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Montana fly fishing quotes

To be sure of something, you need to know all or nothing about it. ~ Henry Kissinger A world in which a sacramental part of food can be taken in an old way – hunting, fishing, farming, collecting – has as much to do with social common sense as a day's work for a day's wage. ~ Thomas McGuane Once behind you while you're fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl. Ernest Hemingway Y not saying enough about fishing. Although the sport of kings, it's just what the deadbeat ordered. ~ Thomas McGuane If no man is born an artist, so no man is born a fisherman ~ Izaak Walton Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. ~ Norman Maclean Dingen that fishermen know about Trout are not facts, but articles of faith. ~ John Gierach There is always a hot new fly. Precious few of these patterns are real breakthroughs destined for a hundred years, but more often they are vain observations about existing traditions, explorations of half-baked theories, attempts to use new and interesting materials, to impress other layers, or excuses to rename old patterns. The results are often pointless fads like the craze in some pretentious restaurants of plopping fried quail ornaments on everything or calling panini's sandwiches. John Gierach may be wrong, but I doubt it. Charles Barkley: A poor man can only afford the very best. It's Anon. The biggest enemy of 'good' is 'better' ~ Voltaire Levels go fishing their whole lives without knowing that it is not fish they are looking for. ~ Henry David Thoreau The solution to every problem - work, love, money, whatever - is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the journey should be. ~ John Gierach Never allow fish to find fish. ~ Moses 1200BC I honestly don't make much of a life, but I make a hell of a life. ~ Jack Gartside Wees be patient and calm - because no one can catch fish in anger. ~ Herbert Hoover A master of the art of life does not make a sharp distinction between his work and his play; his labor and his free time; his mind and his body; his education and his recreation. He barely knows which one is which. He simply pursues his vision of excellence through what he does, and allows others to determine whether he works or plays. For himself, he always seems to do both. ~ Francois Auguste Rene Chateaubriand The great charm of fly fishing is that we always learn. ~ Theodore Gordon If I only fished to catch fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago. ~ Zane Grey Pole far enough and the fish will find you. ~ Steve Huff You miss 100 percent of the photos you never take. ~ Wayne Gretzky I'm not going fishing to find myself ~ Joseph There is definitely something in fish that tends to produce a serenity of the mind. ~ Washington Irving Listen to the sound of the river and you Get a trout. ~ Irish proverb The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive, but achievable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope. ~ by John Buchan If you're going through hell, keep going. ~ Art Walker Fishing can be said so as the mathematics that it can never be fully learned ~ Izaak Walton The man who coined the phrase Money can't buy happiness, never bought himself a good fly rod! ~ Reg Baird To go fishing is the chance to wash your soul with pure air, with the rush of

the stream, or with the shine of the sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of gains and egos, a calming of hatred, a joy that you don't have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it's discipline in people's equality - because all people are equal for fish. ~ Herbert HooverCare for the fish, and fishing will take care of itself. ~ Art Neumann Testament of a Fisherman I fish because I like; because I love the environment that trout are found, which are always beautiful, and hate the environment where crowds of people are found, who are always ugly; so I escape through all the TV commercials, cocktail parties and various social posturing; because, in a world where most people spend their lives with things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of joy and an act of petty rebellion; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to calm and humility and endless patience; because I suspect men are going this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip; because there are mercifully no telephones on the fishing waters; for only in the forest can I find solitude without solitude; because bourbon from an old tin cup tastes better out there; for maybe one day I'll catch a mermaid; and, finally, not because I view fishing as so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many other concerns of men are equally insignificant - and not nearly as nice ~ Robert Traver. 1964 First Buck for this Montana Youth Hunter! By angelamontana Grateful on Thanksgiving ... for moose! By angelamontana Thanksgiving Bull Down! By angelamontana TONGUE ACTION!!! By Montana Grant Listen to a Yacht Adventure from a Boat at FT Peck Reservoir By Camp Cook Bye to Big Game Season - Listen to Last Weeks Show 11/28/20 By Camp Cook Montana Yacht and Fishing Records for 11/28/20 By Camp Cook A DEER FOOT AHEAD!! By Montana Grant ICE Fishing Tips for All by Dandy Montana Mule Deer for New Huntress By Camp Cook 2 Grizzly Bear Deaths Reported in Madison County By angelamontana Firewood Gathering Prohibited Timber Sale Areas By Moosetrack Mega In 1987, shortly after I moved to Helena, Montana, I bought a copy of A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean. I was browsing a small bookstore in Last Chance Gulch, looking for the next Montana author to read. The film had not yet popularized the novella, but a friend had recommended A River Runs Through It. So I picked up a copy. Ivan Doig, A.B Guthrie, and other Montana authors should wait. The first paragraph captivated me, and I found that the book touched me deeply. Both the first and last lines are classic. In our family there was no clear boundary between religion and fly fishing. I'm being chased by waters. There are of course several other lines that are worth thinking about. Here are a few of my favorites, along with my musings on them. It's a Rod! It always had to be called a fishing rod. If someone called it a pole, my father looked at him as a sergeant in the United States Marines would look at a recruit who had just called a rifle a gun. The funny thing is, I was looking for high-end Orvis rods in a fly shop a few weeks ago, and the clerk (obviously a newbie) said, Those are some really pricey poles you're looking for. I bit my tongue, but thought of the Rev. Maclean and how he would have disapproved at this point. On Casting Technique Until a man is redeemed he will always rod a fly too far back, just as the natural man always swings over with an axe or golf club and loses all his power somewhere in the air. Been there, I've done that. I also witnessed it a few weeks ago while helping a new fly fisherman with his casting. Bringing your rod back too far on the back cast will also result in hooking brush or tree limbs or in slapping the water behind you as you pour straight upstream. The Montana Mindset My brother and I soon discovered [the world outside] was full of, the number rising rapidly the further one gets from Missoula, Montana. Residents of Bozeman, Montana would beg for differences! There is a heated rivalry between the University of Montana (in Missoula) and Montana State University (in Bozeman). I won't repeat some of the names fans from every city have called each other! Bait Fisherman Take One on the Chin When [bait fishermen] come back home they don't even kiss their mothers on the porch before they can dig into the backyard with a red Hills Bros coffee for anglerworms. This was the line of the younger brother Paul. He wasn't a fan of bait fishermen! I admit I started catching brook trout with worms. I have no qualms with this method as a fisherman tries to dine and honor the limits set by a state fish and game agency. But there is no place for bait fishing - spin-casting with treble crochet lures - when it comes to catch and release. The glory of nature Not far downstream was a dry channel where the river had run once, and part of the way to get to know one thing is through his death. But years ago I had known the river as it flowed through this now dry channel, so that I could enliven its stony remains with the water of memory. This is just beautiful prose, and it comes from someone who has worked deeply with nature. Fly fishing isn't just about catching fish (although I'm all about catching fish!). It's about experiencing nature and seeing its patterns reflect that way the Creator has designed life. The Twists and Turns of Life The fisherman even has a sense to describe what he does when studying the patterns of a river. He says he 'reads the water', and maybe to tell his stories, he has to do much the same thing. This quote comes right after Norman Maclean notes that stories of life are more often like rivers than books. I think he says that stories of life are fluid and take twists that we don't anticipate. The great idea of a river runs through it You completely love without full understanding. This is what Norman said to his father when they discussed the death of his younger brother Paul. I think it's the book's big idea. Maclean's novella is about more than fly fishing. It's about family and about living with and loving those who eluded us. And yes, it's about how all things eventually merge into one and how a river runs through it (per the last full paragraph). And yes, like Norman Maclean, I'm haunted by waters. Waters.

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