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I think the guys have you on the right track to where you want to head a beginner. You'll learn many things along the way one of which is the action of your rod. I taught many students @ PSU both learned and unskilled the beginning stages of casting and found that most of them found it much easy to learn on a medium action rod. This will flex more in the middle of the rod which will help you tremendously because you can feel when the rod is loaded much easier than with a fast action. The cabelas rod's don't seem like a bad deal but I cannot speak to how they feel as I have never casted one. Temple Fork makes very affordable rods but best of all, and especially as a beginner you may have to use one, they come with an unconditional lifetime warranty. I believe Sage is the only other that carries this warranty but you will pay \$175 for their starting model. Others have conditional 25 year which isn't bad but I would recommend getting something with a warranty on it. I've broken 3 rods and (redington) and I was thrilled to get brand new upgraded rods for \$30 shipping. Much better than the \$250 per rod I would have had to spend otherwise.

Also as far as casting goes, if you can find a local fly shop in your area I'm sure they'll give you a free lesson on casting. I bought some cortland line that came with a dvd that had good pointers for beginners and would be more than willing to send it to you. PM me if you're interested. The more you read and ask the faster you will learn. You'll be catching fish in no time!