



Taut Lines: Extraordinary True Fishing Stories

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To fish is to know the singular, electrifying moment when fish, bait, line, rod, and wrist all sense the others in a shock of surprise. The sensation is such a rush, few anglers are content to experience it only once—whether an eight-ounce bluegill or eight-hundred-pound bluefin tuna is on the bait end. Alas, for those with no rod-and-reel experience, words and language can't possibly replace the real, on-the-water thrill of getting tight on a fish. The unfortunate truth is that no one ever fell in love with fishing while indoors.

With a lineup including Rudyard Kipling, Zane Grey, Washington Irving, and forty other gifted writers, *Taut Lines: Extraordinary True Fishing Stories* may challenge that assertion.

To write about fishing, like nature and travel, seems to tease the best out of the best writers. That they are typically passionate about the subject helps, but the trio of genres also deal with solitude, challenging conditions, patience, inclement weather, introspection, and nature's occasional brutality. Fishing, in fact, is incidental to a few of the better stories in *Taut Lines*, but anglers will feel closer to their sport than ever.

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