frequently use in New Mexico, Colorado, Montana, and even in Chile last February. I miss him a lot, and know that his many "sycophants" do as well. He is certainly remembered fondly by the entire fly-fishing community.

--Dr. John Johnson (NM)

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Western Mayfly Hatches

by Dave Hughes and Rick Hafele

Well, with Dave and Rick's article for the **Book Mailer**, we don't need to say too much more about this upcoming book. **Western Mayfly Hatches** is about the insect, the fly patterns and the techniques used to match them. Insights into matching the hatch, collecting and observing mayflies, and recognizing the species and their stages. Of course you'll get great fly tying techniques and methods of presentation.

Mayflies are one of our best summer hatches and if we say so ourselves, one of the prettiest. (Of course we could put tongue in cheek and suggest that all one needs is an Emergent Sparkle Pupa in the correct size and color and one would be covered very adequately, but we know that isn't so.) There are a lot years and research here, don't miss out!

8 1/2 x 11 inches; 180 pages; 300 color photographs; 75 illustrations

(#B4337) hardcover; **Price** --\$50.00

(#B4380) softcover; **Price** --\$39.95

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NEW!!

Schollmeyer & Leeson - together again

Tying Emergers

by Jim Schollmeyer and Ted Leeson

Two of fly-fishing's most well respected writers collaborate once again, this time discussing emergers. Emergence is itself a behavior, and it puts the tier in a challenging and rather unusual position-- not that of imitating a fixed and recognizable form of the insect--but rather of representing a process.

"So our aim in this book is really twofold: to present step-by-step tying sequences for specific, useful patterns; and to give tyers a reservoir of ideas and approaches for designing emergers that best accord with their perceptions of hatching insects, with their taste in fly patterns, and with their styles of tying."

This book shows you emerger design and materials, basic and specialized tying techniques, and the fly patterns. When you invest in a book by these two authors you know you'll get up-to-the-minute information, well-written text, and superb photography.

Tying Emergers will not let you down.

217 patterns; each with individual fly plate and recipe; over 2,200 step by step full color photos; 344 pages

(#B4368) hardcover; **Price** --\$60.00

(#B4340) softcover; **Price** --\$45.00

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NEW!! Available May 2004

Trout Talk An Encyclopedic Dictionary of Trout Fishing

by Lesley Crawford

Trout fishermen speak their own language. Whether it is over a cold beer, a long lingering dinner, or simply out on the river bank -- the conversation will be of only one thing, angling. We band of brothers and sisters are held together by this wonderful bond of communication, we simply love to talk about trout fishing in all its shapes and forms.

Trout Talk is the result of extensive research. A British import book, it brings a whole melange of British and American trout fishing terminology back home under one roof. Let it expand your knowledge, widen your angling horizons, and maybe bring on a smile or two -- for ultimately trout fishing should be good fun, pure and simple.

An excerpt from Trout Talk:

Agile Darter:

You might be forgiven for thinking this is a brilliant name for a trout, but it actually has to do with the food the trout consumes. An agile darter is a class of nymph which exhibits a bit more movement than the rest; which are known as burrowers, silt crawlers, laboured swimmers, and stone clingers. The darter nymphs tend to be found mainly around the edges of weed beds rather than on the base of the river or lake . . .

(#4390) hardcover; 6 x 9 inches; b/w photos; 192 pages

Price -- \$26.95

Tying Small Flies

by Ed Engle

foreword by John Gierach

Taking trout on lightweight rods with those tiny flies is such an exciting challenge. First you need just the right pattern and then watch out! For 30 years Ed Engle has used these patterns guiding on the classic small-fly river, the South Platte. His *Small Flies* column in **Fly Tye** magazine began in 1996. **Tying Small Flies** is the *Small Flies* column -updated, rephotographed, edited, revised, and polished.

Small flies, basically those smaller than a size 16, aren't as difficult as you might think. Realistically one can't tie a lot of material on a hook that small. Once you know the techniques, with today's new, less bulky materials, you may find yourself enamored by the simplicity of small flies. Fish like them and with a small fly, there's not much between you and that fish when it comes time to reel him in.

~~~HIGHLY RECOMMENDED~~~

from foreword by John Gierach—

"I've tied and fished with small flies for about as long as Ed has -- although not with his intensity or, I'm sorry to say, his success rate -- and before I read this book I'd have told you I understood them. But apparently not. There was a lot I didn't know and a lot more I hadn't thought of in quite that way before. This book did for me what the very best tying books can do: It made me want to run to the vise to tie, and then turn to the river to fish."

hardcover; 7-1/4 x 9 1/8; 300 color photos; 240 pages, 1st edition  
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## Two Centuries of Soft-Hackled Flies A Survey of the Literature Complete with Original Patterns: 1747-Present

by Sylvester Nemes

Researching over forty sources, Nemes follows the development of the soft-hackled fly through the past two centuries. If you are at all particular to soft-hackled flies, this is a perfect fit for your angling library. Nemes shares 162 patterns and the best fishing advice you can find.

Sylvester lives in Bozeman, MT which is about 80 miles close. I had the opportunity to visit with him on the phone and he graciously spoke of the books (and book lenders) he used to gather his information. Such history--

Look for the follow up, *Tiny Soft Hackles* in a future issue of the Book Mailer.

~~~HIGHLY RECOMMENDED~~~

hardcover: 6 x 9; 100 color photos; 188 pages, 1st edition
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Smash Hit-- Spring Creeks by Mike Lawson

A complete look at fly fishing spring creeks and tailwaters. Mike uses first-hand knowledge of waters he's fished throughout the US and around the world to illustrate the most effective patterns and techniques to imitate mayflies, caddisflies, midge, crane flies and terrestrials -- based upon his personal observation and tying experience. Practical and proven advice on locating, stalking, playing, and landing trout. Tactics for fishing dry flies, streamers, wet flies, and nymphs.

260 color photos; 100 illus; 8 1/2 x 11 inches; 304 pages
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Hatches II

Guide to the Hatches of North American Trout Streams

by Al Caucci & Bob Nastasi

Introductions written by Art Flick and Gary LaFontaine

This is the 20th anniversary edition of **Hatches II**. Chosen by *Trout Unlimited* as one of the most important fly-fishing books of the past thirty-five years. Good photographs depict the genera and species at all stages of development, and the authors provide critical information on mayfly biology, tactics, presentation, and imitation.

After 70,000 copies sold, **Hatches II** is still considered the #1 book on the subject introducing incredible photos of insects and revolutionary fly patterns that changed the way people trout fish to this day. Al Caucci and Bob Nastasi's fly patterns include the famous Comparadun, compara-caddis, and a raft of patterns that include imitations for every mayfly species and the subsequent stages of each, which includes hundreds of modern day fly patterns.

Bob and Al started the Caucci/Nastasi Fly Fishing School for trout and bonefish in 1984, which became a nationally famous fly fishing school and is still in operation today. Bob resigned from the fly fishing business in 1990, with the understanding that both Bob and Al would team up again to write more books in the future. Bob's health problems started in 1997 and put a hold on their plans for new books.

We regret Bob Nastasi's death on February 8, 2004. Another fine angler we have lost, but whose work will live on for all the future generations of fly fisherman to come.

Great perks to this book are the quick reference charts for the East/Midwest and Western United States hatches, emergence calendars, identification charts, and a valuable phonetic table.

softcover; 8 1/2 x 11 inches; color/B& W photos; 360 pages
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Second Edition, revised in Full-Color

Dyeing and Bleaching Natural Fly-Tying Materials

by A. K. Best

foreword by John Gierach

This book is devoted entirely to color control. A.K. adds new materials, tips, and techniques to this edition.

There seems to be much more written about pattern colors these days. René Harrop is another angler who champions the use of natural materials and colors. This is an excellent "how-to" for matching materials to hatches. A must for the serious fly tyer.

There is a great forward by John Gierach and the table of contents include Rooster and Hen Necks, Saddles and Backs. Body Feathers, Saltwater Hackles, Bucktails, Deer and Elk Body Hair, Furs, Biots, Stripping Quills, and all the methods to create your personal arsenal of fish catchers.

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by J. Edson Leonard

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**True Love and the Woolly Bugger**

by Dave Ames

Our advance copy of *True Love* came through the door right as this Book Mailer was going to print. Our mouths dropped open at what we saw on the cover. You may remember us telling you about the new publisher's old vs. new cover negotiations. Last we heard it had been decided and they were going with the new one. Now I don't know if we had anything to do with it (Gary would probably think so), but when we originally published the book we did a postcard printing of the old cover to promote it. And now here was that same postcard -- tossed on some river rocks with a rod, reel, and blue bikini -- right on the front of the new softcover and they even put it on the spine!

**LIMITED TIME OFFER: Get one of the original postcards with the old "heart-stopping" book cover -- while they last**

The first edition published of *True Love and the Woolly Bugger* was in hardcover -- and it was an instant hit. So much in demand that it became somewhat of a fly-fishing cult classic. Was it the cover or the content that pushed it over the edge? Gary even dedicated two whole pages in the 1997 Fall Book Mailer to the controversy. The third and last printing was back in '97, and *the Book Mailer* was the main source for remaining copies. These are now gone, and finding one for our customers has been a big challenge. So we are very excited and relieved that *True Love* will be available soon.

*True Love and the Woolly Bugger should have a sticker, Not for the faint of heart.* --direct quote from Gary in the 96/97 Book Mailer.

~~pre-order for Autographed copies~~

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great -

**A Good Life Wasted
Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide**

by Dave Ames

A Good Life Wasted (is there such a thing?) Rig up with Dave's newest book, its collection of stories is every bit as much fun as *True Love and the Woolly Bugger*. Worth the wait. ~ highly recommended

(#B4299) hardcover; 256 pages

Price -- \$24.95

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June 2004 Release

**Jerusalem Creek  
Journeys into Driftless Country**

by Ted Leeson

Ted Leeson teaches English at Oregon State University. He has co-authored with Jim Schollmeyer the new **Tying Emergers** (p. 3) and the definitive classic, **The Fly Tyers Benchside Reference**, and **Trout Flies of the West**, **Trout Flies of the East**, and **Inshore Flies**.

His **Habitat of Rivers**, released in 1995, was his first set of essays and a smash hit. **Jerusalem Creek** is fifteen essays centered around his formative years on Southern Wisconsin's spring creeks. Ted weaves some magic with words and departs a river of "how-to" information in this new softcover edition.

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(B4370)

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New and different . . .

**Orvis Guide to Outdoor Photography**

by Jim Rowinski

We know you are often out there on the water with a camera. This photography manual will be a great reference for you, the photographer, or your side-kick for the day. Many elements comprise a keepsake photo. This guide will get you the know how for outdoor situations and speed up the thinking process for capturing those important moments.

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Traver On Fishing

by Robert Traver

edited by Nick Lyons

I am just becoming familiar with the history of Robert Traver. I often find anglers and authors a rare mix of many things linked together with no defining edges. Take Traver -- a judge, an angler, an author -- not just angling books, but mysteries and even famous screenplays. You have to admit there are some interesting variables. Either way, Traver's writing is sure to engage anyone who enjoys a master storyteller.

This collection has stories from *Trout Madness* (1960), *Anatomy of a Fisherman* (1964), *Trout Magic* (1974), and extras written in early and later years. The final chapter is a set of profiles by men who knew him. This gets us a rare glimpse into the life of man who appeared to be mighty in all aspects. This is a big book, lots of pages and one we're sure you'll read in bits and pieces more than once.

softcover; 9 x 7 inches; 320 pages

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We get comments . . .

"Tell Cathy this is Traver's best book and you need to keep it in stock"

-- Lee McNeely, (CO)

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smash hit -

**Instinctive Fly Fishing**

by Taylor Streit

Taylor Streit, a twenty-year veteran guide, has witnessed thousands of clients catch trout. Their successes and failures often boil down to a few elementary rules: keep the sun at your back, keep your silhouette off the water, keep your fly in productive water, think like a predator, and so on. Also techniques for fishing pressured trout, the mechanics of a perfect strike, and what separates the beginner from the expert caster. The result is a refreshing take on how simple this complex sport can really be.

-very popular-

(#B4323) hardcover; 288 pages

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We take some abuse . . .

You asked for comments on the new logo - the fly is fine but then you had to go and put a piece of fatwood behind it. Poor Gary is probably rolling over right now after his life long fight against fatwood.

Regards -- Joel Tobias (OR)

NEW! July 2004

Fly Fishing Knots and Connections

by Lefty Kreh

You've come to fish at the right time, selected the correct pattern, made the perfect presentation, and the fish of your lifetime has taken your gift. Your chances for fighting and landing it are now just as strong as the weakest link in the line between your reel and your fish. Now is not the time to wonder whether the materials you selected and the knots you tied were the best choice for the conditions.

- The fundamentals of tying all knots
- The nine most important knots every angler should know
- How to connect from fly to reel
- The finer points of shooting-head-type fly line
- Building leaders for salt and freshwater
- How to use "bite" or "shock" tippets
- How to tie droppers

Anglers of all skill levels will consult this compact, handy guide by one of our best anglers.

softcover; 5 x 7½; 128 pages

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Price -- \$13.95

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YES, YES, YES!!!

A Field Guide to Fly Fishing

by Dennis Bitton

When Greycliff was a book publisher, there were select reviewers whom I could always count on for a timely review of a new fly fishing title. Dennis Bitton was a favorite of mine. We are very pleased to include his new book this spring.

There are elements in fly fishing that need to be known in order to be successful. The skill for natural presentation, correct imitation selection, and knowledge of your water are the three that come to my mind. But I believe I am missing the importance of knowing my victims. This guide identifies the biological characteristics of our most sought after fish: Trout, Salmon, and Bass. Each description is accompanied by a full-color anatomical illustration and a practical field guide. Productive fly patterns and techniques round out what this book has to offer.

~HIGHLY RECOMMENDED~

softcover; 5 x 7½; color/b&w photos and illus.; 160 pages

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NEW!!

Memory Rising

by Charles R. Meck

I don't know if you'll find this in your local shop. Published by a small publisher, we're very pleased to offer this collection of stories. **Memory Rising** is Charlie Meck's personal history with fly fishing. The people he has met and fished with. Charlie's previous books are all "how-to's", but not this one. You'll probably pick up a pointer or two about fishing and insects, but mostly you'll meet the people and the waters that have given Charlie so much. Great style, illustrations by Robert Clement Kray, and photos by Charlie himself.

~HIGHLY RECOMMENDED~

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Flies for Bass & Panfish

by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen

The most comprehensive guide of bass and panfish flies currently being used on North American waters. Great photos are accompanied by complete, accurate descriptions of each flies components, it's history, and origins. This most likely will be its one-time-only appearance in the Book Mailer -- so don't miss it.

