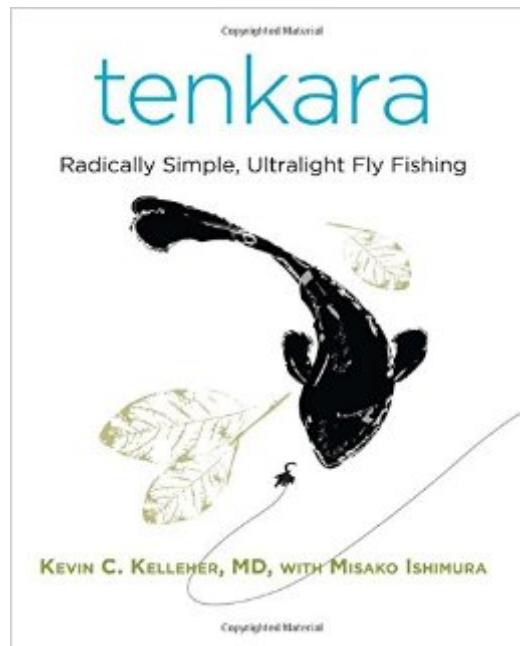


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# Tenkara: Radically Simple, Ultralight Fly Fishing



## 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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## Customer Reviews

I am a long-time fly fisher who has taken up tenkara fly fishing as a result of reading this excellent book. I found no filler in the book, and I suspect that the reader who did find it was referring to material which lay outside his or her personal range of interests. The book is artfully written and is (as far as I can tell) technically accurate. It is also fair, inasmuch as both the joys and the limitations of tenkara are spelled out; although enthusiastic about tenkara, the author is neither cheerleader nor salesman. I'm delighted with the illustrations. They have the spare suggestive style of much Asian art, and after all the book is about Japanese fly fishing. As for the lack of color pictures, they not

only would have added little, they would have increased the cost of the book; you pay for what you get. I strongly recommend the book both to people new to fly fishing and to those who are already accomplished fly fishers.

There is a lot of good basic information in this book, and the illustrations and writing are clear. However, about 75% of the content seems to be general trout fishing information--good information, and well presented---but there is very little information specific to Tenkara equipment and techniques, which is what I was looking for. Maybe there is just not that much one needs to know, if you already know how to fish. Buy an outfit and give it a try.

If, like me, you know very little about Tenkara, and only a little about fly fishing in general, this book is a really good place to start. I had just ordered a tenkara rod, and bought this on my Kindle to read while I was waiting for my rod to arrive. The book goes into enough detail about knots, flies, casting and the like to get you ready to go out on the water. As its title implies, it's all about simplicity and, after reading it, I got the sense that Tenkara is one of those "minutes to learn, lifetime to master" disciplines, of which the basics can be explained in one slim volume, but the rest must be learned in person rather than from a book. I'm fine with that, and this book was just the clear, thorough set of instructions I was looking for.

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.

He writes well and gives a pretty comprehensive description of Tenkara equipment and the differences from "western" methods. It is written as an overview, and thus doesn't go into a lot of detail or depth. It is probably good for doing it that way though. I would have liked either better graphics or photos rather than the pencil sketches, but that is a small aspect to the book. I would recommend it.

Really enjoyed this tenkara primer. The book is well written and laid out, yet not overly complicated that someone not versed in fishing terminology would not understand...but then again, that's what tenkara is, simplified fishing. While the sketches in the book illustrate all of the key points, I would have liked to see more color pictures or diagrams. Not having certainly doesn't take away from the

content itself, but kept it from getting "5 stars" in my review. A great resource for anyone wanting to learn more about tenkara, especially beginners.

A wonderful book on tenkara .... from setting up to advice on fishing streams, lakes etc. Information on tying knots relative to Tenkara style fishing.... types of flies, leaders, tippetts .... lots of information to get started in Tenkara.

The information in the book is pretty much known to any person Tenkara fishing. I was expecting many more pictures of old and new style Japanese Tenkara fishing. I do keep the book close to a large table magazine so anyone visiting can look at the magazine and if interested pick up the book for more complete info on. Thanks

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