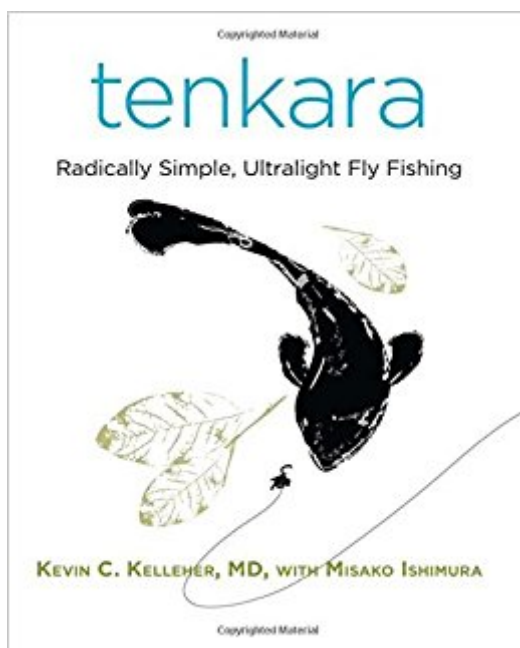


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# Tenkara: Radically Simple, Ultralight Fly Fishing



## Synopsis

Fly fishing is complex and costly with too much cumbersome gear, right? Well, tenkara's different. Long overlooked in the West, tenkara is economical and simple, productive, and pleasurable. This Eastern approach is today taking the fly-fishing world in North America and Europe by storm. Its tool kit is simple: a long, collapsible rod; a length of line tied to the end of the rod; and a fly. Without a reel, casting techniques become easy and intuitive. The gear is inexpensive and easily portable, perfect for hiking and camping. This pioneering book is an ideal guide to tenkara, covering the essentials of gear and rigging, the roots of tenkara, fishing dry flies as well as subsurface fishing and casting--as well as tenkara backpacking and tenkara for women. Tenkara has been the subject of features in *Field & Stream*, *American Angler*, and *Fly, Rod & Reel* magazines, and has been endorsed by the likes of Patagonia CEO and environmentalist Yvon Chouinard. Major retail outlets are now selling tenkara rods.

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Fly fishing, that most contemplative of sports, can be complex and costly. And yet it doesn't have to be. Not with tenkara. This Eastern approach to fly fishing has no cumbersome gear. The line is hitched directly to the end of a long collapsible rod, and without a reel casting becomes easy and intuitive. The gear is not only inexpensive but also highly portable, perfect for hiking and camping. Long overlooked in the West, tenkara is taking the West by storm. Beginning and seasoned anglers will find the information needed to make the transition from Western to tenkara fishing: the essentials of gear and rigging, fishing dry lines,

subsurface fishing and casting, knots, tenkara backpacking, and tenkara for women. Regardless of your skill level, it's the simplicity that's going to win you over. Tenkara has everything you love about fly fishing, but with a liberating minimalism.

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Certainly a good one for anyone looking to better understand the Tenkara method. A bit text heavy but an easy read with some helpful images. I've found it to be a helpful guide to a new way of fishing.

This book is for Tenkara, what the Curtis Creek Manifesto is for Western style Flyfishing. Kevin Kelleher and Misako Ishimura give you a solid foundation to build your interest and ability upon. If you think you might like to try Tenkara, you would do well to start with reading this book.

A marvelous introduction into the world of Tenkara fly fishing. The best part of fly fishing is the learning of stream craft and feeling a part of one's surroundings. Fumbling around with gear has always been a distraction whether it was a damaged rod guide, a squeaky reel, or just too many jangling pieces of equipment hanging from the fishing vest. The author does a great job communicating how tenkara's approach minimizes the distractions while allowing the fisher to be more in touch with the surroundings. This sounds very "spacey" but really if you're not fooling around with gear you're probably spending more time actually fishing, and it's clear that tenkara maximizes your fishing time. After reading the book and watching online videos and reading blogs, I'm incredibly curious if not already hooked. This is a really great book on a wonderful style of fishing.

wonderful book that instilled the basics in me that lead to a lot of trout for our camp dinners during a week long backpacking trip in the sierras, my first time fly fishing and trout fishing. My experience was all kayak fishing in the Pacific which is a totally different game from sight fishing for trout in a small mountain stream.

I found this book to be an excellent primer for Tenkara. It also exposed me to many interesting ideas as I progress in my tenkara experiences. I highly recommend this book for beginning tenkara fishermen and for those who already have had experience with this fascinating method of angling.

The book was very easy to read, and gave some concise, clear descriptions of the basics of this form of fishing. It was enjoyable to read. I am a spinner fisherman, and tenkara is my first foray into fly fishing. This book took the mystery out of it for me.

The authors make a wonderful introduction to the philosophy, history and techniques of Tenkara. They take you to the mountain streams, let you hunt for fish and cast your fly into the glittering streams. That part is well written, and alone worth reading the book. Some parts have a bit too much repetition, and others a bit too much of the mundane, but overall a big thumbs up.

Very informative

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