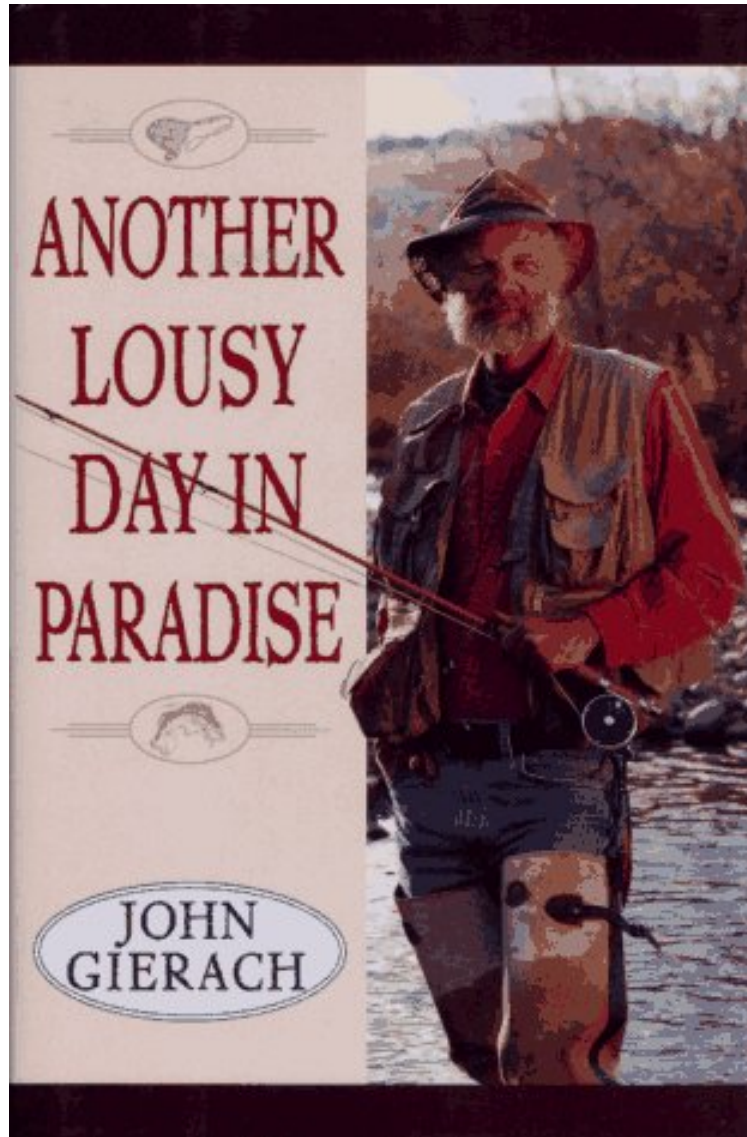


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KWilderMy first exposure to Gierach and his writing/musing. Definitely not my last. I must reveal that I am a "fisherwoman" and still enjoyed his fish tales mixed with his commentary on life. (Ladies, maybe if you want to know what makes your fisherman tick, you should read this LOL) If you are pressed for time, each short story is just enough before lights out. Most male fly fishing fanatics should enjoy this.

The author of *Dances with Trout* offers a whimsical collection of meditations on the fishing life, sharing thoughts and anecdotes on topics ranging from the perils of getting a fishing rod past airport security to the joys of Labrador fishing. 35,000 first printing. Tour.

From Publishers WeeklyAn affinity between fly-fishing and good writing is evident in these engaging essays. Gierach (*Dances with Trout*) quips that patience is required for both. He writes about fishing for brook trout in Labrador, Atlantic salmon in Scotland and New Brunswick, grayling in the Northwest Territories. He enters a fly-fishing carp tournament and defends the carp as a sport fish. Gierach gives advice on how to choose a fishing lodge and discusses winter fishing, deer hunting and the rising popularity of fly-fishing. He advocates a clean, healthy, diverse environment in which to go fishing. Upbeat and entertaining. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From BooklistOnce again, Gierach shows that he may be the best fishing writer around. The school of fishing scribes is bloated with guys who love to tell you why you should use a #20 Blue Dun nymph rather than a #18 Blue-Winged Olive in a particular situation, but Gierach is not interested in any such nonsense. Although he deeply loves catching trout from streams on a fly rod, he is crazy enough to catch carp on a fly, too, and although purists look down on him for this desecration of the holy fly rod, Gierach is just having fun--an attitude he carries into his writing. These tales cover the gamut of his fishing experiences, from salmon in Alaska and brook trout in Canada to splake (a hybrid of lake and brook trout) in Colorado. Like his previous collections, this one is thoroughly entertaining, engaging, and, in the end, just big fun. Jon Kartman

From Kirkus sThe usually reliable Gierach treads tepid waters in this latest collection of fly-fishing pieces. A Colorado outdoorsman, Gierach (*Dances with Trout*, 1994) has always included an element of humor in his work, but here he seems more intent on working in wry, curmudgeonly one-liners than he does on telling a good fishing story. A lot of it is strained and obvious: "I guess I have to admit I'm not all that fond of people in general--if nothing else, there are too damned many of them." He's amused by trendy environmentalist nomenclature: antihumanist anarchist primitivist. But he too has a political position: "We should have a clean, healthy, diverse natural environment so I can go fishing." The humor works occasionally, as when he's fishing so close to a house, he can overhear an obscenity-laden domestic dispute. Gierach does hit the mark when he plays it straight. He discusses the merits of guides from the old school, who found a place to fish and left you alone, and the new breed who've learned to be "teacher, coach, chauffeur, valet, tour director and therapist." He offers practical advice on shipping and traveling with expensive, fragile rods, and he does a good piece on fly-fishing Colorado's Blue River in the dead of winter. The most delectable piece describes a repast of "casual confusion" that included sockeye salmon, venison sausage, lightly smoked rainbow trout, and wild mushrooms and raspberries. Some fine moments, as always; but Gierach should allow humor to arise of its own accord rather forcing it to the surface. (line drawings by Glenn Wolff, not seen) -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.