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No doubt, if I knew about this site 10-12 years ago I would be miles ahead.

For the most part I was self taught meaning I borrowed many books from the library and purchased a few others about the sport and did a lot of reading.

After the first few years I fly fished, I met only one other person who fly fished. A girlfriend of mine introduced me to her uncle who fly fished for years. Occasionally we'd meet and he drive us to some local Northeast PA stream in his old beat up Subaru wagon.

He took me to a nice spot on the West Branch Delaware, where I watched an eagle slowly gliding, flapping it's wings towards me to grab a trout directly out in front of me. That trout seemed to be just out of casting distance, and the eagle landed on a limb overhanging the water about 75 yards downstream to eat the trout.

Another time we fished well past dusk on a super clear pool on a small stream in the moonlight. You could still see the trout come up off the bottom to take a cahill.

It is great to have people to show you things. Books, although very informational, do not reveal all of the subtleties of fly fishing that experience and aged wisdom tend to offer.