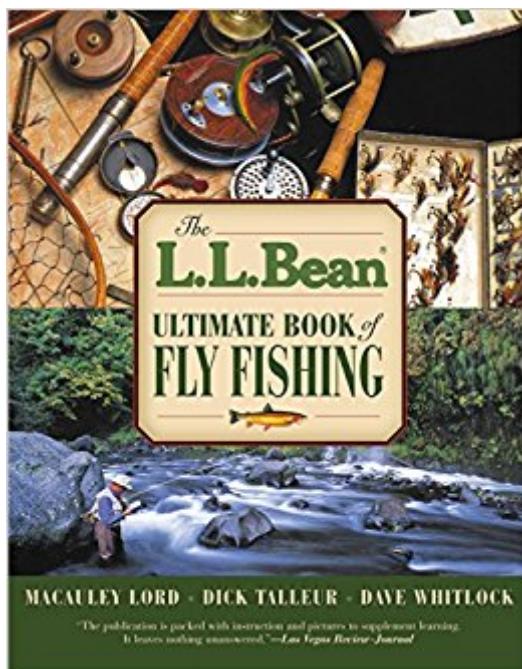


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# L.L. Bean Ultimate Book Of Fly Fishing



## **Synopsis**

The L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing is an exciting full-color book for beginning and expert fly anglers alike. This book is divided into three essential parts--Fly Fishing, Fly Casting, and Fly Tying--and covers each with in-depth analysis in clear, easy-to-follow language. Learn about assembly of fly tackle; the biology of fish; natural fish foods and how to imitate them; safety techniques; the eleven habits of highly effective fly casters; the basic four-part cast; the roll cast; the basics of fly tying; types of flies; the top ten most popular and successful fly patterns; and much more. The L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing is the perfect gift for seasoned anglers looking to improve their skills, novices picking up a fly rod for the first time, and for all those who have ever dreamed of trading in their suits for a pair of waders.

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"The publication is packed with instruction and pictures to supplement learning. It leaves nothing unanswered."--Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Lyons Press is proud to introduce The L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing, an exciting full-color book for beginning and expert fly anglers alike. Brought to you in conjunction with L.L. Bean, America's most trusted name in outdoor apparel, and written by unquestioned experts in the field, this book is divided into four essential parts-General Fly Fishing, Fly Fishing for Bass, Fly Casting, and Fly Tying--and covers each with in-depth analysis in clear, easy-to-follow language. Learn about assembly of fly tackle; the biology of fish; natural fish foods and how to imitate them;

safety techniques; bass flies; where to find bass; the eleven habits of highly effective fly casters; the basic four-part cast; the roll cast; the basics of fly tying; types of flies; the top ten most popular and successful fly patterns; and much more. The L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing is the perfect gift for seasoned anglers looking to improve their skills, novices picking up a fly rod for the first time, or all those who have ever dreamed of trading in their suits for a pair of waders.

My life-long fly-fisherman friend recommended this book when he learned that my 35-year-old son had taken up the sport. From his letter: "If you are looking for a birthday or Christmas gift for your son, I would heartily recommend "The L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing" by Lord, Talleur and Whitlock. Lord is best known for his casting and Talleur for his tying. Whitlock does everything and is an excellent writer and artist. I give this book to beginning fly fishers." Grateful for the tip, I bought a copy for this Christmas.

A great primer for novice and intermediate fly fishers. It uses a wealth of color illustrations and photographs to back up well written, concise tutorials of how to setup your tackle, tie knots, cast flies, etcetera. Each tutorial includes clear explanations of why the authors recommend a particular approach and in many instances time lapse photographs of both well and poorly implemented casts with explanations of the problem(s) at the root of each poor cast and recommendations of how to fix them. The tutorials cover a wide variety of casting methods (all the way up to the double haul) with explanations of when you will most likely want to use each one. Of the half dozen or so fly fishing books I've read to date none compare to this one when it comes to teaching casting and providing insights that allow you to quickly realize what you are probably doing wrong on an off day. The second half of the book deals with fly tying. This section may be of less interest to a novice but is also well written and provides a useful introduction to the subject. I suspect most readers will quickly outgrow this section once they start to tie their own flies but it helps you to start without buying another book. To describe this as an "ultimate book of fly fishing" stretches the truth but it is a very, very good one for anyone who is new to the sport or who is looking to improve their casting technique(s). Highly recommended for anyone considering fly fishing (there are well reasoned recommendations for equipment for a variety of fish) and those who want to cast like a pro.

This goes into great detail on every area of fly-fishing. It has a fine index for quick reference, and the author's laid-back narrative style truly conveys his love of fly-fishing. I use it as a reference, a refresher, and for relaxation when I'm unable to get away and go fishing. I also find myself reading it

more as I get closer to a fishing vacation (and it really gets my mind focused). I've given this book as a gift twice (once to a novice and again to an expert) and both have thanked me repeatedly and called my attention to areas in "the bible" that have helped to improve their abilities and/or called their attention to a different (and often better) method. I own more than a dozen other books on fly-fishing, but LL Bean's is by far the most enjoyable, most informative, and pleasantly repeatable read I've come across. I'd strongly recommend using this as a reference no matter what level you consider yourself (or friend) to be.

This is a case of information overload. Yes, it is the Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing, so that's to be expected. Still as a beginner, I found it intimidating. And over a third of the book is devoted to fly tying. Most experienced fly fishers I know never tie a fly. The book is in three parts. There is an in-depth overview (a book unto itself), a section on casting, and a section on fly tying. The first section covers casting and tying. The latter expand on these. Each is written by different authors, though the editors have done an excellent job of maintaining a cohesiveness throughout. My problem with this book is it does a disservice to its audience. A beginner will have trouble getting through the first section. It's way more information than a beginner needs. Still, it would make an excellent introduction ... which the advanced angler neither needs nor wants. Most likely the average fisher will never get to or need the advanced sections. In fact, they may scare the beginner off by their mind-boggling complexity. Bottom line: Each group ends up paying for information that is inappropriate. In trying to be all things to all people it falls short.

I now own a few fly fishing books and this one ranks in the top 3. If you are just starting to fly fish this wouldn't be a bad "first" book. Covers all aspects of fly fishing - supplement this book with a few Youtube casting lessons and you should be good to go.

Yep, it's a goody this one. Sure, you can find most of the info on the net but it is always nice to be able to have a book to flick through to check things out, well, at least I like doing that. It has many helpful tips throughout and while they may have spent more on fly tying than needed I still think it works as there are many out there who may start tying flies after reading this introduction to it. Bottom line is this, it is hard to cover everything that everyone may want and this book is really designed as an introduction to fly fishing not an exhaustive commentary on all aspects of it. If people are interested in an in-depth book on feeding habits of trout, or how to tie knots, there are plenty out there to satisfy. All in all, good book, worth the cost!

This is an excellent introduction. I doubt whether I will ever tie flies, but I guess if you want to ... The instructions on fly fishing are excellent, and having just had a lesson with an expert, I find the book contains the same information. (The fly fishing lesson helped me see the importance of the points in the book. Get both if you can.)

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