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[00:00:10] Yeah I actually do have a story on and I thought about this.

[00:00:14] A little bit and I've got more than one story. I have several because. My thinking about this stuff involves but the first story. Is is about me and this really represents. Fishing to me and that story is. When I was a kid I grew up. Went to school and I got into trouble. Like most kids do in school and my dad would take me fishing. And. You know we talk about what's going on and I remember going to the. I lived in Virginia at the time and we go to a place called Lake Britain which was a little. At the time it wasn't in the city maybe in the city. Now it is near. Washington. but. You take me out there and there's a man who would rent boats. And so we. We rented a boat. My dad told me he said and Eddie can be called me Eddie Eddie's gotten into trouble and.

[00:01:09] We just thought we'd come out and fish and talk about it. And. I remember that that guy and he sold bait. He did all that. He said Well you know. The way I see it any boy and fishes can't be all bad. And that's the. I still think that's true and then other stories that go on top of that just a few days ago I fished with a guy named Moss AQ easy 3 years old. He's fished hot creek in California forever. I show you mine. Try to go and jump here on the South Platte River. And we're lucky. We hit everything perfect. And even though we both have fished all this time I mean he's been fishing. Since. The 50s on hot creek and I've been fly fishing since. It's gotta be. At least 40 years more maybe. And. These fish are coming up and all of a sudden we're just we're both like those boys. And to me. That's kind of what fly fishing represents. So. It's all I can say is a great thing.

[00:02:24] Well small flies aren't the most difficult to target. And the reason is that once you get used to the proportions once you get used to everything being small it's like well how much junk can you pile on. That little hook and they become pretty easy but the challenge becomes. It strips everything down to the essentials. And so you're trying to figure out triggers you're trying to figure out what what is it that insert your what part of that insect or what's that insect doing. That. Makes the child bite. Makes the child eat it. So you're trying to figure out that real essence it's it's a real essential kind of fishing and you're you're integrating. What this. Naturals doing and your imitation. And that can be difficult. But in terms of the actual mechanics of time flies. I still think that time a really good. Traditionally half or dry fly that's balanced out that floats perfectly. I still think that's a big challenge. And you can. Get more crazy about it you can. Tie. Salmon flies and all that stuff but since I don't tie them. It's hard for me to comment.

[00:03:41] On it. But. In terms of. The. What was the best fly and you sort of float what fly do you think is most feasible and then what do you put it for all purpose let fly. Well you're right. I think I think the Adams. Tie traditionally with the traditional Apple is in fact. The most beautiful and I would say fish with it.

[00:04:06] Because it gets the job done. It's just a beautiful looking fly. I traditionally Apple flies I think which is really great. And I would also say the old cure cats because for me beauty sort of comes.

[00:04:18] When they're functional. When they wouldn't last a long time. Fish them forever. They hold together and they catch travel almost anywhere it's funny for some flies. They don't. Work for two or three years great and then they don't work and then some flies to stand the test of time. Adam's ill cure cowardice the Pheasant Tail and the gold repairs here they just work no matter where you go. I don't believe that magic is but they. Keep

working. Great for. Well the value to anglers I mean. The fact that. You've mentioned that anybody can go up there and they can look at those papers off. You know songs they don't take them how they can look at them there which. Like we said earlier is a great excuse to Fish Montana. And I like the fact that it's open to the public. Everybody has access to. All these things from a. Writer's point of view. To TV. That's a great research thing. I mean you're able to go when you're able to see how some of these things fly fishermen and fishermen that you really respect how they're thinking about things you have the opportunity to meet you how they develop some of the ideas some of the fly patterns that. They use. And. Nets.

[00:05:46] That's invaluable to them. In general any collection I think that focuses anytime you have a collection. That focuses on something anglers. You know the kind of uniforms in the civil war or anything like that if you have it in one place. The more stuff you can have in one place. And. And I think it needs to be a physical collection. It's one thing to have it on the Internet that's valuable but it's even more valuable when you go in and. Pull these documents you can see how the guy was scribbling in the margins. And. How some of these ideas came up. I don't really like. Fly fishing history so for me. This stuff's great. I just like to. Put these. Because you know most of. These fly fishing. Pretty quick. She thinks it looks good. Yeah yeah I think we're pretty quirky and. That's one of the reasons off attracted to it.

