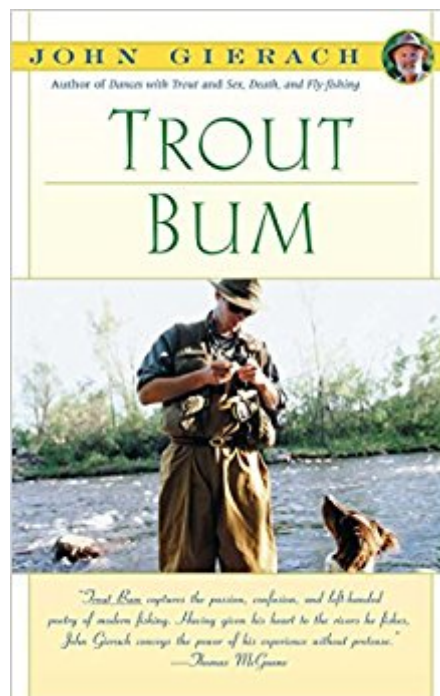




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# Trout Bum (John Gierach's Fly-fishing Library)



## Synopsis

Brilliant, witty, perceptive essays about fly-fishing, the natural world, and life in general by the acknowledged master of fishing writers. While most of us fly-fish to escape from daily life, for John Gierach and his friends fly-fishing IS a way of life. They are trout bums. But John Gierach is also an exceptional writer. The essays in Trout Bum are reflective, biting humor and enormously wise in the ways of fishing and men. In vivid, unforgettable detail they recount the emotional, spiritual and tangible adventures and pleasures of stalking trout in and around the Rockies—day in, day out, from season to season, with friends and alone. John Gierach's essays join the literary tradition of angling classics like *The River Why*, and *A River Runs Through It*.

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## Customer Reviews

Gierach's previous book and articles (four of which are included here) have been well received by the fishing fraternity. The present effort is a collection of 20 pieces marked by Gierach's inimitable, intelligent style. Not purely philosophical, adventurous, or instructional, the book combines elements of all three with a dash of wit to boot. Gierach belongs in every good collection of contemporary fly fishing literature; he is the common man, uncommonly attuned to the nuances of his vocation, turned articulate author. David J. Panciera, Westerly P.L., R.I. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Thomas McGuane Trout Bum captures the passion, confusion and left-handed poetry of modern

fishing, having his heart to the rivers he fishes, John Gierach conveys the power of his experience without pretense. John Nichols author of *The Milagro Beanfield War*, *The Magic Journey*, and *American Blood Trout Bum* is one of those delightful funds, like Norman McLean's *A River Runs Through It*. John Gierach is simply one of the more wonderful outdoor writers to come down the pike in many a season. I laughed out loud on almost every page, and found much of what he has to say very lyrical and touching. This book is a treasure trove of fishy witticisms, outright belly laughs, and enough technical lore and love of nature to keep the most avid (or even the least avid) outdoors person turning pages relentlessly. Gierach obviously loves deeply and cares for this world he has chosen to make his stand in. It's a beautiful book, humorous, sly, rich, and touching. Once you read the first page, you'll be hooked...and love every minute of it...I promise! *Rod & Reel* A brilliant collection of narrative essays about flies, fly rods, float tubes, and just plain fishing. *Trout Bum* will be a classic of angling literature, not because it adheres to an ancient model, but because it updates a tradition....The way Gierach tells a story is an act of pure generosity....*Rocky Mountain Streamside* If you enjoy incisive comment, wry humor, and some inventive insight into trout and trout anglers, then *Trout Bum* is just the book for you...this is highly intelligent stuff indeed, but it is masterfully tempered by Gierach's polished and congenial style.

**My Rating** - Put it on the list (if you are a fisherman; if not, pass)  
**Level** - Short, easy, requires some familiarity with fly fishing.  
**Summary** It is hard to summarize this book. Basically it's just a guy writing a few short essays/stories, roughly grouped together in broad categories. It is a pre-internet blog, edited and published, roughly 30 years ago. Categories include things like: Bass Pond, Fly Collection, Cane Rods, Adams Hatch, etc.  
**My Thoughts** Gierach is an entertaining writer, who tells good stories and does so humorously. As a writer, he is essentially a full time fisherman/fly-tier and therefor seemingly has more good stories than I feel I will have in a lifetime. Anyone who has spent at least a moderate amount of time fly-fishing will enjoy this book, especially as he gives the types of people to avoid a fishing trip with or how to make the best camp coffee. If you've never fished or don't intend to again, I'm not sure why you bought this book, but I doubt you'll like it. Any other fishermen, fly-tiers, maybe even just people who great enjoy the outdoors and like well written, funny stories, this is a book you should put on your list. More at [...]

I am new to fly fishing and this book was recommended by an experienced angler; learned a little about rods and flies and the trout you can catch with them, and a lot about the attitude one should have while pursuing them. Very humorous but also edifying in this regard, along the lines of life (as

illustrated in trout fishing) is as much or more a journey as it is a destination, or catching fish. Will be reading his other books as well.

Great writer. Am slowly getting all his books. Sometimes its hard to suppress a laugh when you're in the doctors office reading John Gierach.

This is an inspirational read. If you flyfish, you gotta read this classic by the one and only John Geirach.

Pretty decent book! I'm a novice fly fisherman and am only able to get out once a year if I'm lucky. That one place is the Frying Pan River in Basalt, CO. Reading an entire chapter dedicated to the Pan and Taylor Creek Fly Shop brought me right back to one of my favorite places on earth!

The best way to spend a day in Texas that is too damn hot to fish when the bass aren't biting anyway.

I never tire of reading this earliest collection of essays from the pen of John Gierach, which sprang directly from his heart and soul.

This was my first introduction to John Gierach and I must say it was a pleasant change from the "how to" media popular in fly fishing. Gierach's sense of humor is subtle yet obvious to the common fly fisherman. I will definitely be reading more of his works.

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