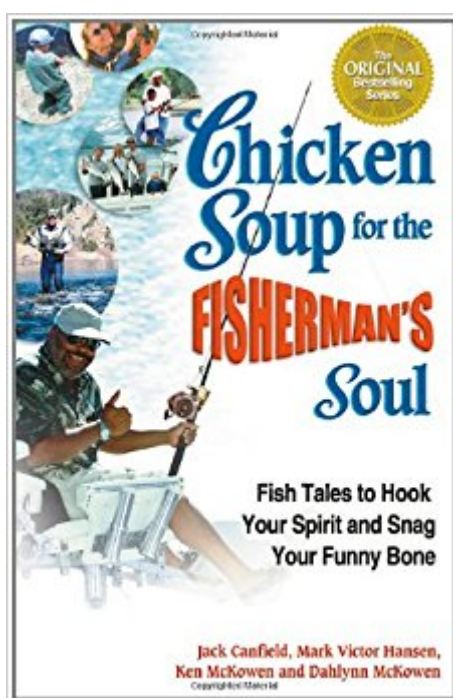


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# Chicken Soup For The Fisherman's Soul: Fish Tales To Hook Your Spirit And Snag Your Funny Bone (Chicken Soup For The Soul)



## Synopsis

More than fish tales in this delightful book, readers will discover stories about the special relationships that develop through fishing-between parents and children, between friends and lovers, between fisherman, nature, and the elusive fish. Fishing is a common thread in many lives, and this book shows the strength and importance of those threads-whether your passion is fly-fishing, bass fishing, deepwater fishing, or just casting a line on a hot summer day. Chapters include: First Cast, Small Fries, The One That Got Away and Hooked For Love.

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Jack Canfield, #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, is a professional speaker who has dedicated his life to enhancing the personal and professional development of others. Mark Victor Hansen, #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, is a professional speaker who has dedicated his life to enhancing the personal and professional development of others. Ken McKowen is an avid fisherman with more than 40 years of writing experience. His articles on fishing and travel regularly appear in West Coast publications. Dahlynn McKowen is an avid fisherman with more than 40 years of writing experience. His articles on fishing and travel regularly appear in West Coast publications.

Naming Worms I think my dad wanted a son. Instead, he got three daughters. Seeing as how the

son he anticipated was never forthcoming, Dad decided to improvise and I, being his youngest, won the privilege of being nurtured outdoors. Being turned into a tomboy didn't bother me in the least. I loved putting on my plaid, flannel shirt and doing things outside with Dad, especially fishing. Whether we oared across a lake in a rowboat, or hiked down a cliff with nothing more than a hook and some string, I could think of no better way for a dad and his little girl to spend the day. I would marvel at how patient and focused Dad was when he fished. He would concentrate on his line for hours at a time. If he was any more calm, he would have slipped into a coma. This used to drive me bananas. Being seven years old, I craved more excitement. I imagined a huge fish, bigger than me, gulping down my bait and flapping ferociously in the water until I heroically hauled it into the rowboat. This never happened. Instead, I would spend my time watching Dad as he stared intently at his line. He never blinked, sometimes for the whole day. How could he be so patient? One day Dad's patience was put to the test when my fascination shifted from the fish to the bait. While waiting for a nibble on my line, I peeked into the can of worms we had in the rowboat with us. I dug my little fingers into the moist soil and pulled a resisting worm from its burrow. I let him squirm (I decided it was a 'he') across my hand. It tickled. I took another worm from the can. Then another. Then another. Soon, three or four worm heads popped out of the soil to see what all the commotion was about. I was in love. I felt as though I had made a can-full of new friends who would keep me company during these long, uneventful fishing trips. Each worm was given a name according to his personality. When you are seven years old worms have personalities. There was something endearing about my mucous-covered companions with no faces. I promised each of them that not one would be put on a hook and fed to the fish. Then, disaster struck. Dad pulled Hamilton out of the can. I gasped in horror as he attempted to manipulate his poor writhing body onto a hook. There was a terrified look where Hamilton's face would have been, if he had a face. 'Daddy, No! Don't put Hamilton on the hook! He's my favorite!' Dad raised an eyebrow. 'You named the worm?' he asked in disbelief. Exhaling and shaking his head, Dad pulled out another worm. It was Wigglesworth. He was the skittish one who was particularly worried about being used as bait. I had made a special promise to him and could not possibly allow the poor little guy to be hooked, for I was a woman of my word. 'That's Wigglesworth! Don't hurt him!' Dad's frustration grew as he pulled more worms from the can. First Winthrop, the shy worm. Then Slimey, the friendly worm. And Marvin the show-off. Finally, Dad pulled out Maxwell, Sammy, O'Reilly, Buster and Doug. Dad groaned as I pleaded to not hurt my friends. 'Don't tell me you named all of the worms in this can.' With a sheepish nod, our fishing trip was suddenly over. The next day, Dad drove into town and picked up a bucket of crawfish. When he brought them back to

