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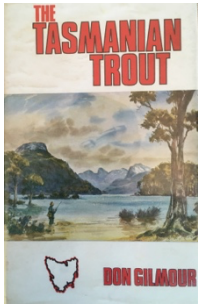
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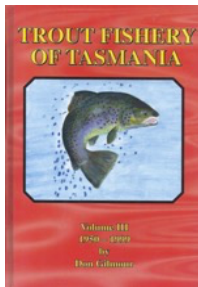
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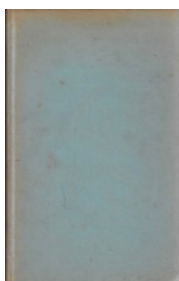
2586. **GILMOUR, Don** *The Tasmanian Trout*, Self Published Launceston, 1973, 8vo, Illust, 300pp including adverts, D/J, Foreword by Sir Peter Crisp. Many black and white photographs. The story of the creation of one of the best trout fisheries of the world. Produced to assist the Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association to commemorate 75 years of service to angling. Signed by author. -Fine. \$180



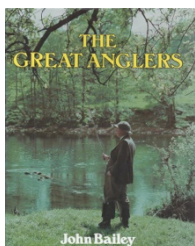
3320. **GILMOUR, Don.** *Trout Fishery of Tasmania Volume III*. Published by the author Launceston, 1998 1st Edn., 8vo, Illust, 164pp, Pictorial board cover, Three volume set details the history of trout fishing in Tasmania. Vol. III covers the period 1950 to 1999. During this period the fishery of Tasmania developed to become one of the greatest trout fisheries of the world. Supported with many photographs. Previous owners name on prelims. -Very Fine. \$150



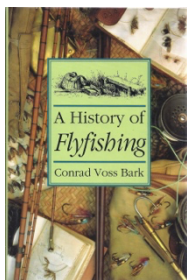
513. **ANON. (Horatio Gordon Hutchinson?).** *Fly-Fishing in Salt and Fresh Water*, John Van Voorst London, 1851, 8vo Illust including 5 full page hand coloured plates of flies by Paul Jerrard, 74pp. plus plates. Original green cloth. The first work to deal at any length with salt-water fly-fishing. Fishing for Salmon in Scotland, Ireland and Nova Scotia, White trout, Sewin or Salmon Peel fishing in Ireland, Wales and Ireland, Sea fly fishing off the Irish and Scottish coast for Pollack, Bass, Mullet and Perch, Pike fishing, Trout and Grayling. With recommended fly and their dressings. Text is signed off with H H. (Horatio Gordon Hutchinson?) Spine has been reinforced and has small repair to top. Corners bumped. Slight browning and foxing. Very scarce. \$700



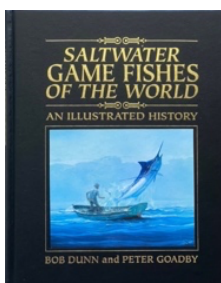
53. **AUSTIN, A.B. (ed.)** *An Angler's Anthology*, Country Life London, 1930, 1st edn, 4to, Illust with 24 delightful dry points of angling scenes by Norman Wilkinson, 168pp, Green cloth cover, A presentation of the most memorable in prose and poetry of angling from the BOKE of St. Albans until the 1930's covering such subjects as praise and dispraise, days of youth, men and manners, angling ways and means, fishes, rivers and lake, sights and sounds and the end of life. Some fading to front cover o/w Fine. \$75



453. **BAILEY, John.** *The Great Anglers.*, David and Charles Newton Abbot, 1990, 8vo 240pp. D/J. Bailey, an angler, author and historian, establishes his selection criteria then discusses his selections. Rich in reminiscence, with factual and entertaining information. Many rare colour and black and white photograph and illustrations. -Fine \$50