[00:06:46] Just like that. That's great. Yeah yeah. One of the things that I was just going to caution is it's kind of the six degrees chariots and. So we'll collect anything that relates back to their children's books fiction. Children's literature. Fiction game laws And one of the values from. In my mind for researchers is like being able to compare. Children's books and in-laws for the last 300 years. One stop shopping. And they're both kind of reflections of society values Well yeah. And I. And I do think you'll see.

[00:07:22] You'll see. No I mean. It goes all the way to presidents I mean you should have Jimmy Carter only efficient Herbert Hoover. Yeah. Was was a fly fisherman. And. It goes all through the society and everybody talks about the movie.

[00:07:38] And the river runs through it. How that popularize things and it did but it goes in cycles and for some reason fly fishing. In particular seems to to have a real literature around it. More so B than. Than gear fishing. I'm not. Qualified to say that it is more but it just seems like there's a lot more literature a lot more writing around flight. I think we're more alive once you get to a certain level. I think all fishermen. Learn the same. And fishing fishing. No matter what kind of gear you use and if you're interested I mean I grew up I was a big fisherman and I was a a gear fisherman and. I basically learned how to fish nets by fish and worms and offers. On weight and it's all part of that but you get to a certain level and I think all of that. Differences you. Sort of break down. Fly fisherman are kind of known you know. They have this reputation for sort of being snotty and stuff like that. But I think when you get to a point where it's just fishing and it always comes down to that everybody's the same. And even in terms of treating the resource I mean bass fishermen they get to a point where they they don't want to kill every shoes they want to release fish. And you have more respect for the resource the more you get into it. No doubt. But. It's all. If you can fish if you fish you fish. I mean. It's just. The two. Used to catch or different. Yeah. And you know who's to say that fly fishing is more poetic. I think it is trying to note some people maybe. Maybe a lot of really fine cast with a spin off. This is just as poetic. Problem is.

[00:09:40] I'll say there's been times and I've been on camp and I have a little collapsible standing up to take with me. And. If I just want to get something for dinner. And I'm not having any luck with the fly I'll still throw maps out there or something. You can sit up. And. I've never item I will never be as good a fly caster. I can still put a spanner exactly wanted to put it and I'm here with you. I think almost everybody started out a vision and it was it's almost an illusion of sorts. Well just you on with that I started out fishing.

[00:10:15] As a fly fisherman fishing bait while we fly. Oh yeah. We fish hoppers and worms with our with our fly rods and then eventually moved to patterns. And you didn't have this.

[00:10:26] Difference. I mean even when I moved to Colorado it was like oh fly fisherman. He would fish a wet fly and if it wasn't working maybe he'd stick a salmon aid. Want the wet fly are you stick a worm on. It nowadays it's kind of like well you just fish flies and if you slide the other places. To. To bait or something like that. People sort of look at you but it hasn't always been that way. I don't think it's always been so urgent. Yeah. I think somebody was to start it out.

[00:10:58] Harvesting. You know it started out. We wanted a fish dinner that night.

[00:11:02] Now it's part of the reason beneficial. But still. Oh and there's I don't think there's anything wrong with harvesting.

[00:11:10] Since you do it legally I agree. And yeah as long as you're sustainable and I don't. Think there's any reason why you cannot.

[00:11:16] Control things. Oh yeah. And then. In Colorado. They asked you to kill Brooke. Drought Sure. She asked because the overpopulated rookies teach pretty good rookies right.

[00:11:29] Yeah that's very good. I grew up in rural Wisconsin. I was the first traveler I conditions. Broken. Isn't. As though I still have a. Special place. For the. I'm going to go back and fish the drift lobster.

[00:11:42] March before really. Yeah. And I've never fished there I gave a talk in Madison. But I'm gonna go back. And. Fishing with a guy. So that'll be fun. I've got to say. The South Platte River. And that's because it's that's basically where I cut my eye teeth as a as a fly fisherman. And it's really complicated system. There's three tail waters on it. And then.