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The Mind of the Trout

A Cognitive Ecology for Biologists and Angler

by Thomas C. Grubb Jr.

This book brings together many varied concepts of cognitive ecology as applied to trout and their salmonid relatives: char, salmon, grayling, and whitefish.

How and why do trout think? Why can trout smell better than humans but not remember as well? Highlights subjects not often found in most "how-to" titles. Covers specific topics briefly and informatively. It's compact and will help you look at fish in a "slightly different angle."

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huge -

Lefty Kreh's Ultimate Guide to Fly Fishing

Everything Anglers Need to Know

by the World's Foremost Fly Fishing Expert

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~~really well done~~

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radical -

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by Lou Stevens

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by Lefty Kreh

When Lefty puts it out there, we turn it around to you. The essentials of fly fishing for largemouth, smallmouth, and exotics. It will help you choose which rod, reel, line, leader, and fly best suits your bass hunt. Outlines the differences between smallmouth and largemouth fly preference. Learn something new or refine what you already know.

softcover; 5 x 7½; color/b&w photos and illus.; 144 pages

(#B4376)

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now in paperback -

Nymphing, A Basic Book

by Gary Borger

Originally a hardcover title released in 1979, **Nymphing** by Gary Borger has been one of the best selling books the Book Mailer has ever had the pleasure to carry. The best information on nymphs you can find.

Basic nymph fishing approach and presentation teams with trout physiology -- what the trout sees and hears. A pictorial key to identifying nymphs is based on reliable, nonscientific characteristics that the beginner can use on stream. Presenting the fly correctly and detecting the strike are particularly elusive skills, and even the veteran fly fisher will find something useful.

(#B4336) softcover Price -- \$19.95

The Orvis Fly-Tying Guide

by Tom Rosenbauer

This book is huge! There are 376 pages and at least three color photographs on each page. It consists of three parts: Basics - tools and materials; Tying Instructions - divided into types of flies; and a Fly Pattern Index - consisting of 126 pages of all types of patterns represented by a recipe and a full color picture.

Each tying instruction pattern comes with the added bonus of a little history, a little "how-to-fish", and substitute materials if you're in a pinch. Since it's Orvis, Rosenbauer has the inside skinny on fly sales, so he knows what anglers are using and what works.

(#B4346) softcover Price -- \$29.95

The Orvis Fly-Casting Guide

by Tom Deck

Explicit text combined with great illustrations and photos make this a user friendly teaching guide. In short order you should be able to dissect your cast and start picking up how to re-create your cast for better presentation and distance. Tom covers some of the more common, difficult casting situations with great advice.

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Tying Better Flies

by Art Scheck

The emphasis in **Tying Better Flies** is *how* to tie flies. The techniques and tricks that it takes to produce fake insects that act like the real thing and last beyond the first nibble or bite. Chapter titles include Bulletproof Buggers, A Nymph for all Reasons, and Dry Flies with Life Vests -- and that's just the bug part. Art also covers the tools and materials.

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the long and short of it . . .

A Concise History of Fly Fishing

by Glenn Law

Glenn Law has penned the history of angling into a small, concise guide. Just the information you need to explain (and justify) to a lonely spouse, why you'll be on the water again today.

softcover; 5 x 7 1/2; 176 pages

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Fly Fishing the River of Second Chances

by Jennifer Olsson

Jennifer Olsson delighted us with **Cast Again** a few years back. This second book is irreverent and a very funny memoir about starting over. Which life often chooses for us to do. No "how-to", "must-get"; just fly fishing, life, love, and those everyday things we all come up against. I really liked **Cast Again** and this is a great follow-up from an angler in the know.

(#B4348) hardcover; 256 pages

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it's here -

Smallmouth Strategies for the Fly Rod

by Will Ryan

Smallmouth Strategies gets to the core of the smallmouth's life cycle, behavior, forage, seasonal and daily movements. Included is a detailed season-by-season analysis of techniques and strategies that work. A great motivational book for smallmouth fishing.

(#B4363) softcover, 232 pages

Price -- \$19.95

updated -

All About Flies

by Chuck and Sharon Tryon

A terrific revision to the classic *Figuring Out Flies*. This is the book Gary was revising with Chuck and Sharon Tryon during his illness. **All About Flies** covers a topic Gary was obsessively devoted to, FLIES. This is the book about the who, what, where, and when of flies for anglers and tyers. It's *all about flies*—

- Hooks • Materials • Fly pattern origins and their mystique
- Egg flies • Flies seen from both angler and fish viewpoints
- Tying instructions for dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, and streamers
- How to make your flies more beautiful and more durable
- And lots more

(#B985) softcover; 196 pages

Price -- \$14.95

one of our own -

Pale Morning Dun

stories by Richard Dokey

Thirteen short stories not centered around fishing. The very last story, appropriately named "Pale Morning Dun," is about two brothers who do fly-fish. I enjoyed reading these stories, I wanted to know who/what the next chapter was going to be about. I was reminded of Jim Harrison or Cormac McCarthy. Richard is a great writer, but he definitely isn't serving life sunny-side up here. *~~personal pick~~*

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Price -- \$ 19.95

new revised edition-

New Zealand's Top Trout Fishing Waters

by John Kent & Patti Magnano Madsen

We know New Zealand is a favorite spot for destination fly fishing. Titles on the subject are few and far between and often out of print when you want one. This new edition covers the best New Zealand trout fishing spots and is packed with the latest on access, season, and bag limits. Comprehensive guide to locations and techniques. Covers a range of rivers and lakes organized by region for easy reference.

softcover; 6 x 9; 224 pages

(#B4391)

Price -- \$24.95

DESTINATION SELECTIONS ~ the places we know and the places we go

NEW!!

On the Fly Guide to Idaho, Montana, & N. Wyoming

by Chuck Robbins

Robbins provides a wealth of insider information for fly fishers traveling (or living) throughout this region, on the beaten path and off. His descriptions go beyond the simple fishing rundowns provided in many guidebooks. On well-known fisheries, Robbins looks more closely at the best hatches or times of year to visit, and for anglers tired of fishing with the summer crowds, he details many unique and offbeat fisheries most anglers drive right by (which is easy to do in this part of the country). Interesting information is included on places to stay, exceptional eateries, favorite local flies, and other activities of interest in the area.

softcover, 500 pages, 100 maps

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don't forget . .

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by John Shewey

Over 40 great destination waters are covered. Follow John's advice on where to camp, the best time to fish and tricks to take trophy trout

(#B4010) softcover, 300 pages

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(it's so big, it's **\$24.95**)

The Essential Guide to Fly Fishing British Columbia

by various authors

A comprehensive treasure trove of fishing opportunities in British Columbia. Where & when to go, how to select a winning destination & which patterns are consistently most productive. From remote wilderness settings to destinations suitable for comfortable family vacations.

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British Columbia's most complete freshwater fishing guide. Updated annually with full data on 5,000 lakes, rivers, & streams, all cross-referenced to 56 bathymetry & digital maps.

b/w illus.; color maps; 162 pages
(#B4064) magazine **Price -- \$14.95**

Great guidebooks ~

Each **Wilderness Adventure Guide Book** is written by a fly fisherman who knows his state. Add in maps, hatch charts, photos, and travel information and you are set to travel, fish and explore. Each book is a flex-bind softcover and a 6 x 9 format.

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~ seasons, regulations, river miles,
water flows, access points, hatches,
and fly recommendations ~

The *On the Fly Guides* and the *Flyfisher's Guides* are all published by Wilderness Adventures in Belgrade, MT.

They are brimming with information and the lay-flat binding makes them excellent traveling companions.



Montana Fly Fishing Guide
Vol. I - West of the Divide and
Vol. II - East of the Divide

by John Holt

These books cover all the major waters on the east and the west sides of the Montana Continental Divide. Each major river has its own chapter -the Bitterroot, Clark Fork, Flathead, and Glacier National Park (the West). The Beaverhead, Big Hole, Gallatin, Madison, Missouri, and Yellowstone (East). Great maps of all the major drainages are included.

With the information and the maps in these volumes of the Montana Fly Fishing Guide, West and East, you'll be able to go to the right place at the right time. There's so much solid fly fishing advice, in John Holt's eminently readable style, that you'll have a good idea about how and what to fish when you get there. In short, a Don't Miss selection from the Book Mailer - indispensable for anyone who is going to fish in Montana.

Vol. I - West of the Divide (#B4125) softcover Price -- \$22.95

Vol. II - East of the Divide (#B4126) softcover Price -- \$22.95

Fly Fishing Montana's Missouri River

by Trapper Badovinac

Complete information on this blue ribbon river that will help you catch even the toughest fish on the Missouri or any other large river. Several new patterns, complete with recipes and photos. And all is done with humor and wit.

(#B4254) hardcover Price -- \$24.95

* autographed copies upon request *

TYER'S SAMPLER #3

A collection of flies for you to use as tying samples has been a frequent request, one we've been unsure how to go about. Do we use the fly selections off the LaFontaine Original Videos or go by species or by life stages, what colors, what sizes, what quantities, what about those patterns not tied yet?? We were just befuddled. But not ones to stand around scratching our heads forever, we decided to dive in and get wet~

Now that we've gotten our feet wet, and after a bit of tweeking -- here's possibly the most perfect sampler yet:

~ SAMPLER #3 ~

12 SAMPLE FLIES ~ INFORMATION ~ RECIPE CARD

Emergent Sparkle Pupa, Deep Sparkle Pupa, Clear Wing Spinner, Plain Jane, Diving Egg Laying Midge, Pheasant Tail Twist Nymph, Ostrich Herl Twist Nymph, Flex Hopper, Drowned Trico, Halo Midge Emerger, Halo Mayfly Emerger, EZ2C Caddis

LaFontaine Private Label Tyer's Sampler (#W3162) Price -- \$19.50

Each fly comes with an information card written by Gary (how to fish that particular pattern -- when and where to use it) and you can find the fly-tying recipe on the back. There are no tying instructions. You'll need to reference that information in Trout Flies: Proven Patterns, Dry Fly: New Angles, Caddisflies, and the LaFontaine Originals Videos.

You can use these as tying samples, or you could just go fish them, or both . . .



CADDIS COLLECTIONS



Each color collection is two flies of each listed size for a total of 16 flies in each selection. Includes Gary's write-up about each pattern. Tips on how, when, and where to fish it.

BROWN/BRIGHT GREEN SELECTION

for regions: Rocky Mountain, Pacific Coast, Mid-West, Mid-South, and East

- Emergent Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
EZ2C Caddis, size 12
Dancing Caddis, size 14

(#F1840) Price -- \$30.00

BROWN/YELLOW SELECTION

for regions: Rocky Mountain, Pacific Coast, Mid-West, Mid-South, and East

- Emergent Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
EZ2C Caddis, size 12
Dancing Caddis, size 14

(#F1841) Price -- \$30.00

GINGER SELECTION

for regions: Rocky Mountains, Mid-West, and East

- Emergent Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 18
Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 16 & 18
EZ2C Caddis, size 16
Dancing Caddis, size 14

(#F1842) Price -- \$30.00

DARK GRAY SELECTION

for regions: East; and for the Little Gray Sedge hatches in the Mid-South and Mid-West, but then most fish seem to like the color gray!

- Emergent Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 14 & 16
Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa, size 16 & 18
EZ2C Caddis, size 16
Dancing Caddis, size 14

(#F1843) Price -- \$30.00

FLY TYING ACCESSORIES

A number of our happy Danvise customers have suggested we carry accessories to complement the Danvise. So we put our heads together with Paul Stimpson and came up with some economical options.

~ Innovative Tools for tying LaFontaine Patterns ~

An item everyone asks for after watching Gary's tying videos

Fine-Toothed Metal Comb

The secret for forming a fully-spread, loose overbody for the Deep Sparkle Pupa and the Emergent Sparkle Pupa is combing out the plies of yarn before tying them down. The tier can tease the fibers apart with his scissors point or dubbing needle, or he can reach for the Fine-Toothed Metal Comb and complete this task perfectly and quickly.

(#C265) Fine-Toothed Metal Comb **Price -- \$10.00**

Also available... **Heavier Metal Comb**

We feature a heavier metal-tooth comb for clearing the under-fuzz on deer hair, cleaning loose hairs from fur pieces, and combing out more than one ply of yarn.

"I keep one in my fly vest. It's handy for combing out floatant build-up from the strike indicator fly." --Bradley Bischoff (CO)

(#C219) Heavier Metal Comb **Price — \$8.00**

Hackle Nabbers™

Invented out of necessity, this device was born out of the frustration of having so-called hackle devices flip out of your hand. The concept of the slide lock made sense for tying hackle. No more holding the squeeze, let the slide lock do that job, you just guide the **Nabber** to perfectly tied hackle.

-- A few in stock now but they do go fast!

Backorders welcome*we'll get these out to you as soon as we can
(X301) Hackle Nabbers **Price -- \$17.95**

Bead Nabbers™

Tying beadhead flies with small beads can be literally a hit or miss situation. To eliminate this frustration, Jade River created the "slide-lock" tweezers.

These tweezers have a small indent in the end to easily grasp the bead, and the slide-lock engages the bead so it slides onto the hook the first time and every time.

(X300) Bead Nabbers **Price -- \$12.95**

True Spin Loop Tool

The one tool people always ask about is the "loop tool" they see Paul Stimpson using in the LaFontaine Originals video selections. (p. 13) It seems simple enough -- it's short (so it doesn't drag on the table), heavy (so it twirls fast), and perfectly balanced (so it spins true).~ *Ideal* for the Double Magic technique for the **Twist Nymph**.~

Paul Stimpson is often at fly shops and shows throughout the U.S. demonstrating the tying methods for LaFontaine fly patterns. You will see him using the entire line of Jade River fly tying tools.

(#X286) True-Spin Loop Tool **Price -- \$12.95**

Tools for tying is one of our favorite places to aggressively look for those items you love to enjoy and put to use. We hope we are doing a good job for you. Photos of the tools are up on the website -- www.thebookmailer.com. The new tools will be up soon.

This is so exciting, no wonder our jobs are so much fun! More, more, more next issue.

New!

Dubbing Tool Set

Way Cool! Now this is a multi-tool -- Paul Stimpson loved it! It's about half as tall as a pencil, just a little bit bigger round, with a screw-on cap. Mounted under the cap is a small Allen wrench. Inside the "pencil" is hollow and holds three separate tools. They are a bodkin (great for applying Aqua Head Flex Cement (this page), a dubbing twister (used like the Spin Loop Tool), and a dubbing brush for perfectly roughing up your painstakingly tied bodies. Each tool pulls out individually and inserts into the tip. The Allen wrench tightens the tool in place until you're ready to switch tools or safely store them. Made of Anodized Aluminum, this is a great travel tool.

