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What do you cinsider "high dollar" \$300? \$500? \$800?

There is no magic Sage rod and the model you are looking at may not be as good as another companies offering at the same price point.

I agree about the Helios 2, it's a great rod and when I cast it side by side with a Sage One, I preferred it by a wide margin.

I disagree about the need for a high end rig to catch big fish (or whatever). The mid priced, and even some of the lower end fly gear is so much improved over what was available only 10 years ago. For instance, give me a current model Orvis Clearwater rod and Cleawater LA reel and I would not feel unprepared for ANY freshwater fishing. Go back ten years or so and the Clearwater line of reels was worth more as scrap metal than as reels.

High end stuff is great. If you can afford it and are comfortable spending that amount on a rod or reel, you won't be dissapointed. However, smart shopping will lead you to plenty of very good mid range options if you budget dictates that. You shouldn't feel unprepared because you didn't buy the absolute priciest stuff. It just doesn't matter to the fish.

Kev