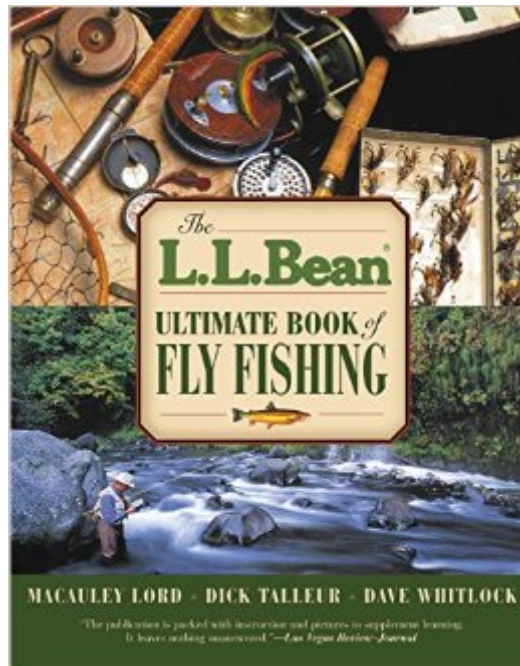


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# L.L. Bean Ultimate Book Of Fly Fishing



## Synopsis

The Lyons Press is proud to present 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, and for all those who have ever dreamed of trading in their suits for a pair of waders.

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## Customer Reviews

In my novice experience, this is the best beginner's guide to fly fishing. I had ordered the Orvis Fly-Fishing Guide together with this book and in comparison I have to say that L.L. Bean Ultimate Book of Fly Fishing is the better one. This book provides a much better introduction to fly fishing to novices like me, beginning from the basics. Although advanced fly fishers would probably be bored by the chapters that introduce the uninitiated to this sport/pastime, teaching them the bones, so to speak, I am sure this book has a lot of wisdom to impart to all enthusiasts.

This is a composite of three previously published L. L Bean guides: fly-fishing, casting, and fly tying. The first part is Whitlock's book on fly-fishing and is one of the best (the other being Rosenbauer's Orvis book) introductions to the sport of fly fishing. The Whitlock illustrations are always great, and the information is top-notch. You will find out everything you need from fly lines to fly rods to knots to basic flies. Add the other two parts and this is an excellent overall view of all three areas. Because of the comprehensive approach, it is one of the best "how to" books on fly-fishing available. Don't be fooled by the "L.L.Bean" title--the book does not promote their products. It is a top-rated introduction to fly fishing, casting, and tying.

This book was much more informative to a new trout fisherman than the recommended The Orvis Fly-Fishing Guide, Completely Revised and Updated with Over 400 New Color Photos and Illustrations. I bought both books, along with The Orvis Guide to Beginning Fly Fishing: 101 Tips for the Absolute Beginner, as a package from . This book was quite a bit more informative than the Orvis book. While expected promotion of the Orvis brand, the Orvis book is practically a sales catalog for the Orvis brand, whereas the LL Bean book focused more on casting techniques and other much needed information, that was less in depth with the Orvis book. Also, the Orvis book dedicates way too many pages to fly tying, well over 1/3rd of the book, an art that is surely lost on the beginner fly fisherman. I firmly believe that most new fly fisherman will buy flies for quite a while before beginning to tie their own. There is so much to learn and practice in fly fishing to take on the art of fly tying in my opinion.

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 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.

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