(#C3154) Dubbing Tool Set **Price -- \$28.00**

NEW!

E-Z Hackle Hook

On the **LaFontaine Original Videos** (p. 13), our tyers use this little tool for tying multiple strands of hackle. The True Spin Loop Tool works especially well for single strands. This is actually a very simple tool designed for the electronic's industry. It has a small wire hook at one end and a push button at the other. Simply push the button to raise the hook and load your hackle strands. Then let go of the button to retract the hook which will hold your hackle securely. Wrap and go! *Simple, nifty and cheap!*

(#X3203) **Price -- \$5.00**

Sensational! for the Mess, Foam Beetle, and EZ2C Mayfly

AquaFlex Head Cement

Regular head cement does not work on these patterns. It makes the foam too stiff and brittle. You need a flexible head cement. --So to satisfy your inquiries we are now stocking the very best product for coating the packing foam. Color the packing foam with a permanent marker and then coat the foam with this great **Aqua Flex** head cement. The color will stay on permanently. It will not wash off.

(#C3070) 1 oz. bottle **Price -- \$5.95**

BT's Regular Tacky Fly Tying Wax

Not quite as "tacky" or stiff as the **Super Tacky Wax**. A great mix for those smaller ties.

(#W425) BT's "**Regular**" Tacky Wax (size 12 and under)
Price -- \$4.95

BT's Super Tacky Fly Tying Wax

This is the finest fly tying wax since the long-gone Ovington's Fly Tying Wax. It stays soft ~ it stays on the thread ~ it grabs the short-fibered Touch Dubbing and makes a beautifully fuzzy and sparse body.

Match the color of your thread to the color of the Touch Dubbing ~ run BT's Wax up and down the thread once ~ and touch dub to your heart's content.

(#W276) BT's "**Super**" Tacky Wax (size 10 and over)
Price -- \$4.95

Fly Fisherman has posted the following review at their website www.flyfisherman.com.

We just keep seeing great reviews about the Danvise ~~

Reviewed by Hans Weilenmann

When the Dan-vise (aka Danica vise) hit the market, it heralded a dramatic departure from traditional thought: vises are made of metal. While initially greeted with skepticism, this part-metal (jaws, stem) part-black Delrin, low price (\$80) vise has stood the test of time and has acquired an ever-growing band of enthusiastic users.

The list of features it brings to the table can only be described as impressive: true rotary cam operated design, high quality tool steel jaws capable of securely holding hooks from #2/0 down to the smallest the tier can handle, optional saltwater jaws for hooks up to #9/0, rear handle crank, and a flexible C-clamp which can handle tabletops up to a whopping 6-1/2".

The Dan-vise is compact and because the Delrin components tend to be somewhat bulkier than equivalent metal

components, I found access to the back of smaller hooks a little cramped. Using the crank to rotate the vise works well, but it is a little noisy.

The stem has a diameter of 10mm, rather than the standard 3/8", which may make finding and fitting accessories somewhat awkward.

Verdict:

The Dan-vise represents a terrific value. It is a very sound tying tool and it has proven to be very durable. The concept of a vise mostly made out of Delrin may put some tiers off and while the Dan-vise may never win any design awards, it is the vise to beat in the sub-\$100 class.

The Last Tying Stand you'll ever need!

Oasis Oak Pedestal/Tool Stand

If you already have the vise but you could use a pedestal and tool stand, this is the one. Paul uses one as his tying station whenever he travels. His wife, Char, also a commercial tier, uses hers *all the time*. Holds the **Danvise** and a wide array of tools. This one is built just for the 10mm stem. Oasis quality for the best valued vise on the market.

(#X3106)

Price -- \$40.00

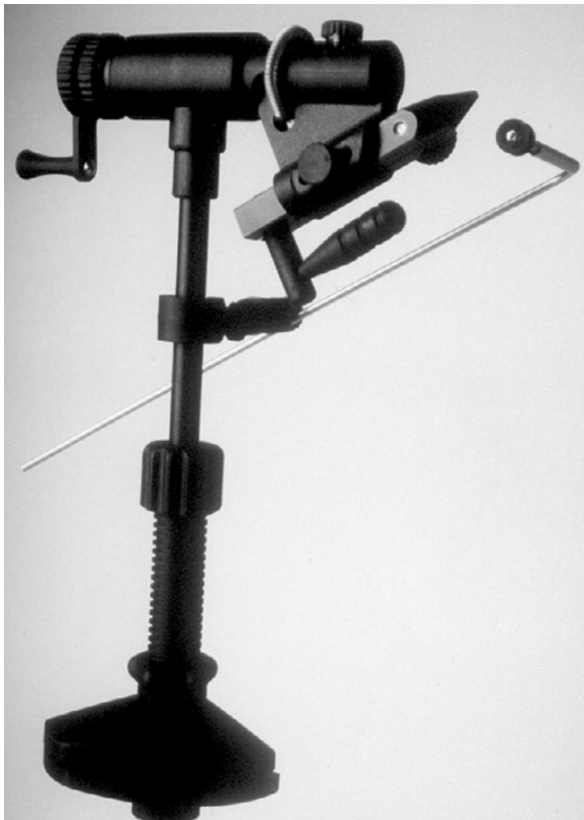
Package Deal!

BT's Rotary Tying Station

A Danvise with instruction video, Oasis Oak Pedestal/Tool Stand, and Basic Brass Tying Tools.

(#X3105)

Price -- \$150.00 (\$175.95 value)



The Danvise

This amazing vise is the Danvise. Trust us -- it is as truly impressive in person as it is on the video. And it comes with the full recommendation of Paul Stimpson, one of the finest commercial fly tiers. Paul tied around 500 dozen flies on his first Danvise and then had to replace it with another. (Oh come on! 500 dozen flies, the vise deserved a rest.) Paul happens to be a vise junky. He has over a dozen, including some of the finest ever made. He ties with the Danvise. A true rotary, the jaws clamp shut and hold the hook perfectly tight. It's a lever action. Comes with instruction video.

The best news -- the amazing Danvise is only \$80.00

~ We won't sell a hundred different kinds of vises -- we'll only sell the best one ~ Watch Paul use the **Danvise** in the **LaFontaine Originals** (p. 13), and you'll see for yourself ~ a lever action; true rotary; table clamp ~

(#X299)

Price -- \$80.00

Rotary Tying Techniques Video

BT's Al Beatty demonstrates many different "true" rotary tying techniques on ten hot patterns--Peacock Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Red Quill, Spruce Fly, Leech, Harvester, Stimulator, Lime Trude, BT's Golden Stone, and a BT's Crystal Muddler. If a simple, foolproof method of spinning deer hair or evenly hackled flies is your goal, this video is for you. If you're serious about getting the most out of your rotary vise, you need this video.

(#V3109) VHS; 60 min.

Price -- \$19.95

The LaFontaine collection of books. From beginning to end, there are no limits to these ideas and concepts that have become standard in the industry. Don't miss what one man's writing can do for your fly fishing success.

Winner of the 1993 United Fly Tyers Book of the Year Award ~

Trout Flies – Proven Patterns

by Gary LaFontaine

Trout Flies is a close look at the twenty years of research and innovation that created the 62 new flies in this book. Nymphs, wets, streamers, emergers, and dries are all shown here. There are tying instructions for each pattern. A lead-in explains why and how each fly works and in what specific situations, and there is an entry from Gary's fishing log. These entries specify valuable information on how the fly is used and doesn't forget the fact that fly fishing is fun.

Hardcover, 8 1/2 x 11 format, 280 pages, fully illustrated tying steps for 62 original flies, black & white photographs, and color plates

(#B122) hardcover

Price -- \$39.95

*These are the last hardcover copies.
When they're gone, they're gone.*

Winner of the 1990 United Fly Tyers Book of the Year Award

Winner of the 1991 Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award ~

The Dry Fly – New Angles

by Gary LaFontaine

The premise of **The Dry Fly** is simple -- if you understand the Theory of Imitation and Attraction you'll know how to choose the best fly anytime and anywhere. This work is the foundation of how to fly fish. It's the first serious book the beginning fly fisherman should read -- and in many ways its the last serious book the advanced fly fisherman should read. The fact that it's a tremendous amount of fun is just a bonus -- it's a "can't put down" page-turner.

Softcover, 8 1/2 x 11 format, 308 pages, illustrations, black & white photographs, and color plates

(#B160) softcover

Price -- \$29.95

*Some people's idea of heaven
may be streets paved with gold,
but for me,*

*if those streets aren't lined with books,
there is something missing.
-- Gary LaFontaine*

"River Rap" Guidebooks and Audio Tapes

Now there is a definitive guide series to unlocking the secrets of these revered rivers. The authors have lived and guided on these waters and know them as few others do. This is the next best thing to having them at your shoulder when fishing.

The audio tapes were derived from several hours of taped conversation between each author and Gary. The books have been augmented with updated information, maps, hatch charts, popular fly listings, fly photos, and pattern recipes. They cover everything from tactics for different seasons on each river, species of fish, key hatches and how to fish them, to specific pools, reaches, and runs. If you plan to visit these areas, take the book and the audio tape. They will make your visit a more enjoyable one. If you're not planning a visit, get one anyway, and you will want to pack up and go.

Fly Fishing the Beaverkill

by Eric Peper and Gary LaFontaine

Book (#B853) Price -- \$12.95 Audio Tape (#A104) Price -- \$13.95

Fly Fishing the Henry's Fork

by Mike Lawson and Gary LaFontaine

Book (#B927) Price -- \$16.95 Audio Tape (#A105) Price -- \$13.95

Fly Fishing the Madison

by Craig Mathews and Gary LaFontaine

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Fly Fishing the Yellowstone in Yellowstone Park

by Bob Jacklin and Gary LaFontaine

Available Now~ Book (#B940) Price -- \$16.95

Audio Tape (#A110) Price -- \$13.95

more "River Rap" Audio Tapes ~ Fly Fishing the . . .

~ **Yellowstone in Montana** with John Bailey (#A109) ~ **Housatonic** with Dale Spartas (#A106) ~ **Wolf** with Wayne Anderson (#A111) ~ 90-min. each with a booklet that contains a map, pattern list, hatch chart, and comments. Price -- \$13.95 each

Winner of the 1981 United Fly Tyers Book of the Year Award ~

Caddisflies

by Gary LaFontaine

The information in **Caddisflies** is as current and valuable now as it was in 1981. The entomological nomenclature of the Trichoptera has not changed -- the biology has not changed. The fly patterns and the ideas in **Caddisflies** are now the standard for this insect order.

That original postcard offer in 1981 was the beginning of the **Book Mailer** -- it was also the launch for a work that has become one of the most enduring classics in modern fly fishing.

hardcover, 8 1/2 x 11, 338 pages, fully illustrated, black & white photographs, color plates

(#B121) hardcover

Price -- \$40.00

Fly Fishing the Mountain Lakes

by Gary LaFontaine

In between roll-on-the-floor, split-a-gut observations of things like Rufus the pack goat, an aluminum pram called the Slough Pig, and an incredible fishing dog named Chester, there is an amazing amount of information on how to fish mountain lakes. **Fly Fishing the Mountain Lakes** is more than just a stillwater classic -- it's such a wonderful blueprint on how to analyze a type of fishery that every fly fisherman should read it. There are twenty-six recipes for stillwater patterns, including the **Variegated Midge Larva**.

Reviewer comment:

"Gary LaFontaine would make an adventure story out of the most mundane assignment, so when he's approaching an area in which he has a passionate interest, readers can expect the kind of mini-epic anecdotes you will find here."

--Seth Norman, *Fly Rod and Reel*

quality softcover; 6 x 9 format; 128 pages

(#B689) softcover

Price -- \$14.95

LAFONTAINE ORIGINALS VIDEO SELECTIONS

These videos are the best references on tying LaFontaine patterns. Not only do you have excellent tyers showing you the best methods to tie Gary's patterns, but you have Gary giving great commentary on each fly.

The great Utah fly tyer, and our friend, Paul Stimpson, started the driving force behind these videos. These are LaFontaine patterns -- flies Gary tied hundreds of -- but Paul is a professional tyer and, with Gary's guidance, found ways to tie the flies faster and better.

The flies in the videos are from Gary's books, **Trout Flies Proven Patterns** and **Fly Fishing the Mountain Lakes**. They also include newer patterns, developed after the publication of **Trout Flies**, that have never been shown before.

The videos are directed for the intermediate and advanced fly tyer, and are guaranteed not only to show Gary's best flies, but to make you a much better fly tyer. Paul and Gary, along with Al Beatty, simplified the steps for each pattern which result in making you a better tyer. Tips you can use for whatever you are tying. For Gary's patterns, and learning tricks in general, these videos do it.

As the experts tie, Gary divulges a tremendous amount of fishing information. As a group, this selection of fly patterns covers every situation of imitation and attraction for trout streams and lakes.

"Take a fine team of five fly tyers, all superb professionals, showing the fastest, most efficient ways to tie my patterns and you have a really special teaching tool with LaFontaine Originals -- Volume V," remarked Gary when this one came out.

We may see more from this terrific quartet of fly tiers. Gary shared many ideas they intend to pursue and we'll keep our fingers crossed and encourage them any way we can.

the Beginning!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume I

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty

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| Aft Sparkle | Duck Butt Dun |
| Tear Drop Nymph | Diving Water Boatman |
| EZ2C Caddis | Were Wulff |
| Improved Buzz Ball | Beadhead Twist Nymph |
| Deer Hair Woolly | Halo Mayfly Emerger |
| Beadhead Marabou Worm | Lady Heather |
| Plain Jane | Diving BWO Egg-Layer |

(#V966) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

killer Patterns!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume V

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty
with Heather LaFontaine Ellison

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| Antron Parachute | Halo Midge Emerger |
| Ghost Wing Were Wulff | Flex-Sculpin |
| Floating Caddis Larva | EZ2C Midge |
| Bristle Leech | EZ2C Stonefly |
| Gray Coughlin | House Fly |
| Blackfly Larva | |

(#V151) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

the Incredible Sequel!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume II

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty

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| Pheasant Tail Twist Nymph | Creature |
| Double Caterpillar | Enchanted Prince |
| Flex-Hopper | Natural Drift Stonefly |
| Slider | Firecracker |
| Cricket | Drop Nose Minnow |
| Floating Damselfly Nymph | |

(#V967) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

flies!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume VI

by Paul and Char Stimpson, Al and Gretchen Beatty,
with Heather LaFontaine Ellison,
and comments by Gary

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| Beadhead Deep Sparkle Pupa | Deer Hair Hornet |
| Flex Muddler | Double Magic Soft Hackle |
| Antron Flashback | Snow Stone |
| Foam Inch Worm, Improved | Flying Ant |
| Stub Wing Buck Tail | Foam Beetle |
| Black-eyed Sparkling Hares Ear | Flex Hex |

(#V152) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

hot Follow Up!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume III

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty

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| Drowned Trico | Shroud |
| Foam Spider | Foam Ant |
| Bread | Mess |
| Flex-Damsel | Clear Wing Spinner |
| Occasion | Marabou Single Egg |
| Diving Egg-Laying Midge | Black June |

(#V969) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

really effective fish-catching patterns!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume IV

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty
with Heather LaFontaine-Ellison

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| Rollover Scud | EZ2C Mayfly |
| Missouri River Sow Bug | Drunken Sailor |
| Variiegated Midge Larva | Dancing Caddis |
| Antron Serendipity | Fluttering Stone |
| Flame Thrower | Hair Sucker |
| Enchanted Royal Double Wing | |

(#V150) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

the Rest of the Patterns!