the cottage, I opened the lid and peeked in. I heard a despairing yelp emerge from his throat. I turned around to see him running frantically toward me, with his arms flailing and with a look of terror on his face. "No! You have to quit making friends with the bait!" Allison McWood, *Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul* ©2004. All rights reserved. Reprinted from *Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul* by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Ken McKowen and Dahlynn McKowen. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, without the written permission of the publisher. Publisher: Health Communications, Inc., 3201 SW 15th Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

We purchased this book for our 17 year old son. He loves to fish and we thought he'd enjoy reading stories about other people that do too. He loved the book and brought it to his dad and me quite a few times for us to read something out of it!

Excellent series of short fishing stories. one, two three four, five six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve thirteen fourteen. (14 words to meet your minimum)

Great stories by great writers, even if you're not an avid angler. It will make you laugh and cry. Highly recommended!

*Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul* is a delightful collection of anecdotes by people who love to fish, have gone fishing, or know someone who does or has. Some big names are listed on the cover, but there are delightful stories from unknowns. For instance, *Taking the Bait*, by Jacqueline Michels, the only one included from Alaska, who tells of fishing for more than . . . well . . . you know, fish. Then, Cary Osborne's *Half an Inch to Spare*, about the one that didn't get away, she gave it away. And the cartoons will bring a chuckle, if not an outright laugh. The inspiration here is for a sport that so many people enjoy for just as many reasons. Read it for a laugh, for a sigh, and maybe for a memory.

This is a great read for anyone who responds to the human condition, set in the context of fishing. The huge collection of bite-sized essays will take you from tears to laughter. The stories from well known people will show sides of them you probably didn't know. The stories by less well known writers will endear you to them as new friends. I have enjoyed this book from cover to cover and return to many stories again and again. I have only put the book down to reach for my fishing rod!

When I'm done with the day's fishing, I'm ready to "Play it again, Sam"

I was asked to read a fishing story submitted by a friend. I chuckled at the story and started browsing through the book looking for other stories to read. Before I knew it, I had read almost half the book. The fishing stories were not only funny and sometimes emotional, but it brought back childhood memories of when my family would go camping and fish all day long. I love books that can draw any one person into a topic that you may or may not be interested in and keep your interest, and this book does just that!

I'm a woman who enjoys fishing and hadn't seen many books that covered my favorite topic from both sides of the gender line. I loved this book! Many of the stories could have been pulled from my own experiences they seemed so familiar. I highly recommend this book for a summer read. I love the fact that I can pick it up, read a story and put it down to do some chores, then pick it up again later without missing a beat. My favorite stories are the Bologna Wars by Tanith Tyler, and Tadpoles Triumph by Banjo Bandolas. I've passed the book on to my children now and they seem to enjoy it as much as I have.

Just about everybody has either experienced the sport of fishing or they know someone who has. This book is the perfect choice for all who love fishing and for all who love those that fish. The stories are a good mix of humor, sentimentality and inspiration. Note to Erie, PA residence: Having gone through the "GoFish" art project the last couple years, this book is a perfect follow up to that event. There is a story in the book based on fishing in our local Edinboro Lake.

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