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Dry Fly Gospel



Synopsis

The stories which make up the collection "Dry Fly Gospel" share the common theme of fly-fishing. The characters struggle with major life changes, and in many cases receive a certain amount of inspiration and spiritual solace and renewal through the act of fly-fishing. Terry Coffey is a writer from New Castle, Indiana, where he lives with his wife Karen, daughter Heidi and dog, Star Morgan. Terry's work has appeared in several publications, including America: The Complete Story; The American Legion Magazine; Kaleidoscope; Papyrus; Tipton Poetry Journal and the Yale Anglers Journal, among others.

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Customer Reviews

I don't remember how I happened upon this book, but I'm certainly glad I did. As a former professional fly-fishing guide, I salivated at the prospect of a collection of short stories about the sport. What I got was much more than that. With his book, Dry Fly Gospel, author Terry Coffey has

given us an insight into what real storytelling is all about - and he is a master at his craft. The first entry, the title work, is an amusing look at how fly fishing might have looked in Biblical times. But Mr. Coffey is just getting started. From there he bounces all over the map, utilizing various voices to tell the tales. My favorite is Fish Noir, a hard-boiled detective type short story about...well, heck, find out for yourself. (Note: The only reason I didn't give the book five stars was because of a number of formatting errors in my Kindle version that annoyed the heck out of me. But, hey, I'm a classic OCD type, so what do I know?) Buy this book. I promise you won't regret it. Like me, you'll come down with a vicious chest cold, and be glad you've got this fine collection of short stories to ease the pain. Good job, Mr. Coffey!

I did not care for this The Dry Fly Gospel at all. It wasn't about fly fishing; it was BS. I really did not care to spend money on a book that was written with the intend of teaching me 'the good word' through Biblical references. It really does not have anything to do with fly fishing. It is a piece on teaching morals. I paid less than \$5 for this book but feel it wasn't worth it. No, I did not finish it. I felt the author was using the "fly fishing" title to dupe people into reading this grovel..I am a good church going Christian and feel like I was deceived by the author!

A different collection of fly fishing stories. I guess with prevalent purest mind set of fly fishermen anything is possible.

This is a gem of a collection, written in a fresh and unassuming style. The stories are charming, poignant, and edifying - homey, but surprisingly elegant. You do not have to be a fly fisherman to understand the pursuit and appreciation of tranquility in these stories and the actual retooled gospel tales in the beginning are truly divinely inspired; I was hesitant to tuck into them, fearing too heavy a dose of religion, but the handling was light and masterful. You will love this little book.

Nice easy read after a hard day fishing. Goes well with a single malt.

Mr. Coffey has managed to write quite a gem here. His dry, wry sense of humor will have you eagerly waiting to read more. The way he mashes fishing, religion, reincarnation (What Daphne Didn't Know) will have you asking yourself 'how does he come up with this stuff?'. It's a great book and fun to read. Lots of twists and turns you'd never imagine. Mr. Coffey even has a story with Hemingway (but what fishing writer doesn't?) However, he also manages to blend in Shakespeare,

Freud, and Sinatra into the mix in These Fishers Tell the Infirmaries of Men. Pure,quirky fun!

Some stories in this compilation are great. Others, not so much. None of the stories, though, are so horrible that you will hate the book. It's an enjoyable and easy read, but none of the stories are life changing.

Short tales/stories revolving fly fishing, a good book for a change on tactics/teaching books. Some of the stories touch your soul and some other make you smile and for the price you can't miss not adding this one to your collection on the topic

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