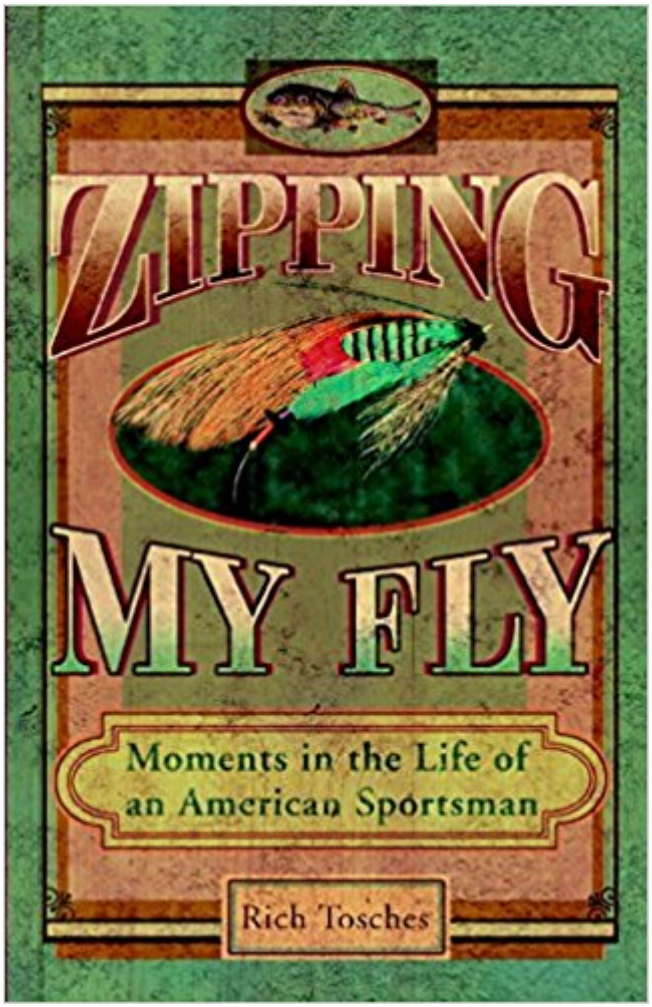
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# Zipping My Fly: Moments In The Life Of An American Sportsman




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## Synopsis

Imagine A River Runs Through It seen through the eyes of Dave Barry and you'll get an idea of Rich Tosches' sharp-eyed reflections on the art, hobby, and obsession of fly fishing. Armed with a rod, a pen, and an eccentric sense of humor, Pulitzer Prize-nominated sportswriter Rich Tosches headed for the Grand Teton Mountains, site of the World Fly Fishing Championship, and cast a keen eye on his fellow trollers from all over the globe. This encounter-and many others during a lifetime dedicated to the pursuit of fly fishing -are captured in a side-splitting collection of observations on every angle-and angler-of one of America's favorite pastimes.

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## Customer Reviews

"[Tosches's] humor is AN EXPLOSIVE MIX OF DAVE SEDARIS AND DAVE BARRY."

A former UPI and LA Times writer, Rich Tosches was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his Olympics coverage. He has also written for Sports Illustrated, Modern Maturity, and other national magazines. Rich and his family live in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to take advantage of excellent fly fishing and other outdoor activities. Named ColoradoÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Journalist of the Year by the stateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Press Association, and once called Ã¢â ¬Å“the funniest man in AmericaÃ¢â ¬Â• by Steve Allen, Tosches has been the humor columnist for the Colorado Springs Gazette since 1993.Ã Â

Rich Tosches is a talented writer, having worked for several national publications. He is humorous

and makes you laugh out loud sometimes! For anyone interested in sports of any kind, he is the go-to person. Now working for the Colorado Springs Gazette, he continues to amuse and inform his many fans. I would recommend anything written by Mr. Tosches. You can't go wrong!

Starts off hilarious then ok. Too much repetitive cliche's.

Great read. First book that I have read in a long time that made me laugh out loud! Every fly fishing enthusiast should really enjoy it!

I found Rich's humor to be off-the-wall and so funny, the kind of humor and situations that normal people can relate to. It's rare tofind someone as funny as Patrick F. McManus in the outdoor humor field, but I put Rich right up ther with him. Super!

Boring!!

Author is not funny but want to write s humorous book so rather than write short essays with a funny twist, he tries to pack in stupid, obvious jokes into each paragraph. E.g. During the parade for fly fishing tournament we have 800 foot Winnebagos, $35 dollar tshirts or 2 for $85, the Italian team wearing Armani suits with fly patches and the Belgian team wearing suits made from waffles. That's all in one paragraph. The author is trying to force funny and it's not working. Quit after 20 pages.

Zipping My Fly is a fantastic read. I've always thought that if a book isn't worth reading twice it isn't worth reading. This book is definately worth reading more than twice. Admittedly Tosches at times tries a little too hard to be funny, however more often than not he is extremely funny. I have never read a book that caused me to laugh out loud more than Zipping My Fly. By reading the other reviews of this book it seems to be a book that you either love or hate. I can't personally understand why anyone wouldn't love it. Anyone who flyfishes and is honest with themselves has to laugh out loud about Lee and his 8x tippet. It's comforting to know there are other guys out there who passionately enjoy flyfishing and can't stand the Lee's of the world. I suppose those who can't stand this book are likely the Lee's of the world. Read the book and you'll know what I mean. Thanks Mr. Tosches for an absolutely fantastic book and please write another one soon.

I'll give the author credit for writing a book that's different from all the other fly fishing books out

there. This book is funny, and it’s meant to be funny. The jokes and one liners were nonstop. But, I felt that the humor got a little repetitive. I grew tired of reading the same phrases over and over again. Personally, I would have liked to have read fewer jokes and a little more of his introspective thoughts. For instance, I liked the chapter called, "A Tear and a Long-Tail Deer", which was about fishing with his kids. It was pensive, sincere and funny at the same time. It showed a little more heart than the rest of the book and it still made me laugh. I just wish there would have been more chapters like that one.

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