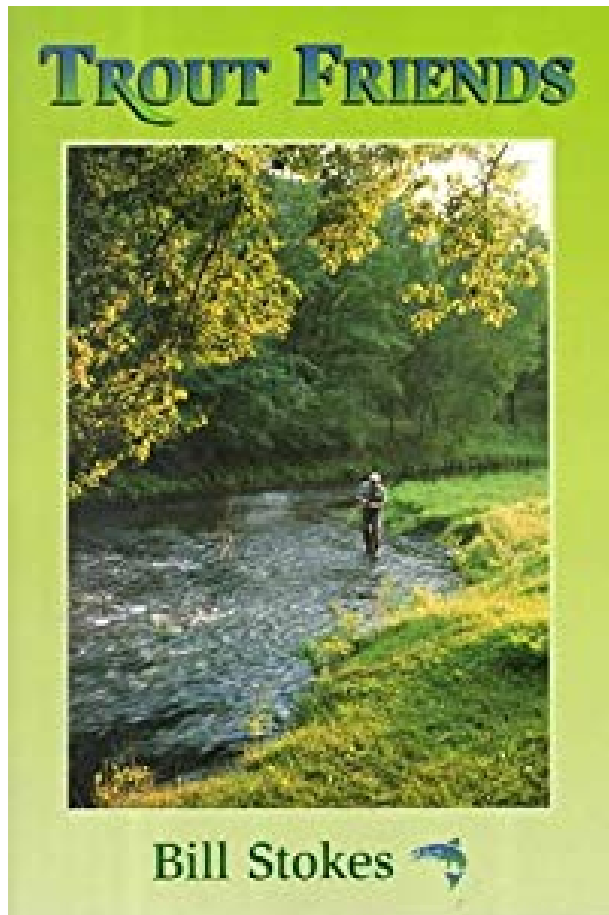


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In these stories, popular Chicago Tribune outdoor columnist Bill Stokes gives himself over to his true passion, trout fishing. It is an activity, possibly a madness, that moves him, time and again, to stand knee-deep in cold and murky waters, offer himself up to clouds of hungry mosquitoes, and attempt to keep from snagging his line in overhanging limbs while trying to outwit a wily rainbow or brook trout. And then remembering where the car is parked. All trout anglers will, like Stephen Born, revel in these evocative and entertaining stories. Stephen Born, chair, National Resources Board, Trout Unlimited, and co-author, Exploring Wisconsin Trout Streams - Few writers can capture in words the feel, the special friendships and characters, and the deep-seated emotions of trout angling and everything else associated with the trout fishing experience. In Trout Friends, Bill Stokes does. I can't imagine a Midwestern trout fisher who won't "connect" with and revel in the stories - representing a lifetime of angling pursuits found in this fine book