

Subject: : Print, Video, Audio Discussions

Topic: : Tell all books: good or bad?

Re: Tell all books: good or bad?

Author: : Fishidiot

Date: : 2009/1/15 9:31:12

URL:

This is a perpetual debate that comes up regarding this forum and the internet in general and always generates a lot of opinion.

I've posted my views on this topic and will, for what it's worth, repeat 'em with regards to books and conventional print media as well as the internet. My personal view is that fishermen should use some restraint when discussing specific, smaller "local" waters on the internet. Talking about relatively large waters that are known statewide is fine - Yough, Lil J, etc. World famous waters like Letort, Spring Cr, Yellow B, Penns etc is also fine. I won't post reports about small wild trout streams or local stocked waters. On occasion, I'll respond to a post asking about a local stream or PM the reply. As for the books you mention, I have mixed feelings about them but do admit that, on the balance, they're probably fine and do more good than harm. My sense is that the internet is more likely to draw more attention to small waters than books (just a sense - no way to prove this one). Magazines probably have a wider readership than books. I enjoy one particular magazine that is infamous for "kiss and tell" but cringe at some of the articles in it. Keep in mind, some locals would welcome more fishermen visiting their local waters for economic reasons.

Again, this issue is purely a matter of personal opinion.