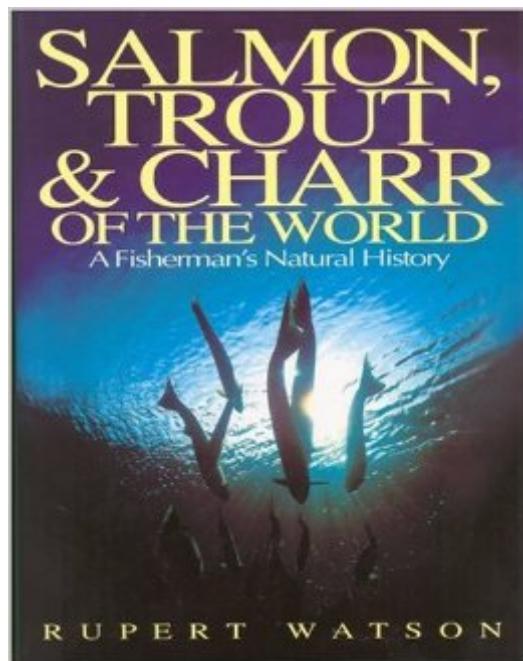


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# Salmon, Trout And Charr Of The World



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Salmon, Trout, and Charr of the World: A Fisherman's Natural History is a remarkable achievement. Rupert Watson has produced a book that is breathtaking in scope, exquisite in illustration, impeccable in scholarship, and a delight to read. Previous books that seek to communicate the biology of these fishes to those who love them pale by comparison. Perhaps most importantly, Rupert Watson has produced the first book that adequately communicates the science of salmonids to fisherman without a hint of condescension. If you are interested in salmonids for any reason, this book is essential for your bookshelf and will undoubtedly become the flagship of your collection. Salmonids (salmon, trout, and charr) are perhaps the best studied group of fishes in the world. Owing to their commercial, recreational, and spiritual importance, they have been the focus of a vast amount of research over the last 100 years. This research has generated a body of scientific literature that is bewildering in complexity and overwhelming in volume. Over the past decade, I have been immersed in that literature as a researcher and teacher at universities throughout the world. Based on this experience, I can attest to the quality and accuracy of the book's representation. As a fanatical salmon and trout fisherman over the past two decades, I can attest to the book's readability and beauty of presentation. In addition to its copious detailed text, it contains

one of the best collections of exquisite salmonid photographs (many taken underwater) that have been collected into a single book. I would recommend this book not only to fisherman but to all who conduct research on salmonids or who deal with their management and conservation. *Salmon, Trout, and Charr of the World* is not only the best interpretation of salmonid science for fisherman but perhaps also the best simple summary of the biology of this important group of fishes. Buy this book!

In a lifetime of professional work in the field of fisheries, I have never read a book so complete, informative and lucidly written as Rupert Watson's "Salmon, Trout and Charr of the World". Watson has written for fishermen, environmentalists and all concerned with preserving the remarkable group of species that form the group. He is thorough, complete, and with remarkable photographs and charts. He has personally consulted authoritative experts in his extensive travels throughout the Northern Hemisphere and followed member species of the group wherever they appear south of the Equator. His language and explanations are easily understood by non-professionals, and have passed reviews by outstanding authorities. His chapters on Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Rainbow and Steelhead Trout are particularly valuable for those of us in the United States and Canada who are concerned with the welfare of salmon resources and the pressure on their essential freshwater environments.,

In *Salmon, Trout & Charr of the World*, Rupert Watson contributes an ambitious, thoroughly researched and well written book to the growing body of knowledge about these related species which play such a vital role in local cultures, local and global economies and the lives of sport anglers. The book gives readers a truly worldwide perspective, going into detail regarding both wild and cultured salmonid populations from Europe to Asia to North America as well as in the Southern Hemisphere in countries such as Chile and New Zealand where some of these species have been introduced. Watson goes into considerable depth as he describes the evolution, history and current status of genera *Salmo* (Atlantic salmon and brown trout), *Onchorynchus* (Pacific salmon and trout) and *Salvelinus* (the charrs). Appreciated by this reader is his candid assessment of some of the most important factors negatively impacting salmonids: human population pressures which result in environmental degradation, salmon farming, hatchery induced genetic mixing and climate change. Illustrated with phylogenetic trees, maps and photos, this book will be valuable to layman and experts interested in gaining a greater understanding of these fascinating fish. Although several years old, this book remains a highly relevant resource.

This provides thorough review of the natural history of most of the salmonids in the world. I found Watson's European/British perspective quite interesting, although the writing tends to repetition. I was hoping for more on the huchen species, which are not discussed. (The title is honest about this.) I much preferred Behnke's book, whose career as a fish biologist is evident in his writing. However, his book concentrates on North America species. This book is worth the read.

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