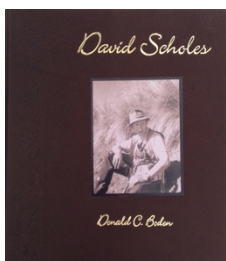


2695. **BARK, Conrad Voss.** *A History of Fly Fishing.* Merlin Unwin Books Ludlow, 1992 1st Edn., 8vo, Illust, 202pp. D/J. The story of fly fishing from Macedonian to modern times told with wit and erudition. Tells of the breakthroughs in tackle design from the Macedonian plumes to hair-wing streamers of today and the changing times in Britain, Ireland and North America. Relives the great debates and controversies, and spotlights the sports formative protagonists Robert Venables, Juliana Berners, Izaak Walton, Charles Cotton, Alfred Ronalds, George Kelson, J.C.Mottram, Dr Bell and more. Illustrated with 8 colour plates of flies through the ages and 21 black and white drawings. –Very Fine, \$39



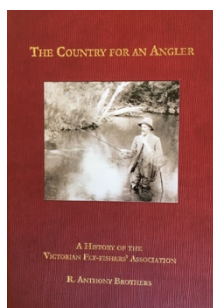
455. **DUNN, Bob. & GOADBY, Peter.** *Saltwater Game Fishes of the World: An Illustrated History,* AFN Melbourne, 2000, Ltd Edn of 500, 4to, Illust, 292pp + prelims, Leather cover with photo inset and gilt titles. In slipcase., A history of the species from the times of Alexander the Great to modern times. It discussed the naturalists who wrote of fishing in their times, it covers the species, the swordfish, marlins, mackerels, sharks, dolphin fish, bluefish, bass, tarpon, bonefish and the cobia. It also covers the anglers, the origins of sea fishing, the pioneers, the big tackle, early writers, and some of the early books. Beautifully illustrated with many plates and coloured

photographs. 'Not just a book for saltwater anglers. All anglers, whatever their individual persuasion, will benefit from this erudite and highly readable investigation of the origins of their sport. Anglers everywhere should be proud that Bob Dunn and Peter Goadby had the vision and dedication to complete this monumental work' (Mike Leech, President IGFA). Numbered and signed by both authors. – Mint. \$350



3198. **BODEN, Donald. C.** *The Other Side of the Hill.* Stevens Publishing Launceston, 2006 1st Edn., Ltd edn of 125., Signed and numbered. 4to, Illust., 222pp. Red leather cover with photo tipped in front cover. Illustrated e/p. The biography of the late David Scholes, aviator, angler, artist and author. Foreword by David Macintyre. Numerous photographs and illustrations in colour and sepia. Captures the essence and character of this celebrated patriarch of Australian angling. The author, a Launceston doctor, captures the essence and character of this celebrated Australian angler, spent hundreds of hours with David in his sunroom, listening and writing. The

biography was fully supported by David who passed away on 25 May 2005 before he could see the finished book. The author passed away in 2020. -Very Fine \$295

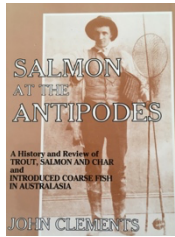


5051. **BROTHERS, R. Anthony.** *The Country for an Angler.* Stevens Publishing Launceston, 2010 1st Edn., Ltd Edn of 100 numbered copies, 8vo, Illust, 236pp, Red Rayas binding with gilt titles, Image of an angler inset in front cover. A history of the Victorian Fly Fishers Association collected from a treasure trove of historical documents, reports, photographs and ephemera. Foreword by Peter Boag President of VFFA. -Very Fine. \$250

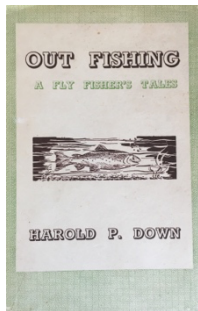


2042. **BROWN, John J.** *The American Anglers Guide or Complete Fishing Manual for the United States,* D Appleton & Co. New York, 1857 4th edn, Revised corrected and updated, 12mo, Illust with 67 Plates and decorative engravings supporting each page, 332pp, Classic complete fishers manual for the United States containing the opinions and practices of the experienced anglers of both hemispheres with the various modes adopted in ocean, river, lake, and pond fishing, the usual tackle and baits required, instruction in the art of making