[00:12:16] All of the good stuff and all of the bad stuff that goes with tail waters goes with those tail waters but that's where I learned how to fish small flies and more than anything. It's it's local it's what it's what I have to finish. It's 40 minutes away. And I fish these tail waters. I could learn. How to fish those and then I can go above the dams and I can fish the headwaters. And it's just taught me a lot. And you're not really learn a lot from that river and watch what it goes you know the ups and downs so to speak of watched whirling disease come and wipe out fish I've seen parts of the tail the water where they.

[00:12:56] Take the water from the top of the dam where they didn't get world disease. And so that's been a mainstay. And the other type of fishing that I'm really caught on is I'd like to go into the high country fish small streams and highways. And that's just because. There's this kind of. There's a different kind of simplicity. There. I mean you can go and put one box of flies in your pocket. You can just fish a dry fly all day long. You cover a lot of

ground. And I like to fish that stuff along. Through because then you own it all you have everything and. You can imagine that. You're the first person to ever run those streams. A lot of days and so that's real important to me. Know. To those two aspects. And that's kind of a real technical thing what they would call technical fly fishing and then maybe not so technical although I'm finding more and more as I get into the. Tail Waters I can go up with and fly logs to. A lot of times since it's how you present. But. It's all been important to me and fishing in Colorado. Because I really. Wasn't serious about fly fishing till I. Moved out here in life. Well. My early 20s before I was 21. I liked seeing fly rods I knew what they were but I was still pretty much a year guy. And. Got out of here. I look at these kids now and who's. Whose parents got started to fly fishing. Six or seven in their incredible.

[00:14:40] Life. Sure. People. Credit. Limits. Sure. I come from all. I come from a fishing family.

[00:14:54] And my my dad was really into fishing. You didn't get a lot of time to fish but we fished as much as we could. Like I said earlier. We'd go fishing. When. We had to. Talk things out sometimes if I got into trouble. But he was a real influence. But my grandmother was a. Die Hard fisherman. I mean.

[00:15:15] She fished here but she ever any chance she got. She would go fishing whenever I called her up. She would. She. First thing she asked was How's the fishing. My sister's a natural. She doesn't fish flies but she just she has whatever that thing is she just catches fish. She's a natural at it. So that was the first influence.

[00:15:35] In terms of fly fishing. I've the people who mentored me who have been. The most influence on me have been. Like the AK best. I've fished with him a lot and the reason he's been an influence. Is. He's kind of taught me what it is to be a fly a fly fish or a fully formed fly fish. And by that I mean she catches trout the way he wants to. He fishes dry flies if they're not eating dry flies. He figures out a way to get a dry flies. He doesn't fish over stuff and fishes is only flies. Only the flies. He ties and he's so. It's. Really precise that. The Fly fisherman that I admire are the ones who think for themselves. And. Really precise if if that fly is is four millimetres long. He ties it four millimetres long and when. Other. Times it but. It's real precision. Another person like that is a man named Gary Anderson who lives in Wenatchee Washington. Same type of influence I have I have this. Thing that these people have in common is they they think for themselves a lot of them develop their own ideas about things and and go from there and name they're into matching powder you got to be a fly hire. Spend lots of time on the water really observe and. Really look at how things. Work out there. I've just met another one that I consider. The. Master. Acute. Same idea to people. He believes life should be simple at times real simple flies. They were durable watches the water. He has a unique. Style of fishing. But once again he stopped this all out for himself. He hasn't. He's read magazines stories and they help and all that but he's his own man when it comes to fishing. And finally probably the most. Influence on contemporary people John you're. And that's just we kind of. Grew up in this together. John started. Fly fishing you know maybe five months before me and I sticking to my spending right. But he he talked me over pretty quick and. The fact that we're both writers we both have a lot in common. He's. He's been. The greatest influence and in a lot of ways.

