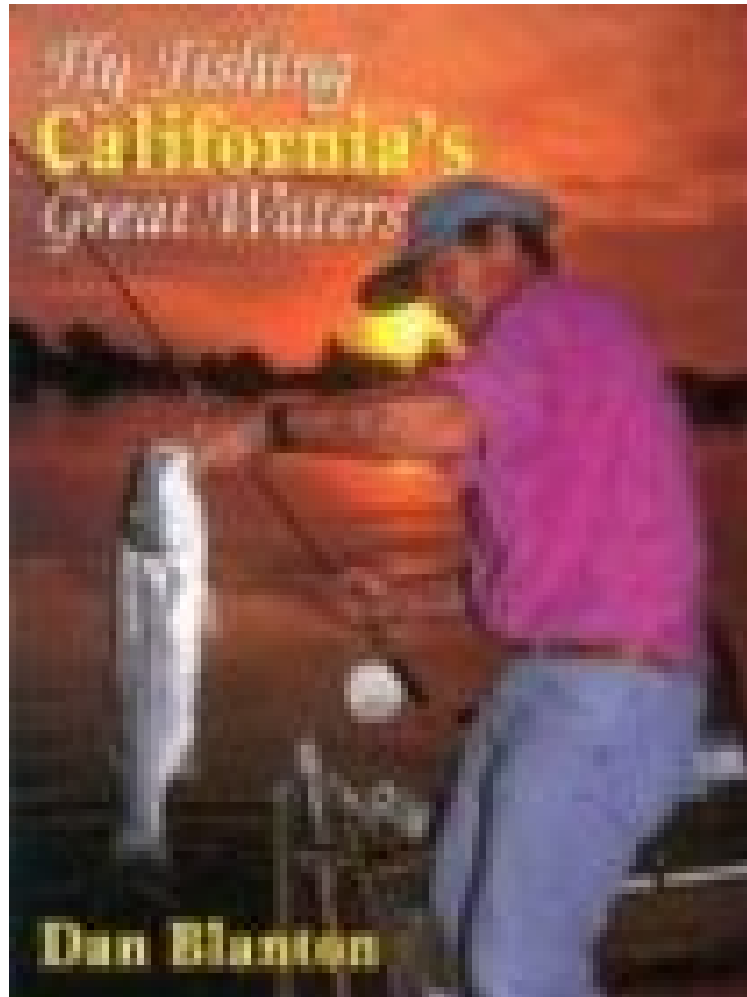


## Fly Fishing California's Great Waters

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**Dan Blanton : Fly Fishing California's Great Waters** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fly Fishing California's Great Waters:

12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Great waters, but there are better booksBy A CustomerThere is certainly some good information in this book but you have to wade through pages of sophmoric prose to sluice the useful tid bits. The author's favorite words, Me, My, I, and Mine, populate every paragraph and frequently inhabit many sentences in a row.Eleven chapters (each a magazine reprint) describe a different water and the author's experience fishing it. It would be interesting to understand how the author feels the Central Valley impoundment, Lake Nacimiento is one of California's greatest waters, yet he doesn't even mention such internationally reknowned places like the McCloud River, Hot Creek, and the Sacramento.The 12th and final chapter describes "the best' flies for fishing these "best" waters. Following in the narcissic bent of the whole book, virtually all these flies are the author's own

patterns which you can, of course, purchase at the same shop you picked up his book. In no fewer than six places the reader is given the author's address and phone number just in case the reader needs to hire a fishing guide. The entire effect is nothing short of an ill-disguised infommercial. With so many excellent guide books that truly detail California's fishing opportunities, I can't recommend this book to anyone.

California has some of the best fly-fishing destinations around, and now Dan Blanton, one of the most well-known of Californias fly-fishermen, shares his 45 years of knowledge and experience fishing these great eleven waters.

Dan Blanton, a member of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame , has collected and updated 11 of his articles about fishing for salmon, white sea bass, striped bass, shad, largemouth bass and blue sharks. There's even one token chapter about fishing for trout on the Fall River. But Blanton's well-written and nicely photographed book reminds us that California's truly great fly-fishing waters include the Monterey Bay, San Francisco Bay, the Delta and inland lakes. There is plenty of good information on where and how to fly fish these waters. Blanton includes some of California's rich fly-fishing history, paying respect to the pioneers. This book will be an eye-opener for those who think just browns and rainbows will eat a fly. --Bill Becher, Los Angeles Daily News 11/19/2003

About the Author Dan Blanton, from San Jose, California, now living in Morgan Hill, California with his wife, Cindy, is a well-known and respected fly fishing and casting instructor, lecturer, fly fishing author and outdoor photographer. He is acknowledged to be one of the pioneers in the development of Pacific coast and Central American saltwater fly fishing. He is the recipient of the Federation of Fly Fisher's 1990 Arnold Gingrich Memorial Life Membership award for outstanding achievement in outdoors writing as related to fly fishing. He also is the Federations of Fly Fisher's 1995 recipient of the Silver King award for outstanding contributions to the sport of saltwater fly fishing. In April of 2002 Dan was inducted into the FFF California Nevada Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. In October 2009 Dan was inducted into the National International Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. An acclaimed fly tier, Dan originated the Whistler Series, Punch Series, Sar-Mul-Mac Series, Sea Arrow Squid, Bay-Delta Eelet and many other world renowned saltwater fly patterns. His patterns, originated in the late 1960s and early 70s, remain popular and productive world-wide. The former Managing Editor of Angler Magazine, Dan is currently an Editor-at-Large for Fly Fishing Salt Waters magazine, Fly Fisherman magazine and the California Fly Fisher. Dan is also one of The Complete Fly Fisherman of South Africa's International Field Editors. He was the Salt Water Fly Fishing columnist for Sport Fishing magazine and Fly Fish America magazines for more than a decade. A free-lance writer for more than 35 years and an active member of both the Outdoor Writers Association of California, and the Outdoor Writers Association of America, Dan contributes regularly to many fly fishing periodicals both in the USA, Australia, Japan and South Africa. His Book Fly Fishing California s Great waters have received excellent reviews.