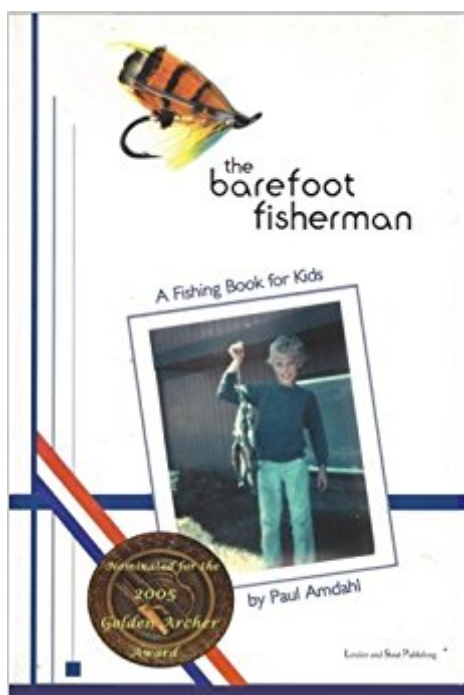


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# The Barefoot Fisherman: A Fishing Book For Kids



## Synopsis

The Barefoot Fisherman teaches kids how to fish. It explains the secrets to catching more and larger fish. It also touches on things kids are interested in such as raising worms, catching grasshoppers, and trapping crawdads. The book helps beginners dive into fish and lures, fishing tools, soft lures and top-water lures, spinners and flies. It explores fishing techniques for both freshwater and some saltwater fish for beginners. The saltwater fish are the cool ones; sharks, salmon. Freshwater fish include trout, sunfish, bass, catfish, walleye, musky, carp, steelhead, also sturgeon. There is safety advice. The Barefoot Fisherman offers suggestions on lure and bait selection. It discusses tackle boxes. It looks at freshwater lakes and rivers and touches on surf fishing in the ocean. This book is for kids so it stays away from boat fishing. Learn to tie a clinch knot, use a bobber or when split shot is appropriate. Chapters include; Fishing is fun, Reels rods and line, Tackle, Warm and cold water, Approach to water, Bait-fishing, Lures, Sunfish, Bass, Catfish, Walleye, Trout, Fly fishing, Tying flies, The Ocean, Lunkers, Other fish- sturgeon peacock bass, piranha, musky, sharks, salmon, steelhead, carp, Epilogue This is not a fishing book for Dummies; it is a fishing book for kids, or a fishing book for beginners, or a fishing guide book for kids. It covers fishing equipment, fishing essentials for beginners, fishing basics, it would make a great gift book for kids or a gift book for juveniles. These light hearted fishing stories make fishing easy and fishing should be fun. Other books that Barefoot Fisherman readers enjoy include; The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden), Hal Iggulden), The Boy's Book of Adventure by Michele LeCreux, The Boys' Book Of Survival (How To Survive Anything, Anywhere) by Guy Campbell, Survivor Kid: A Story of Survival by Denise Long

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Gr 4-6-For those already familiar with the basics of fishing, this is the book to read. It covers equipment, tackle, approaching the water, baitfishing, specific types of fish, tying flies, and more. Speaking directly to children, Amdahl passes on numerous bits of information and tips gleaned from his years of experience. On the sunfish's favorite food (the tomato worm) he suggests, "If your parents have a garden with tomatoes in it, look on the leaves for green caterpillars with a circle marking on them and a stinger thing on one end. That is a tomato worm. They look kind of scary, but they have never hurt me." He reminds readers that it is not important to keep every fish they catch and when releasing them to be careful not to harm them. "The fun of catching a fish is in the skill it took to accomplish, not in the meat or dead body of the fish." One chapter is missing in the table of contents, and there is no index. The black-and-white photos are dark and grainy. With full-page color diagrams and step-by-step photos and illustrations, Fiona Patchett's *Starting Fishing* (Usborne, 1999) and John Bailey's *The Young Fishing Enthusiast* (DK, 1999) are better sources for those new to the sport. Diane Olivo-Posner, Long Beach Public Library, CA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"I only wish he had written this book fifty years ago, so the kid in me could have learned..." -- Jim Fay, --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

grand son like it

Great book, perfect for my 10 year old (and me). He's not a big reader, but he loved this one.

