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Re: In the Ring of the Rise

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Quote:

lv2nymph wrote:

That is a cool surprise, congrats. A signed copy, first edition is quite the find. Is it in descent shape?

The book itself is in very good shape. The dust cover has tears, so it's not in very good shape.

There is a section in the book about the Au Sable River in Michigan. He talks about the "sweepers" which are trees that have fallen in that line the banks of the stream. He says "Everybody agrees that without them there would not be the vast population that occupies the Au Sable."

The book was published in 1976 and the ideas about the importance of the downed trees as trout habitat was apparently something well known and agreed upon by the local guides and fishermen, probably for many years before that.

The first scientific papers on the importance of large woody debris were published in the late 1970s, and the first major paper and book that really caught the attention of many people in the fields of stream ecology, fluvial geomorphology etc. were published in 1979, and then there was a great deal of study on the topic in the 1980s.

But, here's the point, some observant and thoughtful fishermen knew first, before it was ever published in scientific papers! The old time fishermen and guides on the Au Sable had probably observed the crucial role of downed trees as trout habitat many decades before that.