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The bug puppet part was so great I had to write it down...here it is:

Thomas McGuane has many important things to get done in a day. Yet all he's doing this day, strange to say, is building make believe creatures. Tiny puppets really. Bug puppets. This fully grown very busy man intends to perform some puppet theatre, but not for people. Tom's audience will consist of fish. If he and his cane rod can send a bug puppet dancing down river realistically enough, a trout in his audience, might think the puppet's real, and eat it. Tom will then scare the living bejesus out of the fish by fighting it in to his hands, only to thank it, and set it free. The chief result of this bizarre transaction will be a very confused trout skulking on the bottom, wonder how the hell a tiny insect managed to beat the crap out of it, but forever grateful to that nice McGuane fellow for freeing it from that evil bug.

- David James Duncan