LaFontaine Originals -- Volume VII

by Paul & Char Stimpson and Al & Gretchen Beatty
with Heather LaFontaine Ellison

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| Spruce Moth | White Deer Hair Moth |
| Cat's Ear | Floating Flex Crayfish |
| Sparkling Hares Ear | Peacock Buzzer |
| Crane-fly Larva | Antron Bivisible |
| Cone Head Enchanted Mohair Leech | Twist Nymph (crested) |
| Silver Bicolor | Cone |

(#V153) **90-Minute Video** **Price -- \$19.95**

all the Patterns! **LAFONTAINE ORIGINALS COLLECTION**

All seven of the **LaFontaine Originals** video series. The complete set of Gary's adventure with flies --

(#V154) all 7 volumes; 90-minutes each **Price --\$125.00**

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Get hooked on LaFontaine patterns
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~~ **Pre-Formed Tear Drop Nymph Hooks** ~~

This is a pre-formed hook, the body molded of heavy pewter in a hydrodynamic tear drop shape — the result is a fast-sinking hook for the great new attractor nymph!

It became so frustrating trying to find a flat, adhesive-backed lead tape to shape the Tear Drop Nymph that we started molding our hooks with non-toxic pewter. This made tying the Tear Drop Nymph so much faster that we have begun producing the pre-formed hooks in great enough quantities for our customers.

With this hook, our professional tiers can now tie the Tear Drop Nymph for our catalog. For the fly tiers in our audience we offer both the Uni-Glo material (see below) and the Pre-Formed Tear Drop Nymph Hooks. A word of warning — this pattern is going to become your favorite fast water fly.

Package of 10 Pre-Formed Tear Drop Nymph Hooks

with sample fly — Price -- \$9.00

10 (#H256) 12 (#H257) 14 (#H258) 16 (#H259)

without sample fly — Price -- \$7.50

10 (#H261) 12 (#H262) 14 (#H263) 16 (#H264)

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~~ **Swedish Dry Fly Hooks** ~~

for the Dancing Caddis patterns

From **Partridge of Redditch**, these are the hooks used to tie all the **Dancing Caddis** patterns (as seen in **Caddisflies**). These hooks are modified sproat, down eye, wide gape, 2X long, 4X fine, forged bronze.

size 10 (#H3036) size 12 (#H3037) size 14 (#H3038)

size 16 (#H3039) size 18 (#H3040)

25 hooks per pack **Price -- \$12.50 per pack**

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High Quality!

Beads in Bulk!

No tier who produces flies in any number can afford to go into the fly shop and pay large prices for a tiny package of metal beads. Many of our customers tie our beadhead patterns in large quantities (the Beadhead Peacock Twist Nymph, the Beadhead Ostrich Herl Twist Nymph, the Beadhead Deep Sparkle Pupa, and the Beadhead Marabou Worm), not only for themselves, but for their friends. We felt it was our duty to help them out with the cost. So we are offering beads in bulk packages.

~~ the Highest Quality Tapered Beads Available ~~

Large 4mm (#2-6) Medium 3mm (#8-12) Small 2mm (#14-18)

Brass (#M3001) Brass (#M3002) Brass (#M3003)

Copper (#M3011) Copper (#M3012) Copper (#M3013)

Silver (#M3021) Silver (#M3022) Silver (#M3023)

Black (#M3031) Black (#M3032) Black (#M3033)

100 Beads per Package **Price -- \$7.75**

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we get comments . . .

"I received the **Tyer's Sampler** (p.9) a few weeks ago, this concept is great, being able to see the fly up close from all angles is better than any photo or video can achieve and you don't have to buy 3, 6, or a dozen of each fly just to get an idea of how to tie your own. I can't wait for the next set to become available."

--Mark Grabowski (IL)

Mark picked his sampler up on the website where we displayed them earlier this winter. The first test run for the samplers!

Now Available!

~~ **Flex Hooks** ~~

The hook that makes large flies "come alive"

-- the hook for tying the best imitations for any insect #10 or larger!

Gary's research for **The Dry Fly -- New Angles** included a full season studying grasshoppers and the way trout reacted to them. One of his big discoveries that summer was that trout were often suspicious of both the insect and the imitation floating on the water. They often studied hoppers (and other large insects) before deciding whether or not to take them. What were they looking for? A bit of movement -- a flexing of that long body. The long, straight shank on a large hook was wrong. The trout frequently refused large flies (#10 or larger).

The Flex patterns are here! Flies tied with these hooks flex on the water -- and that movement triggers the strike (see the Theory of Imitation in **The Dry Fly -- New Angles**).

Small -- with sample fly (#H278) **Price -- \$9.00 / 10 pack & fly**

~ Package of 10 true-size hooks ~ 10 small flex extensions ~

~ a finished Flex Hopper fly ~ tying instruction sheet ~

Medium -- with sample fly (#H279) **Price -- \$9.00 / 10 pack & fly**

~ Package of 10 true-size hooks ~ 10 medium flex extensions ~

~ a finished Flex Stone (Pteronarcys) fly ~ tying instruction sheet ~

It is wise to purchase your first Flex Hook packages with the sample flies. Nothing demonstrates the possibilities of the technique and hook style better than the actual flies. But our customers are welcome to purchase the following packages without sample flies either initially or subsequently.

Small -- without sample fly (#H280) **Price -- \$7.50 / 10 pack**

Medium -- without sample fly (#H281) **Price -- \$7.50 / 10 pack**

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Edgewater Foam Flotation Cylinders

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for the Beadhead Marabou Worm!

These are the custom-made, closed-cell foam cylinders that float the marabou tail of the **Beadhead Marabou Worm**, the pattern that does a somersault as it drifts in the current. The brass bead drops into the slower water along the rocks, the tail lifts into the faster water of the open flows, and then the fly flips over. This is a triggering action -- it triggers an instinctive strike by a trout. The **Edgewater Foam Flotation Cylinders** are custom-made for quick, easy tying.

yellow; 50 cylinders per package (#E267) **Price -- \$2.75**

for the Creature! for the Floating Damselfly Nymph!

As seen on LaFontaine Originals video Vol. 2 (p. 13)

By popular demand -- more custom made, closed-cell foam flotation cylinders from Edgewater for Gary's patterns. Our fly tying customers keep asking for the correct type of foam to float patterns such as the Floating Damselfly Nymph and the Creature. These flies require a special closed-cell, highly buoyant type of foam. It has to be the right size for each fly. Edgewater is custom making the foam cylinders for us.

--available in two sizes--

Super High Buoyancy

Small for the Floating Damsel Fly Nymph; lime green (#E268)

Medium for the Creature; black (#E269)

10 cylinders per Package

Price -- \$3.50 (each size)

~ Custom supplies for LaFontaine Patterns ~

Getting into the business of supplying fly tying materials has been great. Our readers kept asking about the special items used on Gary's flies. To clear up confusion, here is a listing of what we offer.

the Book Mailer has done it!

Sparkle Yarn (yes, the official colors)

What is the most frustrating problem with Antron yarn? Finding it. It is a miracle material -- just look in any fly tying catalog and you'll see how it has been embraced since it was first used on the **Sparkle Pupa** in 1972. But there are many different types of Antron, and only one type yarn was chosen by Gary for fly tying.

To ensure the availability of the right type of Antron yarn for our own flies, your own personal tying, we contracted for production runs of custom colors of this perfect yarn.

1 color per bag (enough for hundreds of flies) **Price -- 90 cents**

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| (#Y206) - Dark Green | (#Y213) - Medium Green |
| (#Y207) - Dark Gray | (#Y214) - Olive |
| (#Y208) - Brown | (#Y215) - Cream |
| (#Y209) - Yellow | (#Y216) - Peach |
| (#Y210) - Pink | (#Y217) - Golden Russet |
| (#Y211) - White | (#Y282) - Black |
| (#Y212) - Light Gray | (#Y297) - Apple Green |

All 14 colors (#Y218) **Special Price -- \$10.00**

And, since we have this yarn (custom colors with 35% clear Antron fibers), we decided to offer the sister product —

(painstakingly packaged by elves)

Touch Dubbing

This is the fastest way to dub; no other method will form bodies as sparse and fuzzy. It is used for the bodies on Sparkle Pupa patterns and is absolutely essential for of the Double Magic dubbing technique.

*to see and learn more about the Double Magic dubbing technique see **Fishing and Tying Caddisflies** video (see p. 27)*

The segment on the Sparkle Pupa shows how to touch dub.

The yarn or fur has to be chopped into small bits by hand and then tossed into a blender. The tier uses a tacky wax (for example, BT's Super Tacky, p. 10) to coat the tying thread, and then he holds a ball of the finely cut dubbing mix and touches that ball to the sticky thread. His fingers never touch the thread — just the dubbing ball. That's it!

1 color per bag (enough for hundreds of flies) **Price -- \$1.95**

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| (#T223) - Dark Green | (#T230) - Medium Green |
| (#T224) - Dark Gray | (#T231) - Olive |
| (#T225) - Brown | (#T232) - Cream |
| (#T226) - Yellow | (#T233) - Peach |
| (#T227) - Pink | (#T234) - Golden Russet |
| (#T228) - White | (#T277) - Black |
| (#T229) - Light Gray | (#T298) - Apple Green |

All 14 colors (#Y235) **Special Price -- \$22.00**

High Demand! Umpqua Bright Green Yarn

Sometime in the past *Umpqua Feather Merchants* began tying the **Sparkle Pupa** patterns with a bright fluorescent green yarn. Our private tiers continued to use the Dark Green (#Y206) per Gary's instructions. At one point, we had Umpqua use Gary's dark green and there were protests from fly shop owners far and wide. So now you have a choice; use the color that best matches the caddis in your area.

(#Y203) 6 yards **Price -- 90 cents per pack**

Clear Antron

What is Antron? Antron reflects light. It is Nylon, but the filaments of regular Nylon are round and the filaments of Antron are 3 or 4 sided. Those flat sides bounce back light rays and make Antron sparkle. The first flies ever tied with Antron were the Deep Sparkle Pupa, Emergent Sparkle Pupa, and Diving Caddis.

(used for wings on the Clear Wing Spinner, Diving Caddis, Flying Ant, and other patterns from **Trout Flies**)

1 bag (#Y243) Clear Antron **Price -- \$2.75**

~ 2 SIZES of Closed-Cell Foam ~ (for the **Air Head, Mess,** or **Halo Emerger**)

1/16th (#F220)

1/32nd - thinner, for smaller-sized flies (#F285)

5 sheets of foam **Price -- \$1.50 per size**

Boom sales!

White Marker

Astounding sales for the White Marker since Carl Richards wrote an article in *Fly Fisherman Magazine* about caddisflies and this great "anchor line" trick.

The Magic of the White Marker

Ever since **Caddisflies** there has been a devoted group of anglers using a marker to color the last few inches of their tippets "white" for nymph fishing. In the book this is called the Magic Act because the fishing can subsequently seem quite miraculous. An ordinary marker won't work for this trick. It has to be an opaque, metal marker. Many readers have had trouble finding them, so — here they are!

(#M221) White Marker **Price -- \$5.00 each**

Sensational!

for the Mess, Foam Beetle, and EZ2C Mayfly and more

AquaFlex Head Cement

Regular head cement does not work on these patterns. It makes the foam too stiff and brittle. You need a flexible head cement. -- So to satisfy your inquiries we are now stocking the very best product for coating the packing foam. Color the packing foam with a permanent marker and then coat the foam with this great **Aqua Flex** head cement. The color will stay on permanently. It will not wash off.

(#C3070) AquaFlex Head Cement (1 oz. bottle) **Price -- \$5.95**

Uni-Glo Fluorescent Body Material

*The item everyone has been asking about since the publication of **Trout Flies** to tie the Tear Drop Nymph.*

During Gary's scuba diving observations he played with fluorescence for nymph patterns. The result was a fly with a little bit of this unnatural aura, the Tear Drop Nymph, that caught trout in incredible numbers. You need the Uni-Glo vinyl material for the abdomen.

FL Green (#U250) FL Yellow (#U251) FL Pink (#U252)
FL Orange (#U253) FL White (#U254)

Price -- \$1.75 per spool

and now ~ all five color spools in one package

Price -- \$8.75 (#U274)

no rod is complete without ~~~~~the perfect fly line.

~~ for anyone who seems to be getting fussier all the time about his fly fishing equipment~~

It's not good enough anymore for a piece of equipment to just be suitable. This might be an offshoot of looking for "better" flies. Now that the patterns developed by Gary are catching the fish that should be caught (or so we believe), there's no excuse for the basic equipment messing up your chances.

We wanted the perfect line for dry fly and shallow nymph fishing. What's perfect? Line that doesn't scare the fish. And it has to present the fly accurately and delicately. Jim Teeny, the man who knows as much about designing fly lines as anyone around, asked Gary to develop a floating line with him. Gary's part was simple – all he had to do was describe exactly what he wanted in a fly line. Jim had the hard part – bringing Gary his designs to test out. The result of Gary and Jim's collaboration is a **Professional Series Line** (with Gary's name on it) from Teeny Nymph Co. for dry fly and nymph fishing.

The technology of line manufacture has advanced with computer applications. More precise tapers with greater consistency are standard.

1. It is not only olive colored but it also has a dull surface. It won't reflect light and send out those flashes that scare trout.
2. It is a precise Weight Forward taper. It turns over a leader (even a long one) as nice as can be; and yet it is so perfectly balanced that it doesn't hit the water hard like some weight forward designs. ~ It is the most accurate and precise line that we have ever used for dry fly and nymph presentation.

