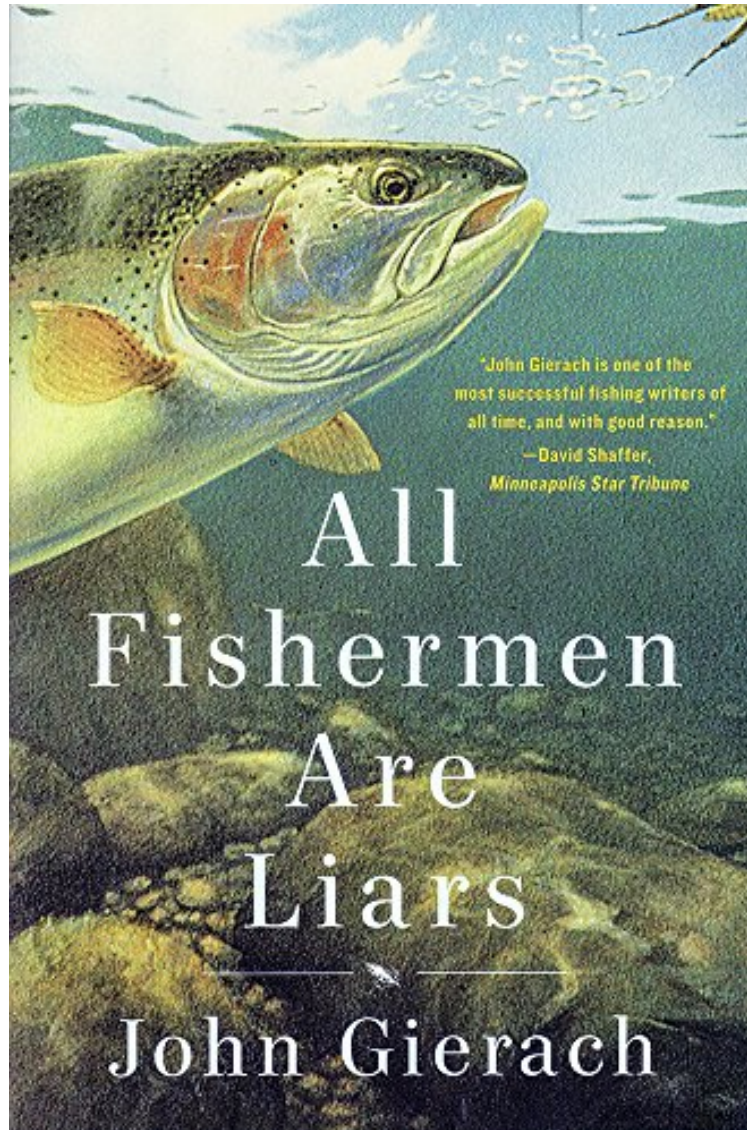


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**John Gierach : All Fishermen Are Liars (John Gierach's Fly-fishing Library)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All Fishermen Are Liars (John Gierach's Fly-fishing Library):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The best fly fishing writer working today, periodBy UrbanMoniqueIt's not lost on you, reading Gierach, that he attained a degree in Philosophy many moons ago. Like all the Gierach I've read, (which would be all his output), Fisherman Are Liers never disappoints. Gierach has an eye not

only for the fishing, but for the place, the world, and the broad spectrum of fishermen. He'll describe, in some technical detail, fly fishing, but also knows and notes the species of tree, bird and critter around him. The author is, by his own admission, fairly reclusive these days; nonetheless, were you so fortunate as to run into him on a river or lake, a float plane or an airport, I have no doubt you'd recognize the gleam in his eye, and be treated to a bit of the joy, reflection, and passion he infuses his work with every. If you've not read Gierach, you've got a treat ahead. Start with Trout Bum and work your way forward; you can thank me later. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I've read them all pretty much in order and own them all (except his ...By D. BERNARDI started reading his books when I first moved to Colorado in 1992. I've read them all pretty much in order and own them all (except his anthology of other works). All I can say is this is classic Gierach, "the Mark Twain of fly fishing", as someone wrote. In his early books he wrote about his clapped out pickup truck and working class house, and doing odd jobs to help pay the mortgage. and support his fly fishing habit. in the first chapter of this book he broke me up with this: "For instance the accountant who now handles your taxes says that if some of his other self-employed clients saw what you legitimately write off-fly rods, travel, fishing lodges, guide tips, etc.-they'd s\*\*\*\* a brick." Well, he may have moved up in life, but his feet are sill planted firmly on a stream bed. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not Gierach's Best By S. Johnson Gierach is unquestionably one of the modern fly fishing era's more popular writers. He earned that title with a stream of books that divulged his candid opinion of many fishing related topics. This book does not exhibit his unvarnished look at issues but it seems a bit protective of his sources, venues; a step back from previous efforts. I like this author and this book but it seems to be the effort of a writer who is tired or has become protective of his privacy. Given Gierach's popularity I can understand his attitudinal change but his latest book is not the same. It is like reading his previous work through some sort of filter.