[00:18:16] And hopefully I've been a good influence on him too. But he. He's something. To fish with and once again he's observant but he covers a lot of other areas too often. He's just. A great guy to fish with I know there's no. Question in here about fishing partners

and. A good fishing partner is hard to find and he's he's a good one for me. I mentioned most of them there but.

[00:18:48] Boy it's it's just a hard chemistry to figure out. I mean. Boy do you think it's hard fiction help when have in tough. Sure. Mary tried figuring out a fishing partner because you know you're sleeping in the bath at trucks with them you're driving forever. And I think the qualities. That I like is it is.

[00:19:11] Your independence but your innerdependent. And it's like. John Burak and I will go fishing and he'll go fish and I'll go fish. And if we cross paths at lunchtime we'll sit down and eat lunch if we don't. We'll meet up at the truck at the end of the day and we'll talk to each other about how the day went. If the river. Soup is sauce suitable for us to fish together we'll we'll do that. And. There was a healthy competition. I think. Between. Good fishing partners good fishing poles where there's enough competition between you so that you're pushing each other to learn new stuff but it's not this destructive kind of competition it's where we're. You know you're doing everything you can to beat the other guy it's just you're pushing each other.

[00:20:05] To learn as much as you can but you're freely sharing that information. You don't keep secrets. You sit downs until I flies together. You each tell each and you tell each other exactly what you know about things so don't. Even know if competition is the right word. But it's this striving to educate let the stream and the trout educate you sharing.

[00:20:30] And I don't necessarily share that with everybody. I fly fish with I guided for 20 years. And I would. The my mentor and guide said. That you should always keep 10 percent of the information for yourself. And I was kind of like that but with a fishing partner there's no secrets. And the older I get the fewer and fewer secrets there are. Because. The main secret to success on the water it's time on the water and just got to spend time. And I've been lucky enough to. Be able to spend time.

[00:21:09] The best thing about guiding was that I wasn't fishing. I learned more about fly fishing. Standing there trying to help somebody catch fish because it made me observe the water. I learned how to spot fish in the water because we have clear water here. You learn how to spot fish you're seeing what the fish are doing and it puts you on the water at times when you wouldn't go normally. I mean you might be on the water five days a week six six days a week. You just have this body of knowledge that there's no other way to get that. Than to just be standing out there. And for me that was just. A real education just watching this trial. Knowing when they bear the hatches are going to be. A. Wonderful thing. And yet you sort of got to be a people person. I mean most of guy is just interacting with another person. And trying to. Read them a little bit and see what they need to learn. I was more of what they call a teaching guide which is. People would come to me. To. Learn how to do a certain kind of campaigner to drive fly fishing. I don't have any. Horror stories a lot of people a lot of guides have these horrible stories but I got along pretty well. Most of the people like I did and. There was it. It was a good experience it really helped for me. Although I'm not guiding anymore and it's taken me a few years to get my skills my skill set back. As a fisherman myself I mean I could tell people.

[00:22:49] Exactly what they needed to do but it was getting to the point where I couldn't do it myself. So it's been real fun sort of really learning how to fly to.

[00:23:04] My very favorites. Cutthroat trial. And that's because. There they were indigenous here and they are indigenous. They're trying to. Bring them back but they just

represent. This area this rocky mountain area to me. And. The places that you got in to go to get cut through trial now tend to be really nice really pretty areas. And some people say there they're easy to catch or they're dogfish. And I know that's not true because I've had a. Movie a few times. But it's just where are you gonna go to get. I mean the whole process. Just getting into some of these sci leaks and all is just wonderful. And the other fish would be brown trout if you're. On a more. Like maybe you're fishing and total water closer to town. I like brown trial because they're a little cagey or they're. Better. They like to hit dry flies. A lot of times they're a real challenge but it would be cutthroats and. I think the gains have clearly been.

[00:24:20] Limited. Slot limits and limited Creole counts. Catch and release water bar blues hooks. Designated like special trout waters gold medal waters where you. Use. The river produces a certain number of large. Fish or a certain thought a certain number of fish per. Acre foot or something. And. Educating people that. Releasing fish it's not perfect but it is a way to preserve the resource and particularly if you want to have wild trials space it's not necessarily negative but if you want to have a naturally reproducing populations. It's. In fact naturally reproducing populations trial and you know. Huge improvement because.