– high floating, delicate taper Weight Forward –
Free Fly Fishing Basics Instructional DVD Included

SIZE RANGE

2- weight (#236) 3- weight (#237) 4- weight (#238)
5- weight (#239) 6- weight (#240)

recommended for dry fly and nymph fishing

Price -- \$48.95 each

AND FOR THE VERY END OF YOUR TIPPET--

BT's Float-EZY

Simply the best fly floatant available. Like other floatants it floats the fly very well but it has two additional unique properties. It does not melt on a hot day and is still quite usable on a cool fall morning. Below 38 degrees it gets fairly stiff -- but then, so do we.

(#C3035) **Price -- \$3.95**

LaFontaine Private Label Fly Boxes

~ the Bristle-Tack Lifetime Fly Box ~

Enduring polymer construction outside with the revolutionary Bristle-Tack system inside. It's called the "Lifetime Box" because it will last. The Bristle-Tack material holds any regular wire hook from #20 to #4. It flicks away water, eliminating rusty hooks, holds barbless hooks firmly because it grabs the wire of the hook, not the barb. Bristle-Tack doesn't get torn up by hooks. The boxes are imprinted with *Gary LaFontaine Private Label Flies* in gold lettering and are a black-matte finish with a metal hinge system. Very elegant -- yet stealthy.

Most importantly -- flies come out as easily as they go in. Less fly handling means less chance of damaging delicate hackles and wings.

Small Box (2-3/4 x 4) -- (#3060) **\$13.00** **Medium Box** (3-3/4 x 5 1/2) -- (#3061) **\$16.00** **Large Box** (4 x 8) -- (#3062) **\$23.00**

Bristle-Tack Fly Vest Patch -- (#3065) **\$6.00** **Bristle-Tack Boat Patch** -- (#3066) **\$7.50**



LaFontaine Private Label Flies



Private Label Flies (the most fun fly offer ever)~

You tell us where -- you tell us when; order as many packs as you want (six or three per pack). We'll research your destination and choose the patterns and sizes from Gary's collection. (Let us know if you have a preference for wets, dries or if there are some patterns you already have stocked). Our database covers lesser known waters as well as the more familiar. Notes from Gary on how to use his pattern on your river is fun way to fish! If your destination is not in our database, we will hop on-line or peruse our warehouse library to match you up a hatch.

We're "spot on" about 80% of the time and close the rest of the time. And yes, Cyril the cat is still throwing darts at the fly board.

(#S244) **6 flies per pack** **Price -- \$11.00 ea.** (#T244) **3 flies per pack** **Price -- \$6.00 ea.**

If you're fly fishing with a group or partner, it's always fun to share . . . or tease.
A couple of days lead time is sometimes required for researching those lesser know waters.

We get email . . . I purchased the four piece 5 weight combo set and it has exceeded all of my expectations. It is my go to rod. First fish caught with the rod was a brown about 15 inches. I used a emergent sparkle pupa size 16 and a 5x tippet, fishing the tail waters of the Uncompadre in Colorado. Gary's flies are the greatest, I am always showing them to some body. I am not the greatest fly fisherman in the world -- but Gary's insight, techniques, and flies sure help.
-- Chuck Collins (CA)

The Stealth Rods are becoming legendary. As more of these beautiful fly casting creations reach the streams, and more fly fishermen see them, the word is spreading. These are great fly rods.

Casting? This is so far and away the best rod ever made for dry fly and shallow water nymphing that nothing compares to it (not just our opinion, but the opinion of those who already fish with one). The **Stealth** is a perfect taper made out of the finest graphite scrim in the world. Sweet action -- great for close, accurate casting and powerful enough to reach way out.

Cosmetics? This fly rod will not cost you fish on the stream or lake. It is beautifully finished, but it doesn't shine like a warning beacon when you're waving it around. The **Stealth** has a matte finish, black Fuji double-foot guides, and an anodized reel seat (ebony insert). It flexes beautifully all the way down into the butt and also has amazing casting power.

Grip is a Full Wells (except h-taper which is a double well) with a front taper -- handle has an unlocking reel seat.

Each rod comes with a spare tip -- this is our revolutionary way of protecting you.

Price includes the **Stealth** rod (with extra tip), cloth rod bag, and cordura rod case.

d-taper ~ This marvelous Stealth Rod is our standard d-taper modulus design. It flexes beautifully all the way down into the butt and also has amazing casting power. The "d" stands for "delicate".

p-taper ~ The p-taper 6-weight is as revolutionary in its way as our 4- and 5-weight d-taper series. The "p" stands for "power". This graphite scrim is a technological advance -- it makes a rod flex and store more energy in the casting stroke than any other rod available on the market. The way it bends, deep into the mid-section, makes it perfect not only for throwing a long line, but for casting weighted nymphs and streamers.

h-taper ~ The h-taper 3-piece rods cast just as beautifully and maybe even a little farther than the original p-taper. The main difference from the p-taper is in the butt. The h-taper has a powerful fighting butt on a thinner blank. The grip is a double well with an anodized aluminum reel seat. These modifications make an excellent light saltwater rod as well a freshwater rod.

2-piece Stealth Rods

the Stealth 2-490 d-taper series

4-weight -- 9 foot two-piece **Price -- \$405.00 (#R295)**

the Stealth 2-590 d-taper series

5-weight -- 9 foot two-piece **Price -- \$390.00 (#R296)**

the Stealth 2-690 p-taper series

6-weight -- 9 foot two-piece **Price -- \$475.00 (#R266)**

Ultimate Packages Available

with Pro Series Line and two Furled Leaders

-- call 1-800-874-4171 for price --

4-piece Stealth Rods

the Stealth 4-490 d-taper series

4-weight -- 9 foot four-piece **Price -- \$480.00 (#R289)**

the Stealth 4-590 d-taper series

5-weight -- 9 foot four-piece **Price -- \$480.00 (#R290)**

3-piece Stealth Rods

the Stealth 3-690 h-taper series

6-weight -- 9 foot three-piece **Price -- \$505.00 (#R373)**

the Stealth 3-890 h-taper series

8-weight -- 9 foot three-piece **Price -- \$550.00 (#R397)**

SHIPPING CHARGE: We used to offer free shipping until UPS started snapping our rods literally in half. We switched from a hard-sided box to plastic PVC drain pipe. Let's see them break one of those -- it's rod against machine! This did increase the packaging cost plus the shipping weight. So we now have to charge \$10 for insured shipping, but your rod does arrive in the number of pieces you ordered. -- please provide a street address.

DUCK BUTT DUN

by Paul Stimpson

Whenever I'm faced with trout selectively feeding on mayflies, my "go-to" fly is the ComparaDun, Sparkle Dun, or Duck Butt Dun. The only difference in these three flies is the tail. The ComparaDun features a split tail of hackle fibers or micro fibettes. This is a great imitation of a fully emerged dun. The Sparkle Dun is a modification of the ComparaDun with a tail of Zelon, the Sparkle Dun becomes a dun with a nymphal shuck. This imitates the emergent stage with great results. Often times, especially in clear water, the Zelon trailing shuck will reflect too much light and discourage selective trout. This is the number one reason for the Duck Butt Dun -- with a tail (nymphal shuck) of Cul-de Canard (CDC) it provides floatability and a more realistic imitation.

HOOK: Dry Fly

TAIL: Cul de Canard fibers

WING: Deer hair

BODY: Synthetic or Fur dubbing

TYING STEPS:

- Tie in tail -- strip some CDC from the stem -- don't attempt to align the fibers, it looks more realistic if they're uneven.
- Tie in deer hair wing 1/3 back from eye -- I like to use a course deer hair, white tail is my favorite. I use yearling elk when possible. Flare the hair 180 degrees around top of hook.
- Dub a tapered body from abdomen to thorax.
- Whip finish.

Don't forget our website! If you have an e-mail address be sure we include it in your account. We will have e-bulletins going out this summer as new books and products become available. We do not share these e-mail addresses -- they are for our use only. Our thoughts on SPAM likely match yours!

comments@greycliff.com

The Furled Leader Evolution— Just a few years ago **the Book Mailer** began offering furled leaders. We originally stocked five style and size combinations from a list of about 150 our supplier offers. Furled leaders have become a very popular item and customer demand resulted in this newly expanded selection (even more can be special ordered).

We take this to mean our customers like these leaders as much as we do. Given the results of this popularity, we have decided to expand our selection of in-house leaders. We are adding 8-foot and 10-foot leaders to the 9-foot leaders we have always offered. **(Tip: the listed leader length includes three feet of tippet. So if you purchase a nine foot leader, it will actually come out of the package a total of six feet in length. Now add your tippet!)**

~ Floating Furled Leaders ~

An ancient idea. Modern materials. Put them together and you have the finest leader for dry fly fishing and shallow water nymphing. The **Furled Leader** is absolutely the greatest design for transmitting power between the fly line and the tippet. It allows the angler to cast accurately and delicately with slack line presentations in all conditions at varying distances. **Furled Leaders** have been around since the 18th century, when they were made from horse hair. They are very different from braided leaders. The weaving process itself is different -- and as a result a **Furled Leader** is solid. There is no hollow center.

Furled Leaders are amazing. They're solid, don't spray water, transmit power and turn over the fly beautifully. Even in windy conditions.

Light Olive, made to disappear in water

3 times the life expectancy vs. tapered leaders

#2 Small- 8 ft. (#L116) 9 ft. (#L117) 10 ft. (#L118)
(for 2 wt. to 4 wt. rods; and for 5X to 8X tippets)

#3 Medium- 8 ft. (#L137) 9 ft. (#L138) 10 ft. (#L139)
(for 5 wt. to 7 wt. rods; and for 3X to 6X tippets)

#4 Heavy- 8 ft. (#L161) 9 ft. (#L162) 10 ft. (#L163)
(for 6 wt. to 8 wt. rods; and for 2X to 5X tippets)

Floating Furled Leaders -- \$12.00 each

~ Fast-Sinking Fluorocarbon Furled Leaders ~

These **Fast-Sinking Fluorocarbon Furled Leaders** are tremendous for deep water nymphing and streamer techniques. They kick air-resistant, weighted flies over wonderfully; and cut through the currents to carry those patterns deep.

But the greatest use for **Fast-Sinking Fluorocarbon Furled Leaders** is for stillwater fly fishing. In lakes these leaders sink straight, without a belly; and that is such an incredible advantage when it comes to setting the hook. Our **Fast-Sinking Fluorocarbon Furled Leaders** will increase your catch rate by 15 to 25 percent in stillwaters simply because you will set the hook so much quicker.

clear (made to disappear in water)

#3 Medium- (for 5 wt. to 7 wt. rods; and for 3X to 6X tippets)
8 ft. (#L412) 9 ft. (#L413) 10 ft. (#L454)

#4 Heavy- ((for 6 wt. to 8 wt. rods; and for 2X to 5X tippets)
8 ft. (#L416) 9 ft. (#L417) 10 ft. (#L418)

Fast-Sinking Fluorocarbon Furled Leaders -- \$15.00 each

METAL RING OPTION

minimizes loop closing at the tippet connection

Tiny but Strong (light enough for a floating leader)

20-30 pound break-strength - brass inside, dull-nickel finish outside

ONLY 60¢ EXTRA

- AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL ORDER -

~ Fluorocarbon Uniform Sink Leaders ~

We explained why we liked the floating furled leader and the full sink leader allows us to fish different levels of the water column. The best way to describe how the *uniform sinking leader* fishes is to picture using it on a lake with a floating line. When it is cast out it fishes at a 45 degree angle from the end of the floating line. It does the same thing in rivers but is harder to envision because of the effect of moving water. The **Uniform Sinking Leader** is a great nymph leader and pulls streamer patterns down those few extra inches that make all the difference.

The enjoyment of being able to fish at different levels of the water column and not having to worry about the difficulty of casting a sink tip fly line, (which seldom goes where you want it to go in the first place) is a big bonus. Casting furled leaders puts a smile on your face and makes your day of fishing far more productive as well as enjoyable!

clear (made to disappear in water)

3 Medium- 8 ft. (#L436) 9 ft. (#L437) 10 ft. (#L453)
(for 5 wt. to 7 wt. rods; and for 3X to 6X tippets)

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(for 6 wt. to 8 wt. rods; and for 2X to 5X tippets)

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Basic Fly Tying with Marvin Nolte - DVD

I do not tie, after all I have an entire inventory of great flies to pick and choose from. (Lucky me! This is great shopping). Just one of the perks of the job. But if I keep taking these new DVD's home for critiquing, I just might find myself at a vise~

This is a two-disc set. The pattern selection is excellent for a new angler (very usable patterns) and the sections about tying techniques are fantastic. Even though I wasn't at a vise, I found my fingers going through the motions. Stopping and starting so I could get the finger or tool action right. Most of you may too advanced for this DVD, but if you know someone newer to tying, this is a great resource in an excellent format which will turn out some of the best fish catchers we toss.

(seven patterns--**Woolly Bugger, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis**, and more)

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Cathy/Marcy,

The photos are from a trip to the Soque river in northern Georgia that I made in early December - - - a nice rainbow here - caught about two dozen around this size over two days, some even larger - the other photo is of me fighting this fish on my 37 year-old superfine 6' 6" 6 wt. bamboo rod - used this rod all that day and it was a real kick on these large fish.

Caught most of the fish on the Sparkling Hare's Ear, Diving Blue-Winged Olive Egg-Layer and Pheasant Tail Twist Nymph in 16 and smaller sizes. Used my 6 wt. Stealth rod for one of the days and it was a real pleasure in casting and handled these large fish very nicely.

--Bill Brown (MS)

Bill's photos are posted on the website, www.thebookmailer.com

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It's here, our favorite time of the year. The summer stretches ahead and our fishing season is anticipated with endless possibilities and opportunities. We have tied up our patterns, evaluated last years experiences, and done some reading over the winter. What can stop us now? Nothing, or just life in general. But we suspect you will find a balance that fits.

We've put together some of the summer caddis hatches you will see -- and have added the Caddis Selections (p.9). We tried to find the colors and the sizes most commonly used. The Caddis patterns was the starting point -- will look to the Mayflies in future issues. And let's not forget Dave Hughes' little pearls of wisdom (p.2). You never know exactly what that fish is thinking. Don't miss Paul Stimpson's tying recipe for his "go-to" fly when trout are feeding selectively (p.17).

I stopped outside of Ennis early this spring and spent a couple hours on the Madison. I have yet to catch a fish on that river, but then we all have our goals over the summer. It was a beautiful day with snow still capping the mountains and the sun on my back. I had a few good bites, I think I need to practice. This is our last **Book Mailer** until the fall. We will be working the website over the course of the summer and if anything comes up we think you might be interested in, you'll hear from us. But for the most part, we really hope you have an excellent season with lot's of grand daddies, peaceful water, and good friends. We are here for whatever you need -- tightest of lines to you all.