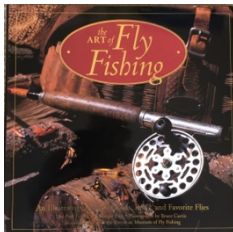
artificial flies etc. Rebound in Quarter leather with raised bands. Ex Flyfishers Club of Oregon Library. Fine. \$300



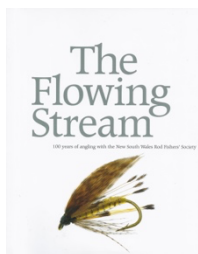
3701. **CLEMENTS, John.** *Salmon at the Antipodes*, Self published Ballarat, 1988, 4to, Illust., 391pp. Decorative boards. A history and review of trout, salmon and char and introduced coarse fish in Australia. A scholarly work published in the bi-centenary year to commemorate the introduction of trout into Australia. Much of the angling literature covers the introduction of Salmon and Brown trout from the UK. In the Message from the Minister, Joan Kirnan states that this book “ goes well beyond the events of the 1860’s in Victoria and Tasmania and includes detailed information on the introduction of Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Chinook and Sockeye Salmonand more than forty other species of exotic coarse species of fishes presently at large in the Australian region.” – Fine. \$175



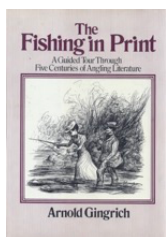
4098. **DOWN, Harold. P.** *Out Fishing – A Fly Fishers Tales*, Published privately Melbourne, 1952, 8vo, Illust, 147pp, D/J. Contains tales of the author's experiences and how trout came to Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, the development of hatcheries in Victoria and the formation of the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society. Illustrated with black and white drawings and a frontispiece photograph of the author and students. “A highly readable collection of assorted yarns, anecdotes and angling trivia” (Dunn). Some rubbing and a section of rear D/J missing. Inscription by author and signature by previous owner. (Tom Edwards). – Nr.Fine. \$350



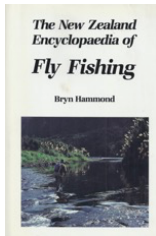
4325. **FERSON, Paul. & PAGE, Margot** *The Art of Fly Fishing*. Courage Books Philadelphia, 2000, 4to, Illust, 108pp, D/J, Produced in co-operation with the American Museum of Fly Fishing. Discover the timeless elegance of the sport, its history, and traditions. More than 130 colour photographs of modern and collectable fishing tackle, quotes, anecdotes and interesting titbits from writers, fishermen and poets. Includes an Introduction: The World of Fly Fishing and chapters on Five Hundred Years of Tradition and History, Mechanical Aesthetics: Wood, Steel and Aluminium, The Art of Rod Willow to Bamboo to Graphite, Natural Artificials, Fly Tying Magic. Photography by Bruce Curtis. - Mint. \$65



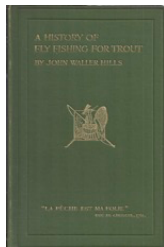
2207. **GIBSON, Peter.** *The Flowing Stream*. Creek of Peace Sydney, 2004, 4to, Illust, 164pp, D/J, Limited edn of 1000. Cover by Peter Leuver. A record of 100 years of trout acclimatisation and fishing with the New South Wales Rod Fishers Society with extracts, colour and monochrome photographs and drawings from the Society's journals. It is the story of the Societies formation, the dedication of the founders, their efforts and achievements, trials and tribulations, and the pleasures and mateship of fishing, as glimpsed through the years. – Very Fine. \$100



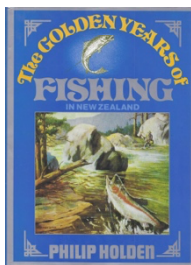
2587. **GINGRICH, Arnold.** *The Fishing in Print*, Winchester Press New York, 1974, 4to, Illust, 344pp, D/J, A guided tour through five centuries of angling literature. Gingrich discusses angling writing and writers over the period. Structured around twelve of the giants of angling who have most dramatically influenced the development of the sport. An excellent reference book with his chapter titled “Some choice fishing in print. (Since 1935)” lists a selection of 35 of his “must read books”. This list includes one Australian author, L J Wackett *Studies of an Angler*. A must for any collector of fly fishing books. The author was the founding editor and long time publisher of *Esquire* magazine. -Fine. \$50