[00:25:13] For a long time it was just stocked trout. People thought that was great. It was a wonderful thing. But now we know. That. If you can get a wild population even if it's not native if it's rainbow trout or brown trout. Bill be a lot. More. Resilient in the environment. It'll be more fun free for me as an angler. And.

[00:25:39] I think that's a good way to manage fish. New rules for access like the rules in the laws in Montana where were you if you stay with in the high water mark on the stream. You can fish that I think if they've worked up there they've demonstrated that they work. And I think that's real. Positive. We don't have that here in Colorado. There's still some disputes but. Access hasn't I think access has improved that way in terms of the downside. Well there's more and more people. You've got to manage that. The the advent of the guy said I was a guy. It's a great way to make a living. But when I first started to fly fishing here in Colorado I would see maybe one or two guys Max one on the river. And then it got to the point where almost every other. Person was being guided and that's a great way to use the resource. But it does increase the ground. It does increase the pressure. And the day may come when they have to limit maybe guiding on the weekends or our limit everybody's like have a parking lot at a section of reference say when this is full of cars. That's it. Nobody else can fish here. So they may have to limit some things and we have a year round season here. I don't know if you've got that Montana but we have a year round fishing season. And. The day may come where they have to have more like back east where you have a season where people don't fish and that's not all bad. Time flies but that's so.

[00:27:26] It's sort of the way I see that. And.

[00:27:30] Because isn't that I think there's another question about see in the future something climate change is happening so I get into that later or I can get into it now. First off I think.

[00:27:53] I think the threat is like here in the West in the Rockies certainly we have these droughts. Water is harder and harder to come by as more and more people move out west which is basically air in the countryside. These rivers. Are losing more and more water to agriculture to populations we need to figure out ways to. Make I think irrigation more little more conservation oriented. But as more and more people move out here. Just having the

necessary water the minimum stream flows is going to be important because everybody if if you're a fisherman in your thoughtful you clearly understand that if it's going to come down between supplying water to Colorado's Front Range or water agreements to California will the trial are going to be the last on the list. They're not going to. Save the trout first and not provide water to developments in all and I might think I'd rather have it other ways but that's the way it's going to be. So that's a problem in terms of climate change. That's a wild card but we've been seeing certainly some of the droughts we're seeing may may climate change may be responsible. Who knows what's what it's going to ultimately do. But I think we need to understand that it's it's a factor now. I don't know how you can plan for it. But. I think that.

[00:29:27] I would figure more droughts and how that's going to impact the trial because you know the trout serve at are at our pleasure. I mean.

[00:29:38] They don't have to be there and they won't be there. If there's a crisis and we need to figure out ways to avoid crises in terms of salmon and androgynous species we need to provide ways for these fish to get back into the streams where they're going to go. We need to. Deal with culverts on the west coast so the fish can come up get under the roads get where they're going.

[00:30:02] And that's not all bad. There's been some progress made on that. We need to make a lot more progress but. I'm pretty optimistic overall. But like I said there's a lot of wildcards population climate change drought in the West. To be a problem.

[00:30:25] I think yeah I think that's a real tricky question. Sure I would like to have. All made is although it's interesting because in Colorado a lot of places that have trout now never have shot North Park never had to drown all these mountain lakes very few of them had trout. I think that a limited program. I think national parks are a perfect place to to try to go back to native species in rocky mountain national parks doing that. But I think you've got to pick your area. You have to pick spots where if you're going to kill out brook trout and then put cutthroat trout in their native species you need to have barriers where other fish can't get in and the research I've looked at is that last for a while but sooner or later a rookie finds its way into the water. You just can't. Get rid of some of these species and once again they're serving at our pleasure. And I love fishing for Brown trial I like fishing for rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout. Like I said before I mean I really enjoy. I'm really glad they're there but I'm not positive if I think we should kill out every stream and and just try to have. Greenbacks it's the whole definition of wild native and all of this is really starting to change and it could be that it will be just manage things don't manage things so hard. I know there's real movement on in the environmental circles. To understand that okay some species won't be native but. Things are changing climate is changing and and rather than worry about particular species maybe we should just try not to manage what we have. Let things be a little wild or OK but OK. So it's brown trial. It's good brown trout habitat. Leave it that way. And then in select areas. Go for the natives in my case it would be cut through trial.