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|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| LARVA
Free Living Caddis
Cased Caddis | PUPA
Emergent Sparkle Pupa
Deep Sparkle Pupa
Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa | ADULT DRY
Dancing Caddis
EZ2C Caddis | ADULT WET
Diving Caddis |
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MID-WEST REGION

- Spotted Sedge** - emergence May to August.
 olive/brown Free Living Caddis, #6-16; brown/yellow Deep Sparkle or Emergent Pupa, both #8-14;
 brown/yellow Dancing Caddis #10-14 or brown/yellow Diving Caddis (adult dry and wet), both #10-16.
- Long Horn Sedge** - emergence July and August
 light Cased Caddis; #10-14, brown Deep Sparkle Pupa or Emergent Sparkle pupa; #12-16, ginger Dancing and Diving Caddis #12-16
- Summer Flies Sedge** - emergence is early-May thru early-August.
 dark Cased Caddis, #2-7; ginger Pupa's, #4-10; ginger Adults, #4-10.

MID-SOUTH REGION

- Little Sister Sedge** - emergence from June to August.
 bright green Free Living Caddis, #6-16; brown/green Pupa's, #10-18; brown/green Dancing or EZ2C Caddis, #10-16;
 brown/green Diving Caddis, #14-20.
- Spotted Sedge** - emergence is July thru September.
 olive/brown Free Living Caddis, #6-12; brown/yellow Pupa's, #8-14; brown/yellow Adult's, dry #10-16 and wet #8-16.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

- Little Sister Sedge** - emergence late-June thru early-August.
 olive/brown Free Living Caddis, #12-16; brown/green Pupa's, #14-20, brown/green Adult's (dry) #14-16.
 Adult (wet) brown/bright green Diving Caddis, #14-20
- Green Sedge** - emergence is July & August.
 bright green Free Living Caddis, #6-16; brown/green Pupa's, #10-18 and Adults, both #10-16.
- Spotted Sedge** - emergence is late-June through out the summer.
 olive/brown Free Living Caddis, #6-12; brown/yellow Pupa, #8-14; brown/yellow Adult, #10-16.

Don't forget about the Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa, same color variations and sizes, but the bead will get you fishing just a bit deeper~

These are just some of the more common hatches occurring in the designated areas around the United States, for further detail and more specific information, spend some time with **Caddisflies** (p. 12) and now back to reality and all those flies hanging out in our warehouse--

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| Air Head | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brown -- | size 10 | (#S1002) | (#T1002) |
| | 12 | (#S1003) | (#T1003) |
| | 14 | (#S1506) | (#T1506) |
| | 16 | (#S1550) | (#T1550) |
| Olive -- | size 10 | (#S1005) | (#T1005) |
| | 12 | (#S1006) | (#T1006) |
| | 14 | (#S1519) | (#T1519) |
| | 16 | (#S1518) | (#T1518) |
| Yellow -- | size 10 | (#S1008) | (#T1008) |
| | 12 | (#S1009) | (#T1009) |
| | 14 | (#S1488) | (#T1488) |
| | 16 | (#S1520) | (#T1520) |

~ the wildest dry fly attractor in underwater testing; it is a "pulling" fly with its spikes and head of closed-cell packing foam that diffuses light. Sizes 14 and 16 in Olive and Yellow match the Little Yellow Stone and Little Olive Stone of western rivers during mid- and late-summer months. (p. 139 of **Trout Flies**)

| Beadhead Marabou Worm | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Natural Gray -- | size 14 | (#S1617) | (#T1617) |
| Olive -- | 14 | (#S1618) | (#T1618) |
| Red -- | 14 | (#S1619) | (#T1619) |

~ cast upstream and fish dead drift in the current. That "somersault" motion is a triggering action, a movement that makes a trout reflexively pounce on the fly. The **Beadhead Marabou Worm** works best during the warmer months, when fish metabolism is in high gear. That's when this pattern can create a feeding frenzy. Also works great as the bottom fly in a two-nymph rig. (a variation of the standard Marabou Worm on p. 85 of **Trout Flies**)

| Blackfly Larva | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Olive/Black -- | size 18 | (#S1014) | (#T1014) |

~ trout in the Northeastern rivers gorge on the aquatic larvae of these biting flies. This was Gary's #1 nymph for Maine, upstate New York, and Canada during May and June. Use the **White Marker** (p. 15) with this fly. (p. 42 of **Trout Flies**)

| Cased Caddis Larva | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dark -- | size 12 | (#S1022) | (#T1022) |
| | 14 | (#S1556) | (#T1556) |

~ case-making caddisflies drift free in the current during the day, not during the night like other larval and nymphal forms. This fly imitates a very important food item. (p. 45 of **Trout Flies**)

| Clear Wing Spinner | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Black -- | size 18 | (#S1026) | (#T1026) |
| | 20 | (#S1025) | (#T1025) |
| | 22 | (#S1027) | (#T1027) |
| Olive -- | size 14 | (#S1036) | (#T1036) |
| | 16 | (#S1037) | (#T1037) |
| | 18 | (#S1038) | (#T1038) |
| | 20 | (#S1039) | (#T1039) |
| Rusty --
(red/brown) | size 12 | (#S1040) | (#T1040) |
| | 14 | (#S1041) | (#T1041) |
| | 16 | (#S1042) | (#T1042) |
| | 18 | (#S1043) | (#T1043) |

<< **Clear Wing Spinner** continued >>

~ the Clear Wing Spinner, with wings of clear Antron, was the first fly to use a "clear" material to match the wings of a spent mayfly spinner. The wings of the natural aren't only clear -- they are pleated and when they're flat on the water they gather air bubbles underneath. So does the Antron.

Added bonus: you can see this fly from 30 feet away because of the brightness of the wings (making it invaluable for the small imitations of the Trico, for example). (p. 147 of **Trout Flies**)

| Cricket | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Black -- | size 10 | (#S1558) | (#T1558) |
| | 12 | (#S1057) | (#T1057) |
| | 14 | (#S1058) | (#T1058) |

~ from late dusk on into dark this is a killing fly; and not surprisingly it is also really effective at dawn. Do fish eat that many crickets? Or do they just like black? The pattern works. Fish this tandem with a bright fly as an indicator. (p. 151 of **Trout Flies**)

| Cone | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Chocolate -- | size 10 | (#S1044) | (#T1044) |
| | 12 | (#S1045) | (#T1045) |
| Pistachio -- | size 12 | (#S1048) | (#T1048) |
| | 14 | (#S3050) | (#T3050) |

~ the best imitation of larger species of emerging mayflies. What the #12 Chocolate does on the Brown Drake hatch in the Midwest and West is awesome, for example. (p. 109 of **Trout Flies**)

| Dancing Caddis | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bright Green -- | size 12 | (#S1060) | (#T1060) |
| | 14 | (#S1521) | (#T1521) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1722) | (#T1722) |
| | 14 | (#S1723) | (#T1723) |
| Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1062) | (#T1062) |
| | 14 | (#S1522) | (#T1522) |
| Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1064) | (#T1064) |
| | 14 | (#S1523) | (#T1523) |
| Russet -- | size 12 | (#S1066) | (#T1066) |
| | 14 | (#S1524) | (#T1524) |

~ tied so that the hook point rides up. This means that the fly looks "right" when fished dead drift or with a twitch. On tough, flat water streams this is my caddis dry fly imitation.

The Dancing Caddis is earning a splendid reputation on lakes, too. Ever notice how stillwater caddisflies "run" across the surface after emerging. This fly skates beautifully, leaving the same "V" wake on the water. **Tip:** grease the whole leader. We also have the original **Swedish Dry Fly Hook** for this pattern (p. 14). (p. 154 of **Trout Flies**)

| Deep Sparkle Pupa | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brown/
Bright Green -- | size 12 | (#S1068) | (#T1068) |
| | 14 | (#S1069) | (#T1069) |
| | 16 | (#S1070) | (#T1070) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | 18 | (#S1071) | (#T1071) |
| | size 12 | (#S1073) | (#T1073) |
| | 14 | (#S1074) | (#T1074) |
| | 16 | (#S1075) | (#T1075) |
| | 18 | (#S1076) | (#T1076) |

<< **Clear Wing Spinner** continued next column >>

<< **Deep Sparkle Pupa** continued next page >>

<< *Deep Sparkle Pupa continued* >>

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dark Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1078) | (#T1078) |
| | 14 | (#S1079) | (#T1079) |
| | 16 | (#S1080) | (#T1080) |
| | 18 | (#S1081) | (#T1081) |
| Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1083) | (#T1083) |
| | 14 | (#S1084) | (#T1084) |
| | 16 | (#S1085) | (#T1085) |
| | 18 | (#S1086) | (#T1086) |

~ this is the fly (along with the Emergent Sparkle Pupa) that started the Antron revolution -- and it's still the best caddis pupa imitation. Fish it dead drift (weight on the leader) two or three hours before the start of the actual emergence. Or, when trout start slashing the surface sporadically, swing it across a flat. (p. 112 of **Trout Flies**)

| Deer Hair Wooly | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Natural Gray -- | size 10 | (#S1089) | (#T1089) |
| | 12 | (#S1090) | (#T1090) |
| | 14 | (#S1091) | (#T1091) |
| | 16 | (#S1092) | (#T1092) |

~ the ultimate, all-around terrestrial searching dry fly. It has become the secret weapon of a lot of fly fishermen since it appeared in the **Dry Fly -- New Angles**. (p. 161 of **Trout Flies**)

Diving Blue-Winged Olive Egg-Layer

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|----------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Olive -- | size 16 | (#S1093) | (#T1093) |
| | 18 | (#S1094) | (#T1094) |

~ the Blue-Winged Olive (*Baetis* sp.) mayfly lays its eggs underwater. This is the first pattern devised and tested to mimic that behavior -- this is a sinking fly with a post of clear Antron and an olive body that matches the underwater female perfectly.

The amazing thing about this activity is that not only the females but also the males go underwater during the egg-laying. Imagine that -- this is like a double spinner fall. With any other mayfly only the females land on the surface, but here both females and males are available to the trout. What a bonanza! (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals Video, Vol. I**)

| Diving Caddis | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brown/
Bright Green -- | size 12 | (#S1096) | (#T1096) |
| | 14 | (#S1097) | (#T1097) |
| | 16 | (#S1098) | (#T1098) |
| | 18 | (#S1099) | (#T1099) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1102) | (#T1102) |
| | 14 | (#S1103) | (#T1103) |
| | 16 | (#S1104) | (#T1104) |
| | 18 | (#S1105) | (#T1105) |
| Dark Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1107) | (#T1107) |
| | 14 | (#S1108) | (#T1108) |
| | 16 | (#S1109) | (#T1109) |
| | 18 | (#S1110) | (#T1110) |
| Light Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1112) | (#T1112) |
| | 14 | (#S1113) | (#T1113) |
| | 16 | (#S1114) | (#T1114) |
| | 18 | (#S1115) | (#T1115) |

<< *Diving Caddis continued* >>

~ in a recent survey of commercial fly sales only one winged wet fly pattern (the forgotten fly style) ranked in the top 20 -- it was this wonderful, imitative pattern. A 30-fish evening on the Roaring Fork (CO); a 20-fish evening on the Clinch (TN); more fish than Gary could count on the Muskegon (MI) one evening. Gary considered this an indispensable pattern in his fly box. (p. 32 of **Trout Flies**)

| Double Wing | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1131) | (#T1131) |
| | 14 | (#S1132) | (#T1132) |
| | 16 | (#S1133) | (#T1133) |
| Lime -- | size 12 | (#S1137) | (#T1137) |
| | 14 | (#S1138) | (#T1138) |
| | 16 | (#S1139) | (#T1139) |
| Orange -- | size 12 | (#S1143) | (#T1143) |
| | 14 | (#S1144) | (#T1144) |
| | 16 | (#S1145) | (#T1145) |
| Pink Lady -- | size 12 | (#S1149) | (#T1149) |
| | 14 | (#S1150) | (#T1150) |
| | 16 | (#S1151) | (#T1151) |
| Royal -- | size 12 | (#S1155) | (#T1155) |
| | 14 | (#S1156) | (#T1156) |
| | 16 | (#S1157) | (#T1157) |
| Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1167) | (#T1167) |
| | 14 | (#S1168) | (#T1168) |
| | 16 | (#S1169) | (#T1169) |

~ the Theory of Attraction was one of the center points of **The Dry Fly -- New Angles**. The Double Wing series of dry flies is designed to work with that theory.

We have six important color variations: Gray = overcast days; Lime = afternoon; Orange = dusk; Pink Lady = early morning; Royal = brightest sun with glare on water; Yellow = midday. (p. 168 of **Trout Flies**)

| Drowned Trico | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Natural Black -- | size 18 | (#S1640) | (#T1640) |
| | 20 | (#S1641) | (#T1641) |
| | 22 | (#S1642) | (#T1642) |

~ such a spectacular and obvious need for this imitation. The Drowned Trico, developed by Justin Baker, imitates all of those spinners that get sucked underwater. You'll catch fish after fish on this pattern. Just fish it dead drift through areas where trout are working the surface. (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals Video, Vol. III**)

| Duck Butt Dun | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Slate/Olive --
(BWO) | size 16 | (#S1216) | (#T1216) |
| | 18 | (#S1217) | (#T1217) |
| Pale Gray/Yellowish-Olive (PMD) -- | size 16 | (#S1213) | (#T1213) |
| | 18 | (#S1214) | (#T1214) |

~ this is a Comparadun with a shuck of Cul de Canard fibers. It is a variation designed for the fussiest fish. The Pale Gray/Yellowish Olive is for the western Pale Morning Dun; the Slate/Olive is for the Blue-Winged Olive (which hatches in trout streams across the country). (p. 173 of **Trout Flies**)

Emergent Sparkle Pupa 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Brown/ | size 12 | (#S1219) | (#T1219) |
| Bright Green -- | 14 | (#S1220) | (#T1220) |
| | 16 | (#S1221) | (#T1221) |
| | 18 | (#S1222) | (#T1222) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1225) | (#T1225) |
| | 14 | (#S1226) | (#T1226) |
| | 16 | (#S1227) | (#T1227) |
| Dark Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1230) | (#T1230) |
| | 14 | (#S1231) | (#T1231) |
| | 16 | (#S1232) | (#T1232) |
| | 18 | (#S1233) | (#T1233) |
| Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1235) | (#T1235) |
| | 14 | (#S1236) | (#T1236) |
| | 16 | (#S1237) | (#T1237) |
| | 18 | (#S1238) | (#T1238) |

~ this was always Gary's #1 fish-catcher ever since it was invented. It tickled him the way it becomes the all-encompassing answer on certain rivers, such as the Gunpowder (MD) or the Sacramento (CA), and when he went there, anglers would show him their boxes stuffed with ESP's in a wide range of colors and sizes. (p. 116 of **Trout Flies**)

