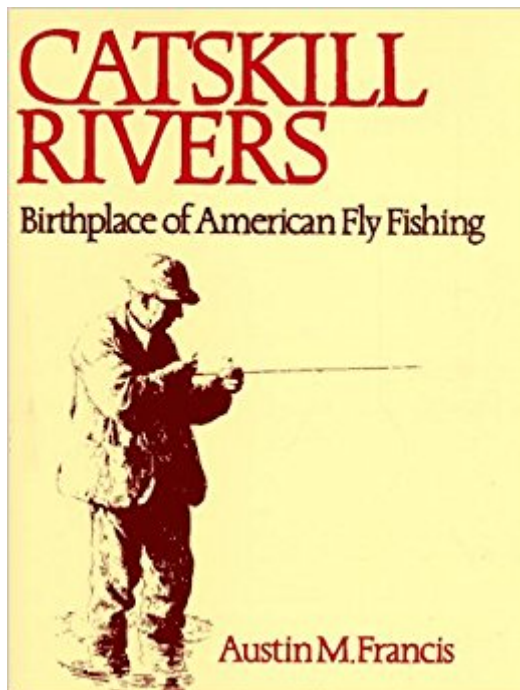


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Synopsis

The definitive study of such hallowed trout streams as the Beaverkill, the Schoharie, and the Delaware.

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"More than a scholarly history, Catskill Rivers left me wading in nostalgia. I could smell the rhododendron blossoming on Dry Brook and even caught a whiff of the hairy armpits at Keener's Pool. Austin Francis has spawned a classic."--A. J. McClane --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Beaverkill, the Willowemoc, the Neversink, the Delaware, the Esopus, the Schoharie-these hallowed trout streams have been hailed for generations as "the birthplace of American fly fishing." Here is their story. Painstakingly researched and beautifully told, Catskill Rivers will likely remain the definitive study of these fabled waters and the remarkable people who created the American fly-fishing tradition. Catskill Rivers offers an unforgettable look at the early river industries-rafting, sawmills, tanneries, wood-acid factories-and at the early days on these classic trout waters, where George LaBranche, in Sparse Grey Hackle's words, "adapted the dry fly to fast water and started an angling revolution." Here are the great anglers, fly tyers, rod makers, entomologists, and publicists-"Uncle Thad" Norris, Seth Green, Theodore Gordon, Herman Christian, Roy Steenrod, Rube Cross, Hiram Leonard, Ed Payne, Louis Rhead, Edward R. Hewitt, Sparse Grey Hackle, Preston Jennings, Art Flick, Harry Darbee, Walt Dette, and a host of others. There are revealing

discussions of the sociological forces that led Americans into fly fishing; the origins and customs of private stream clubs; the rivalries between owners and poachers; the controversies over imported "German" brown trout; the cult of dry-fly purists; the evolution of hatchery practices, stream improvements, and fisheries regulation; as well as the future prospects for these lovely waters. There are also penetrating historical and physical profiles of the six principal Catskill rivers, their insect life, trout distributions, stocking practices, access, angling pressures, fishing conditions, and successful angling techniques. Catskill Rivers is a poignant journey through the annals of American angling, from its origins to the present, laced with anecdotes and stories, graced with more than 110 photographs and nine beautifully illustrated river maps by John Manikowski. It is a book all fishermen will treasure. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I purchased the book due to my interest in the history of fly fishing in the USA. This book is not your average guide book for fishing the Catskills. It far exceeded my expectations with stories about the history of the area including famous people some of the flies we all use are named after. I really enjoyed learning about the Catskills and the famous rivers. Highly recommended.

Good book. Good service.

Great overview of all the Catskill Rivers, the birthplace of fly fishing in America. Must reading for anyone who wants to learn about the colorful characters who will always be the Golden Age of fly fishing. I now feel so grateful to live close to the Catskills, so close to an important part of history.

Great book. Grew up there wonderful memories revisited

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