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" In my opinion the top dollar reels really aren't worth the money"

That Sir is your opinion. There are likely thousands of guys who would argue with you about the relative value of "top dollar" reels.

Personally I've never owned a mid price point reel. I'm sure they can do the job quite well for the average trout. I often catch trout of 20" and more and I want that drag to start up flawlessly and to run off line smoothly with no hiccups or jerks.

My preferred trout reels are the Lamson Litespeed 1.5 where I use a #5 line and the Abel Creek 2 for my #4 dry fly work.

If simplicity was all there was to fly fishing I could probably do quite well, for most trout here in PA, with no reel at all. But from an asthetic point of view I just like well made fishing tackle. I love the finish on "top dollar" reels, I like the way they sound, I like the superb workmanship and I like how they look on my "top dollar" rods.

However for someone new to the sport there are probably a couple of dozen well made fly reels that will perform well and please the owner. You can get the Lamson Konic for \$129 - it has the same drag as the Litespeed. You can't beat the Orvis Access series which start at \$135 or the Orvis BBS II for \$135.00.