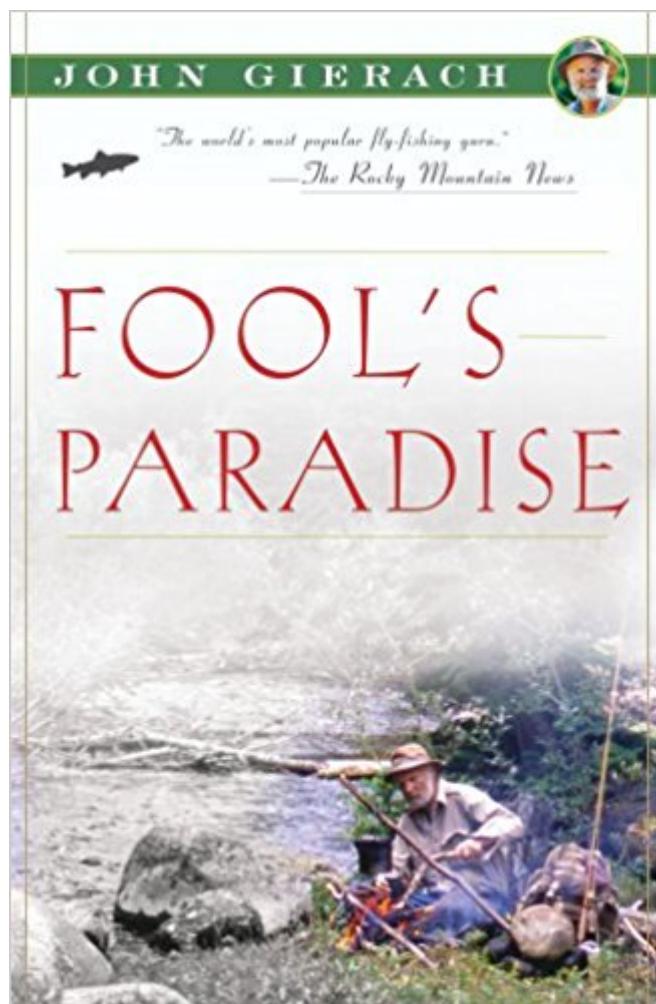


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# Fool's Paradise (John Gierach's Fly-fishing Library)



## Synopsis

Brilliant, witty, perceptive essays about fly-fishing, the natural world, and life in general by the acknowledged master of fishing writers. If John Gierach is living in a fool's paradise, then it's a paradise that his regular readers will recognize and new fans will delight in discovering. Laced with the inimitable blend of wit and wisdom that have made him fly-fishing's foremost scribe, *Fool's Paradise* chronicles the fishing life in all its glory (catching your biggest fish ever) and squalor (being stranded in a tent during a soaking rainstorm). In Gierach's world, both experiences are valuable, and perhaps inevitable. Fishermen everywhere will understand Gierach's quest to discover and explore new waters (and then not to divulge the best locations to anyone), the unlikely appeal of winter fly-fishing, or his dismay at encroaching development ("You never get to point at a meadow full of browsing mule deer and say, 'You know, all this was once condos.'"). Braving trips on small prop planes and down "Oh-My-God" roads, Gierach and his fishing buddies pursue bull trout in British Columbia, steelhead in the Rocky Mountains, and pike so fierce that a wise fisherman wears Kevlar gloves for the obligatory trophy photo. Equal parts fishing lore, philosophy, and great fish stories, *Fool's Paradise* may not be a perfect substitute for actually being out on the water, but it's surely the next best thing.

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This addition to Gierach's long list of fishing books is perhaps not of trophy quality, but it's definitely a keeper. Gierach gets back to the basics of fishing in a collection of personal essays in which he contends that fishing is as much about being outdoors with a few friends who share the same passion as it is about catching fish. Of course, he still thrills at the fish's strike and he lands his fair share of them, but he spends as much time describing other aspects of the sport: getting there, what to do in foul weather, camping etiquette and predicting hatches. He even spends some time ruminating on hunting and the business of rod making. With the simple grace and native wisdom he is known for, Gierach always gets back around to fishing and pays special tribute to the fish themselves, sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of North American fish, their feeding habits and their exquisite colorings. Occasionally, he comments on environmental issues such as the effects of logging and housing developments on local streams, but he seems resigned to such encroachments, claiming that he can live with change as long as the fish are biting; such, he confesses, is his fool's paradise. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Gierach is a first-rank fishing writer... in the same league as Nick Lyons and Bill Tapply... but his thoughtful meditations on friends and family evoke Garrison Keillor."

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I'll be reading more of this author's books. This guy is witty and a real character! He knows his fly fishing and his gear. It would be a blast to go fishing with this guy. Too bad he listens to public radio.....However, I am somewhat sympathizing when he says there is not much else to listen to, as country music (for the most part) has gone to hell in the last decade! This book is well worth your time and money. Also, good to read something by a guy who has been to King Salmon, Alaska. I've been there a few times on the most memorable fishing trips of my life! His descriptions of King Salmon and the people there are spot on. You will not be disappointed with all of his stories and experiences!

Smiles all around once again reading his works.

I have a complete collection of John's books and I never get tired of them. I Love his sense of humor. He is a fisherman's fisherman. A good book to read when you can't get on the water.

Another great read by Gierach, what can I say? I've read and enjoyed so many of his books I almost feel as if I'm actually along on his fishing trips.

Gierach is in fine form as usual. Good read. Makes you feel you're right there with him on the water.

I thought I had all of Mr. Gierach's books, only to find this one I had somehow overlooked. Just as enjoyable as the rest, and at a great price! The attraction of his works is obvious to those who flyfish, but those who don't will find that, subject matter aside, he is a fine writer. His prose have an easy-going, conversational style which reminds me of Steinbeck's "Travels with Charlie". In short, a very enjoyable read.

If your a fan of John you will enjoy this one as well.

Kind of makes you wonder if you have been fishing with your brain in neutral and your eyes totally unfocused.

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