[00:32:45] And there's all kinds of different. I mean we've got three different. Cutthroat Trout so species here or so they say. But basically the way they define that was you just if you're in a certain part of the state. Well those were real grand cuts. If you're on the front range they were greenbacks if you were over in another part of the state they were Colorado River cuts but it's genetically it's pretty hard to separate and there's been a lot of interbreeding. But to me it cuts the cut and there are great Finch. But yeah.

[00:33:27] Like most guys I got started because that was you know I was going through too many flies and I couldn't afford to keep buying them. And I pretty much think if you're going to be a fully formed fly fisherman you need to tie your own flies. And the reason I think that is making that connection between what you see on the water and somehow trying to turn that into a fly. Pattern something that will fool the fish. I just think that's just the essence of fly fishing. And it's not that easy. I mean you tie these flies. I mean because there's there's a trigger and you can tie fly. It looks exactly like that insect you see on the stream and it doesn't. It may not work but there may be a fly. It doesn't look at all like it but there's some sort of trigger there's something about that fly that those fish will see and it's so much fun to try to figure that out. And some people have a gift for it. But making that translation from the natural bug you see on the water to a fly imitation and. Having it work is just this one of the most fulfilling parts of fly fishing not an end in learning what you can do with a fly rod casting and presenting the fly. Is. Just hugely rewarding when you get it.

[00:34:58] Figured out or actually figured out because you're always figuring it out you're always looking at it never stops. It's it's so important but you tie your own flies it's really important.

[00:35:17] I would say spend as much time as you can on the water. If you don't know a river. Try to spend three or four days on it and meet somebody on that river who does know it and can give you some ideas. But. Spend time on the water. Be observant too. Don't be fishing every second. Because particularly when you're a beginner all you want to do is be out there fishing fishing fishing and you'll go through a stage. But at some point you'll get to where. You should understand. You should think about. Maybe I just need to walk down there and stand and look at things for a minute before I tie a fly on. And once you get to that stage then you really start to. To become a fly fisher person. But that's the advice I would if you take a little time observe where you're at. Observe your surroundings. Try to learn to spot fish in the water if if you live in an area where it's clear of water not learn how to read water. But. When you start off it's just you just want to be fishing every second. And it's part of it. But slow down.

[00:36:35] That's what I'd say. I've seen a lot of people Bob Jacqueline reads a wandering like as good as anybody I've ever seen. Is that something that can be taught or is that something that you just have to learn from being on the river and observing it.

[00:36:51] I think it helps being on the river. Most people can can learn parts of it. It's interesting to me because reading the water to me it was just kinda I don't remember ever learning how to do it but when I got into the guide business I just assumed everybody would know if you've got it like faster moving water and slower moving water a see that that would be a great place for trout to be. Well that's not evident to somebody who's maybe it's his first or second or third time fishing. Some people takes even longer than that and then it's even more challenging to figure out well not only do you have that surface feature but down below it the current may be different something else may be going on but I don't think it's it's natural. I think you have to work at it but I do think you can be taught by a guy like Bob Jaclyn. He can certainly give you a lot of new ideas about. Where fish are going to hold. But it's interesting because I like I said I don't remember learning that it just seemed obvious to me. But you learn something you know you'll learn little tricks every day you'll say oh you just throw a fly out there and boom fish cakes and you don't forget that you are you'll always be trying that little. Water type the next Shimmer.



[00:38:18] I want to see persistence die. I heard a saying that says success is mostly luck and luck is mostly persistence and I think with writing at least if you're trying to publish as a writer.

[00:38:34] You just You just gotta keep at it and you've got to work every day at the writing.

