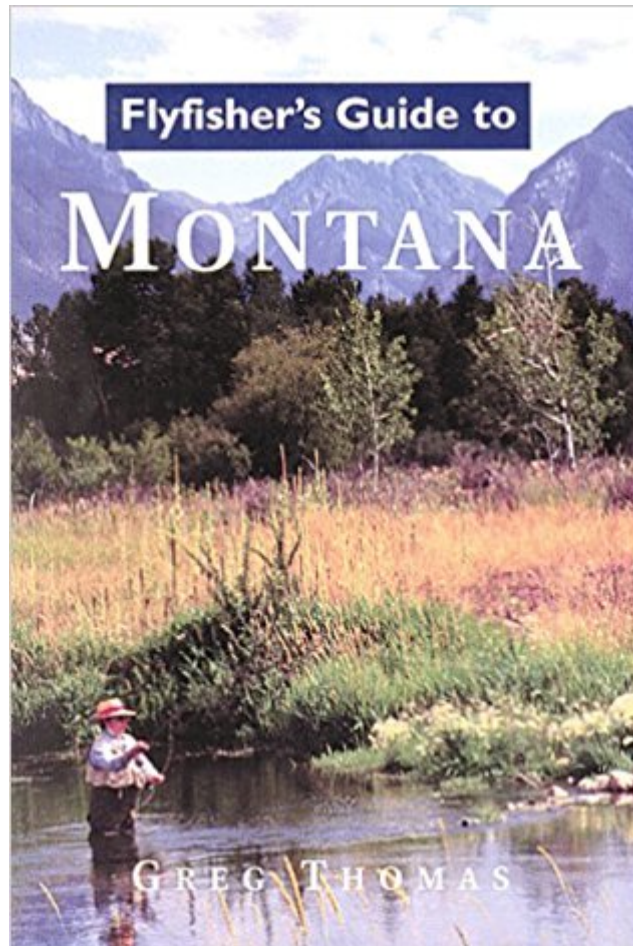




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Book by Thomas, Greg

I went to Montana for 10 days this summer fishing. This book is detailed enough to get you into the good spots but give a good overview of the state. I have the New Mexico and Arizona books too and find them useful,

Great book for those fly-fisherman wanting to explore the trout waters of Montana. I have been using this guide for 10 years and have fished hundreds of rivers and streams in Western and South Central Montana. It gives you great information as to descriptions of river sections, access sites, campgrounds, fly shops, and even local restaurants and watering holes. Considering the number of rivers described, the book has a tremendous amount of detail regarding hatches, flies used, water conditions and access points. It is evident that Thomas is passionate about the sport and conservation as well. I am thankful that many of the mining proposals that he so adamantly opposed have not been approved. Regarding some of the negative reviews. 1st. It is true that this book does not provide detailed maps the rivers but I think that is an unfair criticism. No book does that. It does give you a map with access points for floating and does a good job of detailing the general area which I find very useful. Buy a delorme gazetteer for more detail. Everyone going to Montana or

anywhere out west should have one for the state they plan to visit. 2nd. Thomas does not cover every trickle of water in the state but it covers more than most could fish in a lifetime. It's a book not an encyclopedia. If you want to fish a little known creek then go for it! The adventure is half the fun and there are some good ones out there! 3rd. Yes, some of the notes about mining projects and whirling disease need updating. I still give the book 5 stars and would replace tomorrow if needed. Thanks Greg

The level of criticism in these reviews is unbelievable! Seasonal patterns on creeks! poorly illustrated maps! the author is not a resident!--give me a break! Folks, you need to re-read the complimentary 5 star review. No guide book is perfect, but I always admired Thomas' book, and I am the author of an out-of-print Montana guide book, and I was a fishing guide in the state for 15 years. Greg was a Montana resident, and why would you venture on a fishing trip without good maps. His maps are only to orient you to a river's floating sections. And as for his prose, if you want great prose read Mclean's novel. Since the book is a bit out of date regarding superfund clean-ups and updates on the impact of whirling disease, I can understand perhaps choosing a more recent guide book, but for a great guide to the state's waters, I rank Thomas' guide book as an excellent source. By the way, I do not know Mr. Thomas. Since my own book is out of print, I wanted to review the Montana guide books to promote on my website [...]. I have yet to purchase the newer books on the market, but I say you can't go wrong with this book. Negative ranting should be taken with a grain of salt. Dave Archer

I have been venturing to Montana every year for the last ten years to visit friends and family. I always spend at least two weeks traveling the country side with my drift boat looking for great places to fish. This year I happened on Greg's guide while in Ennis, Montana. The book led me to some of the best fishing I have ever experienced in the state. The guide has all of the information needed to plan an entire trip from scratch. It is easy to read and understand. Next year I am planning on going for six weeks!

Other reviews address the poor quality of the writing and textual information in this book. Let me bring up the issue of the next to useless maps that accompany this text. The detail is about the same as those maps the rental car agencies pass out. Forget finding those back roads to the best spots, those roads don't exist on the maps in this book. If you insist on buying this book, also buy some topos and visit local shops so you don't waste time driving down a road to nowhere.

Taking this book to Montana was a complete waste of time. Thomas misses seasonal patterns on some of the major creeks. Some of the map diagrams are misleading in terms of access and, in the case of Yaak River wrong in direction. It diagrams hwy 200 running up the Kootenai instead of hwy 2. Granted, you will always get better info just going into a Missoula, Bozeman, or Kalispell shop, but I found information in this book just too inconsistent then what the locals know.

This book is an insult to the great fishery of Montana, Greg Thomas lives in Idaho and has fished very little in Montana! He is trying to be a writer on fly fishing, but should give up and enjoy the sport. His attitude is an insult to the sport

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