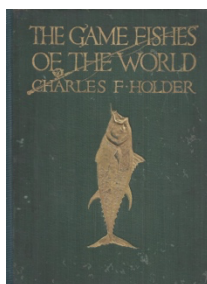
694. **HAMMOND, Bryn.** *The New Zealand Encyclopaedia of Fly Fishing*, Halcyon Press Auckland, 1988, 4to, Illust, 238pp, D/J. Despite the encyclopaedic title, this book contains a wealth of fact, fly fishing lore, history, science, streamside entomology, artificial flies personalities authors, fishing books and comment on the New Zealand angling scene from the first introductions of trout and salmon to the present day. Together with his friend John Parsons, they are regarded as the researchers and keepers of New Zealand piscatorial history and have an immense knowledge of the literature of NZ angling. Their published works have proven most valuable in the compilation of this bibliography. – SI Foxing - Very Fine \$60



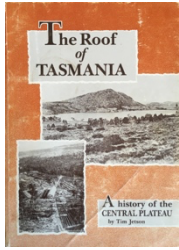
2939. **HILLS, John W.** *A History of Fly Fishing for Trout*, Philip Allen London, 1921 1st edn., 8vo, 244pp, Orig. green cloth with gilt motif, a quotation in french and title on upper front and spine, The first book to trace the history of the sport from its beginnings in the 15th century. "Major Hills has succeeded in identifying almost all the artificial flies mentioned by the early writers and his account of the evolution of rods, lines, reels and tackle is very complete". The author concludes this important work 'And then I believe that there must be others whom the history of the sport attracts, who are fascinated by the devices of other days, and who are never weary of going back to the old writers, of reading them again, of getting at their real meaning and of seeing where they have anticipated us'. Includes 9 page bibliography of UK and French fishing books. Alan Jarvis bookplate. Slight foxing, rubbing and three chippings to cover - Fine. \$150



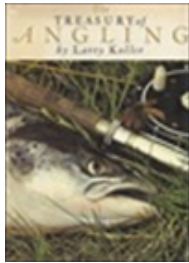
2390. **HOLDEN, P.** *The Golden Years of Fishing in New Zealand*, Hodder and Stoughton Auckland, 1984. 4to, Illust, 291pp, D/J An anthology of early writing on New Zealand fishing; for trout, salmon and big-game fish. "For novelist Zane Grey, and countless other enthusiasts who visited this country in the 1920s and 1930s, New Zealand was 'the angler's Ed Dorado'. The famous trout fishing waters of Lake Taupo and the Tongariro River, the salmon rivers of the South Island, and the deep-sea fishing grounds of the Bay of Islands were renowned for the exhilarating sporting experiences and prolific catches they afforded. Through fishermen's stories extracted from old books and popular magazines, such as the Auckland Weekly News and The New Zealand Fishing and Shooting Gazette, Philip Holden has gathered a selection of tales, anecdotes and boasts, to bring to life 'the golden years of fishing' from the beginning of European settlement until the 1930s. The storytellers include New Zealand's foremost early fishing writers - Montague Craddock, Lady Barker, G.M. Thomson, T.E. Donne, F. Rollett, Malcolm Ross - and the exploits of such celebrated overseas visitors as Sir Rider Haggard, Duke of Gloucester, Duke and Duchess of York, Lord Jellicoe, Lord Baden-Powell, Sir Harry Lauder, Lord Bledisloe, Sir Charles Fergusson, Viscount Galwey, William Marshall, Zane Grey, and Lord Grimthorp make fascinating reading". Supported by 150 photographs. -Very Fine. \$65