[00:38:43] And most people who get into writing it's just something. It's almost like you're just born to be a writer. You don't think about necessarily making money at it. Then there is luck involved.

[00:38:56] I mean for me with fly fishing writing I was just at the right place at the right time people were just starting to get interested and I was at the front of the curve. I think it's harder now to get involved but a lot of the same qualities that go into being a good fly fisherman. Be observant. Take take time to sort of dissect what you see and figure out how it works. If it's the same with writing. And then take your time and you've got to be persistent and keep at it to you you get a final product. I can remember going up to the river time after time after time.

[00:39:38] Trying to catch one trial. Who's in the same place. And if you keep at it you finally figure it out. Well the same thing's true if you're editing something you wrote or you're trying to. Figure out a lot of times in writing you're trying to. To figure out. How to get an idea across and you realize that it's not the words you sort of surround this thing with words. And then if. Things work out everybody understands what you were after. It has the same kind of subtleties as fishing. It's almost like a a meditative thing or a mindfulness thing where. We're if you're really cooking fishing there's nothing else in the world and if you're really cooking when you're writing there's nothing else in the world it's the best. Great feeling. You're not thinking about the water heater you're not thinking about your bills. So you're just they're working on that. It's great.

[00:40:41] I think I think that comes down to the truth.

[00:40:46] You have to always have your reader in mind. You have to write to the reader. And and sometimes that might not be exactly what you would write. You know maybe maybe you write more of more about yourself or something but you got to remember I think writings for readers. And I think that you have to always have the reader in mind and I think you have to not talk down to the reader.

[00:41:15] And which is a question you just about whether there's that kind of compromise and anything related to that it's between what you want and you are following your heart and vision and versus what you think will sell. Yeah. Market.

[00:41:29] Yeah. I think that's that's true although like I said there are there are people who just stick to. Their guns in and over the years that are recognized. But if you're like me where I had to. To make a living pretty quick and that's why I got out of being a poet and got into it I knew I could civil or I thought I could sell stories about fly fishing and the outdoors particularly here in Colorado. And on it's own level that was a bit of a compromise.

[00:42:01] But being a poet I think really taught me how to be approach writer too. I mean it teaches you how to really limit your words and select words carefully. Well Portman came first but I think it's all goes hand in hand. It's it's that thriftiness in the state economy.

Of in fishing maybe you'd call it motion or are you just do what you. You have to do it in writing and stuff. Learning to. To cut things down to.

[00:42:39] A bare essence. That's that's what I like. You know use less adjectives stuff like that but it's it's I think it's thriftiness. I said once before it's since you can get to places in the Rockies where you feel like you're the.

[00:43:02] First person who's ever been there the first person who's ever fished it in there just conducive. I mean the Rockies are just conducive to a trout fisherman. To me trout fishing with the fly has a lot to do with moving water off I fish lakes but I'm mostly a moving water guy where every bend you go around is is a new.

[00:43:28] Puzzle to figure out. And the Rockies are are full of those. Those opportunities. And just from when I was a kid I always wanted to move out here. I grew up in Northern Virginia because my dad was a government worker in DC and I just always my dream was to move out here and so I'm glad I did. People ask me that. Asking me about bamboo rods all the time.

[00:44:04] And it's sort of hard to explain this first thing. The first question will always be well what makes the bamboo rods so much better that you're going to spend all this extra money. And and I always have to say. That's really it's not it's not the point you either like bamboo or you don't. The beauty of it is it's a more natural material it's more organic. They're beautiful to look at. And. The reason I like it today for today's anchors is even though these rods are a little more expensive. It's it's an old craftsman sort of thing. There's a guy out working in his garage by himself making this rod and may be making it to your specifications because bamboo is great stuff because it's the only Rod building material where you can change the tape or you can fool around with the tape or an individual can do that because it lends itself to being manipulated whereas graphite and all of that more industrial. But there's this guy out in his garage. He makes this thing he puts his name on it. And if you need to have it fixed if you need to. Do something to it you take it back to him and he'll fix it. And. That's really. Really something. I mean you don't see that much anymore nowadays. And the people who build rods you know they have the. They have the passion for it. And right now it's kind of a reminiscence. You can get a really good serviceable fissionable bamboo rod built by sort of a semi professional not full time. But a. Pretty reasonable price. I mean pretty close to what you get. The more high tech rods that are sometimes I wonder there is another type of fly rod where the prices are really really high on those and I'm not sure. How I feel about that. But you know five thousand dollars for a fly rod I'm just not sure. You know.