Enchanted Prince 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Peacock -- | size 10 | (#1680) | (#T1680) |
| | 12 | (#1681) | (#T1681) |
| | 14 | (#1682) | (#T1682) |
| | 16 | (#1683) | (#T1683) |

~ this variation of the Prince Nymph was developed and tested by one of our research team, the great Utah tyer, Paul Stimpson. He demonstrates how to tie it on Volume II of the LaFontaine Originals videos. He shows how the Double Magic technique adds an aura of orange Antron around the peacock body -- and makes the classic original into a new super nymph. (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals Video, Vol II**)

EZ2C Caddis 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Brown/ | size 12 | (#S1577) | (#T1577) |
| Bright Green -- | 14 | (#S1578) | (#T1578) |
| | 16 | (#S1576) | (#T1576) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1581) | (#T1581) |
| | 14 | (#S1565) | (#T1565) |
| | 16 | (#S1582) | (#T1582) |
| Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1583) | (#T1583) |
| | 14 | (#S1584) | (#T1584) |
| | 16 | (#S1585) | (#T1585) |
| Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1586) | (#T1586) |
| | 14 | (#S1587) | (#T1587) |
| | 16 | (#S1588) | (#T1588) |

~ ever notice how caddisflies love low light situations? We felt as if the most effective dry fly was always going to be one that you could see. The top wing is yellow and it stands up slightly to present a visible silhouette. And by the way, this is a great fish catcher. If you tie your own, vary the wing color to find out what works the best for your area. (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals Video, Vol. I**)

EZ2C Mayfly 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Blue Wing | size 16 | (#S1698) | (#T1698) |
| Olive -- | 18 | (#S1699) | (#T1699) |

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| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Callibaetis -- | size 12 | (#S1815) | (#T1815) |
| | 14 | (#S1816) | (#T1816) |
| | 16 | (#S1817) | (#T1817) |
| Gray Drake -- | size 10 | (#S1818) | (#T1818) |
| | 12 | (#S1819) | (#T1819) |
| Light Cahill -- | size 12 | (#S1820) | (#T1820) |
| | 14 | (#S1821) | (#T1821) |
| Pale Morning | size 16 | (#S1822) | (#T1822) |
| Dun -- | 18 | (#S1823) | (#T1823) |

~ the wings cant out at a 45-degree angle over the hook eye so they enter the vision window of the fish first, the way a triggering characteristic should. Guaranteed to increase the number of strikes. (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals Video, Vol. IV**)

Floating Damsel Nymph 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Olive -- | size 10 | (#S1259) | (#T1259) |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|

~ this is not a dry fly. Read about the "Yo-Yo Method" in **Trout Flies**. This is one of the best ways to efficiently cover a lake. The **Floating Damsel** is fished with hard, long strips. (p. 66 of **Trout Flies**)

Foam Ant 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Black -- | size 16 | (#S1274) | (#T1274) |
| | 18 | (#S1275) | (#T1275) |
| Red -- | size 18 | (#S1280) | (#T1280) |
| | 20 | (#S1554) | (#T1554) |

~ this was Gary's favorite imitation for high-mountain lakes. The translucent foam lets light radiate around the body segments, perfectly matching the natural insect. A great pattern for flat water in streams, also. *Eric Peper turned us on to this -- the #20 Red Foam Ant is a killer on the San Juan in NM.* (p. 197 of **Trout Flies**)

Foam Beetle 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Green -- | size 14 | (#S1281) | (#T1281) |
| | 16 | (#S1282) | (#T1282) |
| Black-- | size 14 | (#S1824) | (#T1824) |
| | 16 | (#S1825) | (#T1825) |

~ this is mainly a lake pattern (where it seems to work spectacularly). Especially on high-mountain lakes terrestrials make up 70% or more of the summer diet of trout and the fish are always hunting for beetles. Foam is green or black on the bottom -- white on top for high visibility. (p. 200 of **Trout Flies**)

Free-Living Caddis Larva 6-pack \$11 3-pack \$6

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Bright Green -- | size 14 | (#S1285) | (#T1285) |
| | 16 | (#S1286) | (#T1286) |
| Olive Brown -- | size 14 | (#S1289) | (#T1289) |
| | 16 | (#S1290) | (#T1290) |

~ imitates all of the caddisfly larvae that don't build cases prior to pupation. These larvae include the free-ranging hunters (Green Sedge - use Bright Green) and the super abundant net-makers (Spotted Sedge - use Olive Brown).

Gary used this pattern with the **White Marker** (p. 15) trick all the time -- as a searching combination this is a good one. (p. 71 of **Trout Flies**)

Gold Bead Deep Sparkle Pupa

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Brown/ | size 12 | (#S1189) | (#T1189) |
| Bright Green -- | 14 | (#S1190) | (#T1190) |
| | 16 | (#S1191) | (#T1191) |
| Brown/Yellow -- | size 12 | (#S1194) | (#T1194) |
| | 14 | (#S1195) | (#T1195) |
| | 16 | (#S1196) | (#T1196) |
| Dark Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1198) | (#T1198) |
| | 14 | (#S1199) | (#T1199) |
| | 16 | (#S1200) | (#T1200) |
| Ginger -- | size 12 | (#S1202) | (#T1202) |
| | 14 | (#S1203) | (#T1203) |
| | 16 | (#S1204) | (#T1204) |

~ the weight of the bead adds another dimension to this fly. The bead sinks the fly, of course, but it also gives it a "jigging" motion as it bounces along the bottom. Carry both variations, regular and bead head, in your box for versatility in presentation. (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals video, Vol. VI**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Gray Coughlin | | | |
| Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1297) | (#T1297) |
| | 14 | (#S1298) | (#T1298) |
| | 16 | (#S1299) | (#T1299) |

~ it's afternoon and the light is starting to get soft. This is the time to start drifting the Gray Coughlin on the riffles and runs. This is such a fine, consistent searching dry fly. It works because it looks so generally buggy. The quill fibers will separate after a few casts. That's okay, they'll still catch fish. (p. 211 of **Trout Flies**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Halo Mayfly Emerger | | | |
| Brown -- | size 14 | (#S1305) | (#T1305) |
| | 16 | (#S1306) | (#T1306) |
| | 18 | (#S1307) | (#T1307) |
| Cream -- | size 14 | (#S1309) | (#T1309) |
| | 16 | (#S1310) | (#T1310) |
| | 18 | (#S1311) | (#T1311) |
| Olive -- | size 14 | (#S1313) | (#T1313) |
| | 16 | (#S1314) | (#T1314) |
| | 18 | (\$#S1315) | (#T1315) |

~ this is a revolutionary pattern, a mayfly emerger that recognizes the "halo" that forms over the thorax as the back of the hatching nymph splits and flares out. Trout key on this bright aura. The best way to fish the **Halo Mayfly Emerger** is to double rig under a Mohawk as a an indicator pattern. (p. 122 of **Trout Flies**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Halo Midge Emerger | | | |
| Black -- | size 16 | (#S1316) | (#T1316) |
| | 18 | (#S1317) | (#T1317) |
| | 20 | (#S1318) | (#T1318) |
| Olive -- | size 18 | (#S1541) | (#T1541) |
| | 20 | (#S1542) | (#T1542) |
| Red -- | size 18 | (#S1539) | (#T1539) |
| | 20 | (#S1540) | (#T1540) |

~ this is an indispensable imitation for lakes, tailwaters, spring creeks, and for winter fishing on rivers. Use the #20 Black Halo Midge Emerger on the Green River at the put-in right below the dam where trout are always sipping natural pupae. See the **Halo Mayfly Emerger** for Mohawk fishing tip. (p. 128 of **Trout Flies**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Improved Buzz Ball | | | |
| Orange/Grizzly -- | size 14 | (\$#S1570) | (#T1570) |

~ one fall day on a mountain lake Gary watched trout continually bust clumped balls of mating midges, all the time ignoring single insects on the water. The Improved Buzz Ball brought those cut-throat charging from many yards away.

Veteran Missouri River guide, Trapper Badovinac, loves this fly. (p. 144 of **Trout Flies** -- this Improved Version has a "half wing" of clear Antron for better visibility)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Lady Heather | | | |
| Gray/Cream -- | size 14 | (#S1334) | (#T1334) |
| | 16 | (#S1335) | (#T1335) |

~ great for overcast days. This was a fly tested and developed by on-stream days of flogging. Gary spent so many days in the rain that he ended up with a nearly terminal case of mildew. Effective fly, but it is the one that drove Gary to scuba diving. (p. 216 of **Trout Flies**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| Mess | | | |
| Cream -- | size 8 | (#S1512) | (#T1512) |
| | 10 | (#S1513) | (#T1513) |
| | 12 | (#S1514) | (#T1514) |
| Dark Gray/Brown -- | size 8 | (#S1489) | (#T1489) |
| | 10 | (#S1490) | (#T1490) |
| | 12 | (#S1491) | (#T1491) |
| Light Gray/Olive -- | size 8 | (#S1492) | (#T1492) |
| | 10 | (#S1493) | (#T1493) |
| | 12 | (#S1494) | (#T1494) |
| Slate/Olive -- | size 8 | (#S1510) | (#T1510) |
| | 10 | (#S1511) | (#T1511) |
| | 12 | (#S1498) | (#T1498) |

~ the Mess is designed for matching the dun stage of larger mayfly species. It is truly miraculous at fooling trout that become selective on heavy hatches of duns.

We had to add the Cream Mess after amazing fishing during the Yellow Drake (*Potamanthus distinctus*) hatch on the main Delaware in July. (p. 220 of **Trout Flies**)

| | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Missouri River Sow Bug | | | |
| Gray -- | size 14 | (#S1623) | (#T1623) |
| | 16 | (#S1624) | (#T1624) |

~ the totally unique imitation of one of the most important crustaceans in spring creeks and tailwaters. This fly, developed by one of Gary's team, Tony Perpignano, is dubbed with gray muskrat, and weighted carefully along one side of the hook shank so that it wobbles as it drifts in the current. So tantalizing! (see it tied in **LaFontaine Originals video, Vol. IV**)

Headline in today's newspaper:

Montana Officials Worry that Bad News
Might Scare off Tourists this Summer

the new State Motto: At least our cows are sane
(actually, we've had Mad Cows for years, but it's
only a Woman of Ranching social group).

| Mohawk | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Gray -- | size 14 | (#S1366) | (#T1366) |
| | 16 | (#S1367) | (#T1367) |
| Green -- | size 14 | (#S1370) | (#T1370) |
| | 16 | (#S1371) | (#T1371) |
| Orange -- | size 14 | (#S1374) | (#T1374) |
| | 16 | (#S1375) | (#T1375) |

~ colored deer hair covers the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank; the front 1/3rd is always white. It's that white section that makes this pattern such a visible fly. The Mohawk often outperforms the trailing nymph or emerger. (p. 225 of **Trout Flies**)

| Natural Drift Stonefly Nymph | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Black -- | size 6 | (#S1380) | (#T1380) |
| | 8 | (#S1381) | (#T1381) |
| | 10 | (#S1377) | (#T1377) |
| Golden -- | size 6 | (#S1388) | (#T1388) |
| | 8 | (#S1389) | (#T1389) |
| | 10 | (#S1386) | (#T1386) |

~ still the finest stonefly nymph there is for matching the emerging insects crawling into the shallows. Fish it right next to the banks.

In Gary's first appearance in *Fly Fisherman Magazine*, in his "Primer of Entomology" column in the early 1970's, this was the featured pattern. It gained a following then, and many of those fly fishermen still write about their successes with the Natural Drift Stonefly Nymph. (p. 91 of **Trout Flies**)

| Rollover Scud | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Olive -- | size 12 | (#S1406) | (#T1406) |
| | 14 | (#S1407) | (#T1407) |
| | 16 | (#S1408) | (#T1408) |
| | 18 | (#S1544) | (#T1544) |
| Orange -- | size 12 | (#S1409) | (#T1409) |
| | 14 | (#S1410) | (#T1410) |
| | 16 | (#S1411) | (#T1411) |
| | 18 | (#S1545) | (#T1545) |
| Pink -- | size 12 | (#S1535) | (#T1535) |
| | 14 | (#S1536) | (#T1536) |
| | 16 | (#S1537) | (#T1537) |
| | 18 | (#S1546) | (#T1546) |

~ we have been getting so many requests for this scud imitation for rivers -- and this is a surprise because this is a fine stillwater pattern. Apparently, the off-centered weighting on this fly makes it dance tantalizingly on the dead drift in moving water.

A hot pattern for the Big Horn (pink), Green River (olive), and White River (orange). And a #12 Olive racked up an incredible day on the Box Canyon on the Henry's Fork. (p. 94 of **Trout Flies**)

| Shroud | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Gray & Red -- | size 12 | (#S1413) | (#T1413) |
| | 14 | (#S1414) | (#T1414) |
| | 16 | (#S1534) | (#T1534) |

~ think "dry fly Woolly Worm." This is the pattern that proved how incredible marabou is as a tailing material for a dry fly (no, the marabou doesn't sink it). This has been our hottest stillwater pattern since rave articles in U.K. trout magazines. The red marabou tail slithers with every twitch. It's guaranteed to be the most effective fly available when *Callibaetis* mayflies are on the water. (p. 231 of **Trout Flies**)

| Sparkling Hare's Ear | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Natural Hare's Ear -- | size 12 | (#S1636) | (#T1636) |
| | 14 | (#S1620) | (#T1620) |
| | 16 | (#S1622) | (#T1622) |

~ the question is simple -- if you mix Antron with any dubbing, do you make a better fly? The Sparkling Hare's Ear has a body of 50% Antron and 50% hare's ear. In our underwater testing this pattern pulls trout farther than the standard Hare's Ear pattern. Unlike the unnatural brightness of metallic tinsel, the natural brightness of Antron never seems to frighten or repel fish. There is magic in this material -- and the Sparkling Hare's Ear is a magical fly. (p. 51 of **Trout Flies**)

| Spruce Moth | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Cream -- | size 12 | (#S1422) | (#T1422) |

~ the Spruce Moth, always abundant around pine-forested trout streams, is a strange terrestrial. It lands on the water, but once its wings get wet it can't fly away. Trout gorge on them. Indispensable on the Gallatin River and Rock Creek in MT. (p. 240 of **Trout Flies**)

Twist Nymph

| Ostrich (with bead head) -- | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Gray -- | size 12 | (#S1601) | (#T1601) |
| | 14 | (#S1602) | (#T1602) |
| | 16 | (#S1603) | (#T1603) |
| Brown -- | size 12 | (#S1605) | (#T1605) |
| | 14 | (#S1606) | (#T1606) |
| | 16 | (#S1607) | (#T1607) |
| Olive -- | size 12 | (#S1609) | (#T1609) |
| | 14 | (#S1610) | (#T1610) |
| | 16 | (#S1611) | (#T1611) |

| Peacock (with bead head) -- | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|------------------------------------|----|--------------------|-------------------|
| size 10 | | (#S1454) | (#T1454) |
| | 12 | (#S1455) | (#T1455) |
| | 14 | (#S1456) | (#T1456) |
| | 16 | (#S1457) | (#T1457) |

| Pheasant Tail (no bead) -- | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------|-------------------|
| size 14 | | (#S1547) | (#T1547) |
| | 16 | (#S1459) | (#T1459) |
| | 18 | (#S1460) | (#T1460) |
| | 20 | (#S1548) | (#T1548) |
| | 22 | (#S1461) | (#T1461) |

~ the Twist Nymph series features the Double Magic tying technique. This new technique blends a material such as peacock or pheasant tail with Antron. The method puts an aura of Antron fibers around the body, and that aura mimics the translucency and brightness of the edges of a mayfly nymph.

