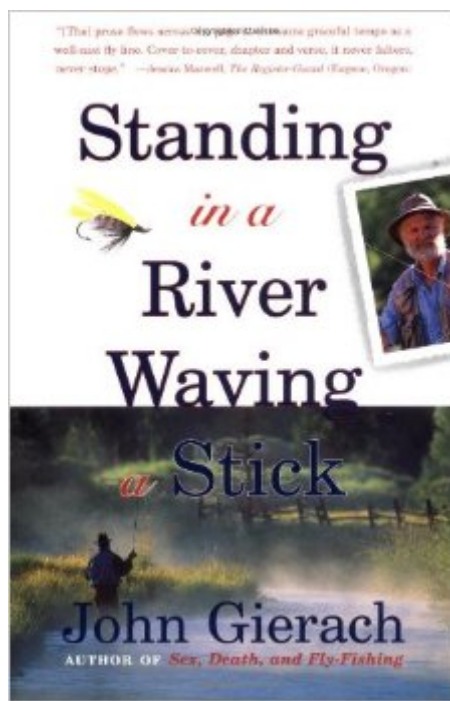


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# Standing In A River Waving A Stick



## Synopsis

Brilliant, witty, perceptive essays about fly-fishing, the natural world, and life in general by the acknowledged master of fishing writers. With his inimitable combination of wit and wisdom, John Gierach once again celebrates the fly-fishing life in *Standing in a River Waving a Stick* and notes its benefits as a sport, philosophical pursuit, even therapy: "The solution to any problem—work, love, money, whatever—is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." After all, fly-fishing does teach important life lessons, says Gierach—about solitude, patience, perspective, humor, and the sublime coffee break. Recounting both memorable fishing spots and memorable fish, Gierach discusses what makes a good fly pattern, the ethics of writing about undiscovered trout waters, the dread of getting skunked, and the camaraderie of fellow fishermen who can end almost any conversation with "Well, it's sort of like fishing, isn't it?" Reflecting on a lifetime of lessons learned at the end of a fly rod, Gierach concludes, "The one inscription you don't want carved on your tombstone is 'The Poor Son of a Bitch Didn't Fish Enough.'" Fortunately for Gierach fans, this is not likely to happen.

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Once again, John Gierach writes another book that is entertaining and a pleasure to read. After finishing, I start to anticipate the next collection of essays. Reading this book will cause you to read the rest of his works. GAURANTEED!!

This guy is a classic self-indulgent leftover Hippie. But he captures the essence of flyfishing, and the outdoors in general, in a most compelling way. His life view is a delightful antidote to the urbanized, "Orvisized", SUV'ed approach to the sport (or art form) called flyfishing. I REALLY enjoy reading him (though I would prefer that he not be allowed to vote).

when I got the book and started reading I could not put it down. It is the best book I have read in a long time. I try to keep up on all the fishing books and this one is top of the line, The man is a true fly-fisherman and it shows in his book. I liked it so much I went out and bought more to give to my fishing buddies. keep up the good work.

John Gierach has done it again. This book isn't just about fishing-it's about life. Using fly fishing as his premise, the author shares his philosophy of life with his readers. Granted his answer to any and all of life's problems can be found while fishing. The bigger the problem, the longer you fish. This book is laced with enough information to make you a first rate fly fisherman and to understand the every day business of life as well. Glenn Wolf's pen and ink illustrations are simple yet exquisite. Perfect gift for anyone remotely interested in fly fishing . . . it goes much further than your favorite fishing hole.

Gierach extends some more fly fishing (life's) wit from his last writing (Another Lousy day in Paradise. You read about your own experiences in each chapter. Any one who has ever float tubed has dragged a line across some lake in mid afternoon, hoping to "hang a real pig". You will want to read Gierach's other books to learn more about his supporting cast. Like his previous writings, these real life characters surround John in his many journeys from flyfishing to pheasant hunting or just hanging round the local Lyon's fly shop. When the fish quit rising, sit back, grab a Gierach and start a new journey.

As with Gierach's other books, I found "Standing In a River Waving a Stick to be entertaining as well as enlightening. He seems to have a way to write about fly fishing and life in a special way. If you love fly fishing or have never tried it, I think you will enjoy this book as well as his other books!

Bought this for my boyfriend who is an avid fisherman he LOVES this book. He is constantly reading me excerpts and they are really interesting and often make me laugh. He intends to buy many many more of John Gierach's books! He without hesitation gave this 5 stars and as a big reader I trusted

his judgement :) Enjoy!

I enjoy the author's often irreverent humor but along with that is a lot of useful, practical advice. I've often said that we give fish too much credit. Mr. Gierach points out that fish are being taken at the same time by fishermen using significantly different patterns and the like. Through the humor you develop the feel of what is really important and what really isn't so important.

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