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I'm the first to say that I'm just really putting all the various aspects of this sport together, but I bought this book on the recommendations of an acquaintance.

I've spent quite sometime beside the stream, and saw plenty of flies, but I've never taken the time to actually identify them other than to think, "Oh, small and tan.. I've got something like that!"

However, when I bought hte book and looked through it, I started to put things together. I now realize that where I often fish on the Monocacy for an hour afterwork has lots of black caddis, I recognize the fly, and I can easily put it to a name and then to a pattern. Just the other day, despite people saying, "BWOs are hatching," I didn't know much til I was putting my waders on and saw them landing on my car.

I think I had an epiphany at that moment. I still may not know what I'm doing, but I know a little less than the day before.

I'm sure there's better field guides, but this is small enough to stuff in a pocket and informational enough for me to feel that I'm better equipped than ever before.