This tribute to the elusive art and ineffable pleasure of fly-fishing (Kirkus Reviews) shows us why life's most valuable lessons and some of its best experiences are found while fly-fishing. For John Gierach, the master of fly-fishing (Sacramento Bee), fishing is always the answer even when it's not clear what the question is. In *All Fishermen Are Liars*, Gierach travels around North America seeking out quintessential fishing experiences, whether it's at a busy stream or a secluded lake hidden amid snow-capped mountains. He talks about the art of fly-tying and the quest for the perfect steelhead fly (The Nuclear Option), about fishing in the Presidential Pools previously fished by the elder George Bush (I wondered briefly if I'd done something karmically disastrous and was now fated to spend the rest of my life breathing the exhaust of this elderly Republican), and the importance of traveling with like-minded companions when caught in a soaking rain (At this point someone is required to say; You know, there are people who wouldn't think this is fun). And though Gierach loses some fish along the way, he never loses his passion and sense of humor. Wry, contemplative, and lively that is to say, pure Gierach *All Fishermen Are Liars* is a joy to read and, as always, the next best thing to fishing itself. From the early days...to his present cult status, Gierach's candor and canniness at the water's edge have been consistent.... His grizzled, laconic persona is engaging and the voice of the common angler (The Wall Street Journal).

From Booklist \*Starred\* In his seventeenth book, Gierach, who gave us the term "trout bum," describes North American trout and salmon fishing in all seasons—from Atlantic salmon in Newfoundland, through Chinook salmon in Pacific estuaries, and on to trout fishing across the American West. An engaging autobiographical introduction opens the book, which includes 22 perceptive and witty essays, recalling numerous fishing trips and offering insights on fly rods and fly patterns. Among the many highlights are "Tenkara," in which the author examines a new fly-fishing technique from Japan, and "Montana," which delivers an appealing take on a mainstay in angling literature, the almost mystical experience of catching many fish in a secret fishing hole. These lyrical essays explode with descriptions of beautiful places, big fish, and beautiful fish (brook trout from a lake in winter "so brilliant that they seemed to be lit from within"). But Gierach can write about more than trout and salmon. Among the fish, there are reflections on Zen, some musing on Sun Tzu, and spot-on cameos from Richard Russo and James Crumley. --John Rowen *All Fishermen Are Liars* is rich in the savvy, humor, and sidelong takes on our sport that have made all of John's books such addictive reading. (Paul Schullery, author of *If Fish Could Scream* and *The Fishing Life*) John Gierach remains the most consistently eloquent fly fishing writer of modern times. (James R. Babb, Editor, *Gray's Sporting Journal*) A fisherman's testimony to the faithful. . . . [An] Elegiac tribute to the elusive art and ineffable pleasure of fly-fishing, with plenty of information about how it's done by true practitioners. (Kirkus's) Perceptive and witty. . . . These lyrical essays explode with descriptions of beautiful places, big fish, and beautiful fish. . . . But Gierach can write about more than trout and salmon. (Booklist); John Gierach is one of the most successful fishing writers of all time, and with good reason. In his 17th book, Gierach reminds us in a delightful way that fishing never has been just about catching, though he can teach us a lot about that, too. . . . Despite taking trips as a famous angler to exotic fishing locales, Gierach has retained his down-to-earth fishing honesty and has never forgotten that some of the best stories are about wading a trout stream just down the road. --(David Shaffer *Minneapolis Star Tribune*) [Gierach's] writing here is unfailingly witty, generous of spirit and full of hard-won but easily shared knowledge. . . . It goes without

saying that Gierach is a masterful storyteller, but what's even more obvious after reading *Liars* is that he is a profoundly skilled writer. --Steve Duda *The Flyfish Journal*[Gierach is ] one of the best when it comes to bringing the heart and soul of fly fishing to anglers everywhere. --D Arcy Egan *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland)About the AuthorJohn Gierach is the author of numerous books on fly-fishing, including *A Fly Rod of Your Own*. His work has appeared in *Field Stream*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, and *Fly Rod Reel*, where he is a regular columnist. He also writes a column for the monthly *Redstone* . He lives in Lyons, Colorado. Visit [JohnGierachBooks.com](http://JohnGierachBooks.com).