[00:46:18] What the deal I think that's good. So it's a lot of people maybe who are. Or financially well off just go on line cost 5000 mindful six but there's still excellent rocks and there's still amazing fly rods. But I just like the variety you can get with with bamboo there's nothing comes close to it and graphite but it's not to say that graphite or fiberglass don't have their place because they've really improved and graphite sort of graphite fibreglass is sort of what brought fly fishing to. More and more people and as much crowding as I see on some streams if you don't have people interested in fly fishing then you don't have people interested in saving the resource and if you don't have people interested in saving the resource well then it will be gone. And so we need people. To continually get interested in it. And try to preserve the. In.

[00:47:21] The trial. Save the trouble. Ask Thomas McClain said. When the trailer. What did he say when the trailer gone smash the stands for something like.

[00:47:34] That. Yeah. McQueen is very brave. Yeah.

[00:47:42] Yeah. The thing that I always say and this is coming from not the silver spoon kind of. Kind of place but my current vehicles not worth 5000 al pacino. I mean I know a lot of people love rods or more. Yeah I'd pay more for a fishing rod than I paid for car system but no and you can do confession about but yeah bamboos.

[00:48:05] Just this real enigma now. But. You can find these things because. It's interesting because graphite rods have gone the same route you get the high end stuff some of which is seven eight hundred nine hundred bucks but then you've got really good graphite rods available for 150 bucks now. A lot less expensive. The same has sort of happened in bamboo rods in its. Sort of sort of in a relative way because you've got these expensive five four or five thousand dollar rods but there's also bamboo rods. They're really good that cost about the same as the high end graphite which is pretty inexpensive for bamboo. Which you got figure a guy. He's put. A lot of time into that. And it's surprising how many people I've run into who are just regular. Working folks and they save their money up and they get a bamboo floor and Ron and that's. Their deal and the other thing is if they're interested enough in their mechanically inclined at all. Next thing you know they're making because basically you make a bamboo rod if if you just can take precise measurements and keep at it should be doing that in your place before you know all too well said. Actually first off my blog hasn't been too active lately. The difference is when you write a book I think you can be more thoughtful. I tried to experiment on this blog but I think you can go into more detail. I think people are coming to the two blogs like like you go. Okay here's I use this fly in this situation I went fishing this day and here's what happened almost like a newspaper story just pops out. But ultimately the difficulty with the blog and my problem on my blog was can't get paid for it no matter what you do. I mean you might get a few bucks but with a book or even a magazine article you have the hope of getting a little bit of money and as a professional this person is trying to make a living. That's important. And blind to each lie I mean because it never ends its every day and. It might take me a day to put together an entry and somebody will read it in 20 minutes and they want another one. And and so it can. It can rule your life. But I still think there's a place for a quality. Blog. I because I know that some politicians or people who write political blogs they they solicit donations because they don't want sponsors. The one thing I didn't want to do on my blog is I didn't want a sponsor. I didn't want to have anybody who was going to tell me how many to write or people I had to worry that I might offend. Had not made it a lot harder. But I got a lot of strokes off the thing that I couldn't reach folks should probably bring it back at some point. But until you do a blog is a hard taskmaster. If you want to do a good job but I know a lot of old material that I never sold anywhere and I might just start.

[00:51:47] Putting putting that on the blog all the essays and stuff to see what people think.

[00:51:54] But the other thing is it's up there forever I haven't written on my blog. I think for the last six to eight months. But people just keep reading the old stuff Sharon from the old stuff. It's interesting but.

[00:52:10] The difference is from a book Madoff. It's just it's hard to explain but there and the differences from the magazine story it's just hard to explain but there are there there.