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salmo wrote:

And from the 60's "Trout Fishing In America" by Richard Brautigan. Being from the 60's I can't remember what it was about.

The only thing in the book that has anything to do with trout is a short essay called "The Cleveland Junkyard". Its a Brautigan fantasy about going to a junkyard to look over parts of a Colorado trout stream that was scrapped by the previous owner. Leaning against an an old barn were sections of stream, mostly shallow riffles, the bigger holes and long runs already gone. The vegetation was out back but was likewise picked over, with only some scrawny trees and sickly bushes left. The rocks were in another section with just the largest ones remaining, apparently too big to easily move, and so on.

Its a surreal image, in a late '50's, San Francisco beatnik sort of way. We still chop streams up into sections, like you really could take them apart and sell them piecemeal.