Kids loved for Christmas

Excellent book, just wish it had pics in color

I have officially read all of Paul's Amdahl's books! The Barefoot Fisherman is great. I'm always looking for books to give to my kids -- so they aren't just playing Candy Crush on their Kindle Fires when they get home from school. Anyhow, my two kids liked this so much they asked me to take them to Target and buy them fishing stuff. So, I have to say, any book that can get my kids out of the house is golden. Love it!

I learned a lot of new tips when I was reading the book *The Barefoot Fisherman* that will help me become a better fisherman. I learned that there are warm water and cold water lakes, and that a warm water lake has some different fish than a cold water lake. When reading the book I felt like the author Paul Amdahl was writing to me, like the book was written just for me. This book is a great read for teenagers and adults that want to learn more about fishing, and how to catch the BIG fish. I am glad that Paul Amdahl wrote this book, and I strongly suggest that all starting fishermen read it. From this book, I have learned tips that will help me catch more fish every time I go fishing.

I went fishing once when I was a kid, but I certainly did not know what I was doing. I caught a couple of fish, which we released, but had trouble getting the hooks out without really damaging the fish (yes, I have guilt over this; the reason for killing a fish would be to eat it). My kids have gone a couple of times with Granddad Nelson in the mountains of California and have all enjoyed success, but they were pretty much told where to stand and what to do and the only thing that mattered in the end was that my son was ticked that his younger sister caught the biggest fish (we have the photo to prove it). So we know virtually nothing about the art of fishing. Enter "*The Barefoot Fisherman: A Fishing Book for Kids*." Books trying to teach kids how to do things are tricky, especially when it comes to providing the proper balance between breadth and depth. Paul Amdahl covers a lot of ground quickly and proficiently. The tone is authoritative without condescending into juvenile humor as a way of enticing readers. Clearly fishing is serious business, which is why "*The Barefoot Fisherman*" keeps the focus on what to do and why. If Amdahl is talking about equipment then that means reels, rods, and line; not only defining each but explaining when and why you would use each along with their strengths and weaknesses. There are photographs (B&W) throughout the book to illustrate key concepts and to show the young readers lots of different types of fish. Amdahl covers a bunch of different types of fish, focusing on where to find them and how to catch them (Just plan on getting your hands dirty). There is also a key philosophy at work throughout "*The Barefoot Fisherman*." The main thing is that fishing is fun and that while catching fish does have an element of luck to it there are certain things you can do to make it more likely that you will be lucky. What Amdahl offers are not rules (i.e., no guarantees), but rather good, practical advice to help young readers to become young fishermen. At the end of the book he tells his readers to never step on wet rocks, be careful when you are by yourself, and to have fun. By the time neophyte fishermen get to that point they should feel pretty confident about going out and trying to catch some fish. Now, chances are that I am never going to do a whole lot of fishing in the future, mainly because this book does not talk about how to cut through the ice that covers out lakes this time of the year, but

someday I might have some grandchildren that could benefit from taking this book down from my shelf. Hey, it could happen.

The Barefoot Fisherman: a fishing book for kids will take adults back to childhood days of ice cream trucks and lightning bugs. But, sorry friends, pleasant as the trip may be, this book is not for you. It's for your kids. The book explains the fundamentals of fishing as if the author were your older brother. Amdahl does not preach; he shares. The book reads like a pirate's treasure map as each chapter tugs the young reader deeper into the seaside caves of angling. The Barefoot Fisherman does not discuss entomology, advanced knots, or difficult casting techniques. Instead, it focuses on the aspects of fishing that kids love: raising earthworms, catching crawdads, making doughbait. Try to find a grownup book that considers tomato worms as bait. The author's contagious love of the sport and gentle humor will probably create many new fishermen. But even adult anglers will pick up some tricks and tips. The ideal plan is to buy this as a Christmas present for some youngster on your list, but give yourself time to read it before you wrap it.

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