•• hold these amazing patterns up to the light ••

(the Twist Nymph patterns are listed on p. 104 of **Trout Flies** as variations in testing -- indeed, they tested well.)

| Variegated Midge Larva | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Olive/Red/Clear Antron | size 18 | (#S1569) | (#T1569) |
| | 20 | (#S1566) | (#T1566) |
| | 22 | (#S1595) | (#T1595) |
| | 24 | (#S1598) | (#T1598) |
| | 26 | (#S1599) | (#T1599) |

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<< *Variegated Midge Larve continued* >>

~ our Book Mailer customers are the finest fly fishermen in the world. The Variegated Midge Larva is a great stillwater fly, especially a high mountain lake fly, but readers started using it on tailwaters and spring creeks with tremendous results, outfishing all other midge larvae imitations. It's the flash of the clear Antron -- pure magic! / Hot fly on the Green, UT. (p. 133 of **Fly Fishing the Mountain Lakes**)

| Were Wulff | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brown & White -- | size 10 | (#S1463) | (#T1463) |
| | 12 | (#S1464) | (#T1464) |
| | 14 | (#S1465) | (#T1465) |
| | 16 | \$(#S1466) | (#T1466) |

~ a color variation of the Wulff design. It has a hare's ear body, a mixed brown/grizzly hackle, and white calf tail wings. It was created specifically to match the western Brown Drake (none of the other Wulff patterns do), but it proved to be such a good, all-around fly on the Big Hole and other rivers that it became very popular for everyday drift boat fishing. (p. 244 of **Trout Flies**)

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~ **FANCY FLIES** ~

These are the more complicated, larger patterns. We put four flies in a package instead of 1/2 dozen. The price is still \$11.00 per package (and the price is a bargain for such fancy flies).

| Creature | | 4-pack \$11 |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| Gray -- | size 6 | (#F1055) |
| | 8 | (#F1056) |
| | 10 | (#F1507) |

-- the ultimate swimming "mouse-shrew-baby muskrat" doll. It is a furry little clump that undulates in the water on the retrieve. ~ Not only for trout; great for bass and pike. (p. 11 of **Trout Flies**)

| <i>the amazing</i> Flex Patterns | | 4-pack \$11 |
|---|---------|--------------------|
| Flex-Hopper -- | size 10 | \$(#F1256) |
| Flex-Hex -- | 10 | \$(#F1555) |
| Flex-Cicada -- | 10 | \$(#F1254) |
| Flex-Stone (Orange for the Salmon fly) -- | size 8 | \$(#F1257) |

~ matching big insects can either be real easy or just about impossible. When trout are really on the hunt for any big food organism, whether it's a salmon fly, Hex mayfly, cicada, or grasshopper, they rush so quickly towards the insect that any close imitation is acceptable. That's the easy fishing.

But when trout are not so eager and hurried, they look over imitations and refuse every one except a Flex pattern. Why? They are waiting for a sign of life, a bending of the body. (pages 181 through 193 of **Trout Flies**)

• TIE IT •

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(are you hearing the drum roll?)

| Drunken Sailor | | 4-pack \$11 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Green | size 4 | (F1830) |
| | 6 | (F1831) |
| | 8 | (F1832) |

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| | | 4-pack \$11 |
|-------|--------|--------------------|
| White | size 4 | (F1833) |
| | 6 | (F1834) |
| | 8 | (F1835) |
| Black | size 4 | (F1836) |
| | 6 | (F1837) |
| | 8 | (F1838) |

The **Drunken Sailor** is one of the last flies Gary developed. This new streamer fly imitates an injured minnow. I'm sure some of Gary's research team had input into the design, but I don't have any information as to who, so we'll give Gary all the credit.

The "triggering" key to this fly is predation. If a minnow or bait fish is sick or wounded, it will be the first one to be eaten by a trout. It's easily caught. The design features the off-set weighting that Gary has used on several other flies (i.e. Rollover Scud, Missouri River Sow Bug) and a plastic bead at the head of the fly to imitate the elevated head of the fish.

It also uses a clever method of controlling marabou to maintain the profile of the streamer. Gary picked seven color combinations to imitate different bait fish. We have chosen three primary colors . . . This exciting new streamer is destined to take it's place in the arsenal of Gary LaFontaine patterns that a well-stocked fly box must include.

| Klod Hopper | | 6-pack \$11 | 3-pack \$6 |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | size 8 | (#S1810) | (#T1810) |
| | 10 | (#S1811) | (#T1811) |
| | 12 | (#S1812) | (#T1812) |

~ the "Superfly" of 2003. This pattern, developed by Paul Stimpson, uses tan and dark-brown coloring and large, red and black striped legs to imitate a mature grasshopper. He designed it with a smaller body hackle and rubber "X" legs so it would float "in" the surface film and ride just like a natural to fool those "intelligent" fish.

| Tear Drop Nymph | | 4-pack \$11 |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Brown/ | size 10 | (#F1436) |
| Fluorescent Pink -- | 12 | (#F1437) |
| | 14 | (#F1438) |
| | 16 | (#F1439) |
| Green/ | size 10 | (#F1448) |
| Fluorescent Green -- | 12 | (#F1449) |
| | 14 | (#F1450) |
| | 16 | (#F1451) |
| Cream/ | size 10 | (#F1442) |
| Fluorescent Yellow -- | 12 | (#F1443) |
| | 14 | (#F1444) |
| | 16 | (#F1445) |
| Tan/ | size 10 | (#F1612) |
| Fluorescent Orange -- | 12 | (#F1613) |
| | 14 | (#F1614) |
| | 16 | (#F1615) |
| Dark Gray/ | size 10 | (#F1591) |
| Fluorescent White -- | 12 | (#F1592) |
| | 14 | (#F1593) |
| | 16 | (#F1594) |

~ the greatest nymph ever for searching a riffle. Here's the fly that makes trout eat it out of pure curiosity - it triggers an instinctive "grab it" reflex. The Tear Drop is the first subsurface fly to effectively use the appeal of phosphorescence. (p. 98 of **Trout Flies**)

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Some of you may recognize this author's name, Bill Tapply has written *Bass Bug Fishing* and *Pocket Water*, both Book Mailer selects in the past. What we did not know is that he has also written a mystery series centered around a divorced attorney living in Boston by the name of Brady Coyne. There are actually twenty titles in this series (some not in print) but I recently had the pleasure of taking in two. I really enjoyed both. These are traditional, pleasurable reading and I like picking out Tapply's passion for angling by his use of character names like Gordon Cahill and Albert Stoddard.

And Brady does take time off to fish during his crime solving duties. Reviews on Tapply's mysteries are very complimentary and I think you'll find this series even better than Victoria Houston's *Dead Series*. We selected two mysteries to start with and look forward to a new novel this September, **Bitch Creek** by William G. Tapply (and this one's a full-fledged fly-fishing mystery.)

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~ Summer 2004 Streamflow Update ~

by Stan "Cheapshot" Bradshaw

In the last Winter 2004 Book Mailer issue, I painted a cautiously optimistic picture of what this summer's stream flows might look like, based on the February snow pack. Shows what I know. In March, the drought returned in spades. Worse, most of the trout parts of the state got hit with a warms spell for the last two weeks of March. I spent March 13th in the middle of Yellowstone Park, at 7,000 feet and it was 45 degrees. Sad thing is, that was typical everywhere.

By April 19th, snow packs on the Smith River went from 110% of historic average to just over 60%. The Madison basin now sits at 77% of historic average; the Jefferson (think Beaverhead) is 67%; the Yellowstone is at 56%; and the mainstem Missouri is at 65%. In fact, on the Missouri, the Bureau of Reclamation has estimated that, based on current conditions, the total streamflows in the Missouri may be 49% of the historic average (The Missouri below Holter Dam may not get above 3,000 cfs all year).

So what's the current streamflow forecast for the summer? Let me put it in hydrologic terms -- It sucks.

If you're coming to Montana, how should you react to such a crappy report? Well, first, hope springs eternal. If we get a cool spring and lots of rain early in the summer, it could still be a pretty good year. Don't bet the farm on that possibility, however.

Think timing and location. Early season -- before July 4th, things should be pretty good. One upside -- this may be the year to really nail a salmon fly hatch. High water often makes the hatch tough to fish. In a low runoff year the odds of getting clear enough water to fish it with big dry flies should be much better. Also, think fall. once temperatures cool, fishing should pick up.

If your plans are made and can't be reversed for mid- to late-summer, consider the tail waters -- the Madison below Hebgen Lake, the Missouri, the Kootenai below Libby Dam. Fish early in the day, get off the water by noon. The fishing will slack off as the weather gets hot, and those heat-stressed fish don't need you bugging them in hot water conditions anyway. Pay attention to Fish, Wildlife, and Parks advisories about when to fish. And above all, think rain. . . .

We had to fit one in . . .

Four workers were discussing how smart their dogs were. The IBM employee's dog was T-Square. T-Square demonstrated his ability to draw circles, squares, and triangles on a blackboard.

The Ford employee's dog was named Slide Rule. He was told to fetch a dozen cookies and divide them up into equal piles of three each -- not a problem for Slide Rule.

The AT&T employee was impressed but hardly phased. His dog, Measure, was told to go buy a quart of milk and pour exactly seven ounces of it into a twenty ounce glass, which the dog did without spilling a drop.

All three agreed their dogs were pretty darn smart.

The fourth worker, dually employed by the U.S. government snapped his fingers and called over his dog, Coffee Break. Coffee Break ate the cookies, drank the milk, pee'd on the blackboard, screwed the other three dogs, claimed he injured his back, filed a Work Comp form, and went home on sick leave.

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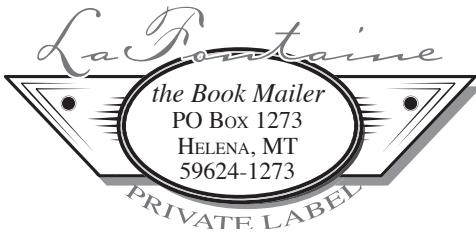
Fishing Music
by Kane's River

I fell in love with this blue grass/folk music band after listening to them at a small concert in our local cultural center. (A refurbished jalhouse now name the Myrna Loy Center, it's beautiful!)

Their release of **Fishing Music**, sent me out to do a little ear shopping. Both leads in this five member ensemble are avid fly fishermen. Bluegrass, jazz and swing are their sounds.

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Fishing tends the soul, fishermen tend the waters and all that exist's within.

On a personal note to Dr. Johnson (inside front cover) -- "I remember the Subaru and I would concur your efforts were very considerable when it comes to "cleaning" out that car! You are a saint (and the dogs are large and very hairy). Now on to everyone's summer fun. Life is short, there's only about five months to get in as much fun as we can. So let's get out there.

Well, we had to put the fly fishing festival on hold. The population of Craig, MT, where the Missouri gives us it's best blue ribbon fishing, was not looking for the added invasion during the month of July. We considered pushing the date back to August, but with our stream flow report for the summer (p.27) scheduling time on the water was looking rather bleak for that time of the year. We would actually prefer to look for sometime in June. So, we put those plans on hold for the time being and I think some time spent smoozing with the Craig Montanans this summer couldn't hurt. Marcy and I are up for that..

We just received a copy of the Italian magazine, *Sedge & Mayfly*. On the front cover is a beautiful picture of Gary and Chester. This is a two part article written by Marika Cicoria and Alberto Salvini. A handsome Italian couple we've met at the fly fishing shows. We are working on getting the article translated and putting up the wonderful photos of Gary and Chester fishing on the website (the magazine cover is up now). Just something to look forward to over the summer. By the time you read this, your fishing season is up and away, we hope you are on the water.



This is it, the last issue of the *Book Mailer* for the summer, but what a great selection of books to choose from. Emergers are with us all season long and Jim Schoellmeyer and Ted Leeson can make this your year for mastering those patterns and techniques with **Tying Emergers** (p.3). Dry fly fishing is absolutely the best of the best, but why not catch fish every time you're out there no matter what the weather or time of day?

Trout Talk (p.3) is an English import title with short descriptions on terminology connected to all things fly fishing. Interesting because it covers our American colloquialisms and the more traditional English terms. Sometimes the shortest explanation can reveal the biggest picture. It's a collector book.

Let's give a nod to Charlie Meck and his new book, **Memory Rising** (p.6). We have gotten so much from Charlie over the years in how-to's. It is a special treat to be able to follow along with Charlie and meet those people and events that shaped his life and his angling knowledge. (And this one is a who's who of fly-fisherman).

We found a nifty little tool for tying multiple strands of hackle. The *True Spin Loop Tool* and the *Hackle Nabbers* work great with

single strands of marabou, but the LaFontaine Video tyers use an **E-Z Hackle Hook** (p.10) for tying multiple strands of marabou. Just a simple, cheap, little item to save on time and effort getting those fish catchers tied. Oh, and speaking of Hackle Nabbers~ SOME ARE IN STOCK NOW.

Very limited numbers on signed copies of René Harrop's wonderful book, **Trout Hunter** (front cover). As we go to print we have already mailed half of our inventory. We will do the signed signature cards when we are out, but if you collect . . . don't wait.

And what can we say about Dave Hughes, Rick Hafele, and **Western Mayflies** (article p.2, book p.3). It's going to be the smash hit of the summer. Let's all send warm wishes to Rick this July when he ties the knot of a lifetime -- the marriage one. We hope Dave has warned the bride-to-be about all the research hours these fishing titles require.

All this plus new **Caddisfly Selections** (p.9), should make for a great summer of fly fishing. Hope you are all out there getting what you need on the water, we will be too -- at least until we have to start putting together our Fall Book Mailer. Until then, tight lines.

String up your rod, tie on a fly, and go catch that big ol' grand-daddy. ~ Cathy & Marcy (for the Book Mailer)