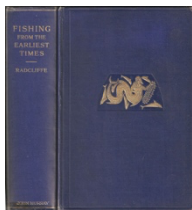
805. **HOLDER, Charles Frederick.** *The Game Fishes of the World*, Hodder and Stroughton London, [1913], 1st edn., 4to, Illust, 411pp, original gilt-blocked cloth. Gilt title and vignette of fish and rod motif on cover. Freshwater and saltwater sport and game fishing all over the world including chapters on Australia and New Zealand. More than 120 photographs. Holder was a passionate naturalist throughout his life, he was known for his books on marine zoology and the first books on big-game fishing, a sport he pioneered in 1898.¹ His books are noted for their combination of accurate scientific detail with exciting narratives. Over 120 b&w photographs, Very slight foxing, Corners slightly bumped. Insect damage to spine and edges. -Very Good. \$175



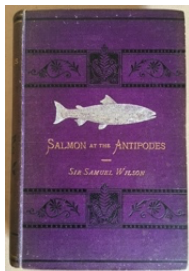
3474 **JETSON, Tim.** *The Roof of Tasmania* Perlion Press Launceston, 1998. 8vo, Illust, 174pp, Card cover, The history of the Central Plateau of Tasmania. Foreword by Dr L.L.Robson. 'A most sympathetic analysis and description'...Foreword. Jetson details the history of fishing on the plateau and includes a section on the Shannon Rise and fishing The Great Lake and Sandy Lake. Sl rub to cover. -Very Good. \$300



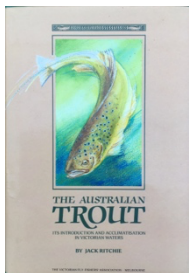
938. **KOLLER, Larry.** *The Treasury of Angling*, Golden Press London, 1963, 4to, Illust, 252pp, D/J, History and developments in freshwater game and coarse fishing in UK, Ireland, Europe and North America. Nicely presented with hundreds of illustrations in colour and b/w by George Silk and Michael Pritchard. Chapters include, Development of Angling in Britian, Development of Angling Tackle, Fly Fishing in Britian, Trout, Salmon American Black Bass, The Irish Lakes, The Water Types and How to Fish Them. P/C. Several small tears to cover. – Fine. \$30



1351. **RADCLIFFE, William.** *Fishing from the Earliest Times*, John Murray London 1926, the preferred 2nd edn, 8vo Illust 494pp. Blue Cloth. An important work which traces the history of angling as far back as the ancient Greeks from Homer, Plato Plutarch, Aelian and Diocletian, through the sacred fish of the Egyptians, to Assyrian fishing methods, legends and gods to the Jewish methods of fishing , the fish of Tobias and Moses, Jonah and Solomons Ring to the Chinese with their silk lines, nets and fish breeding. . This book "is, as far as I can discover, the first attempt to examine classical and other ancient writers on Fishing from the standpoint of one who has not only been a practical Pisciculturist for many years and an Angler all his life, but has also been taught (though somewhat forgotten) his Greek and Latin.".....preface. Fifty nine photographs and drawings. Some foxing. - Very Good \$100



5022 **WILSON, Sir Samuel.** *Salmon At The Antipodes* Edward Stanford London, 1879, 3rd. Edn. 12mo, front is & folding map, 252pp, being an account of the successful introduction of salmon and trout into Australian waters, 'Represents the third edition of *The Californian Salmon* and appears to differ only by the addition of a map, contents page and index' (Dunn). Original decorative cloth, - slight sunning to spine and foxing to prelims. Previous owner's library plate. Inscription by author to Lord Claude Hamilton. - Very Good. \$1750



2627. **RITCHIE, Jack.** *The Australian Trout: Its introduction and acclimatisation in Victorian waters*, Victorian Fly Fishers Association. Melbourne 1988, Limited edn. of 2000. 8vo Illust 104pp. D/J. This is the story of the 'grand experiment' on the introduction and acclimatisation of trout into Australian waters involving both Tasmania and Victoria and tells of the important voluntary work by many individuals who were prepared to contribute their own effort and money to the project It also relates the important financial support given of both governments. " This book...written as a project in Australia's Bicentennial year to promote awareness in our community....and to recognize the value of our trout fishery and how it was established" –S.A. Lancaster –President- Victorian Fly Fishers Association. Beautifully written and produced and a worthy addition to every Australian trout fisherman's library. Inscription by author to Bob Dunn - Fine \$75

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