Fishing for Beginners



Rods, Reels, Knots, Bait and Lures, Reading Water, Casting, Landing and Releasing Fish on Your First Trips

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BOOK DESCRIPTION

Most first fishing days go wrong in the first ten minutes: a line that tangles on the first cast, a knot that slips, a rod that is too stiff to feel a bite, or a rule nobody mentioned. What follows is a calm, step-by-step guide for adults, teenagers and parents who have never fished, or have fished once or twice and gone home with nothing, and want a simple, safe and low-cost way to start from a bank, a dock or a pier.

It follows the order of a real outing. You begin with the kinds of water and fish you can expect and the rules that decide where and what you may keep, then choose one medium-light outfit, tie three knots that hold, and learn which bait and lures suit which fish. After that come finding fish in a pond, a river or on a pier, casting and retrieving without tangles, and hooking, landing and releasing a fish with wet hands. The last chapters cover cleaning and storing a legal catch, water safety and etiquette, and a six-week plan that turns six outings into a habit.

Inside you will find:

• A table that matches your situation to a first water, and a log you can copy

• A rules card with eight questions to answer before every outing, and a worked example of reading a regulation entry

• A guide to rod power, action, line strength and reel drag, with worked arithmetic and a starter budget range

• Step-by-step rigs for a float and a bottom outfit, and numbered steps for the improved clinch, Palomar and uni knots

• A first kit of five lures, a bait-to-hook match table and a bait or lure decision table

• A checklist for reading water, a seasons table and a rule-of-twelfths tide example

• A ten-step spinning cast, a table of casting faults and a scored practice drill

• A land-and-release routine and a warm-water card

• Cleaning, filleting and storage steps, a freshness check and a worked catch plan

• A pack list, a go or no-go card and a six-week plan

Written as general information, not as a replacement for the

rules of your water or for instruction. License, season, size and gear rules differ between places and change, so check the current local rules, tell someone your plan, wear a life jacket near deep water and ask a qualified instructor if you plan to fish from a boat.

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