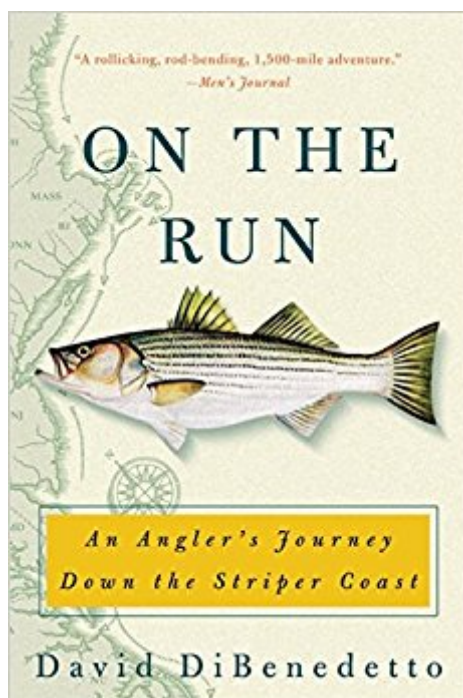


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# On The Run: An Angler's Journey Down The Striper Coast



## Synopsis

Each autumn, one of nature's most magnificent dramas plays out when striped bass undertake a journey, from the northeastern United States to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, in search of food and warmer seas. Writer and angler David DiBenedetto followed this great migration -- the fall run -- for three months in the autumn of 2001. *On the Run* offers vivid portrayals of the zany and obsessive characters DiBenedetto met on his travels -- including the country's most daring fisherman, an underwater videographer who chucked his corporate job in favor of filming striped bass, and the reclusive angler who claims that catching the world-record striper in 1982 sent his life into a tailspin. Along his route, DiBenedetto also delves into the natural history and biology of this great game fish, and depicts the colorful cultures of the seaside communities where the striped bass reigns supreme.

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## Customer Reviews

Using a new line with the old formula of the trout fishing-road trip memoir, DiBenedetto, an editor at *Field & Stream* magazine, creates an original debut about striped bass fishing. Following the fall migration from Maine to North Carolina, the author captures the fish's rich history, which has seen it go from being one of America's premiere game fish to near extinction, and its present state as the prime example of how a fish population can rebound thanks to the joint efforts of fishermen, conservationists and politicians. The combination of history and science fleshes out the fishing scenes and makes the book more than a young man's romp down the coast. Adding to the local flavor at each stop is the cast of characters, some salty and some sweet, who accompany and guide DiBenedetto on his journey. Eschewing trite euphemisms for fresh interpretations of the

natural world ("this wad of baitfish spinning like a disco ball"), DiBenedetto is both informative and entertaining. The imaginative language combined with forays into the uncharted waters of atypical sports like spearfishing, underwater videography and skishing (think ocean fishing without the boat) brings an adventuresome, open-minded attitude that much fishing literature lacks. Written during the fall of 2001, the book's high point is DiBenedetto and his young nephew's trip to New York Harbor when "a cloud still emanated" from ground zero. Fun and refreshing, DiBenedetto's book will hook fishermen and may even net its share of landlubbers as well. Illus., map. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A story of the road, rod, and reel, this chronicle covers the author's fishing trip in 2001, which took him from Maine to North Carolina. DiBenedetto sought the striped bass on its autumnal migration southward, seeking not only the fish but also the subculture it inspires. He persuaded guides of local renown to show him around their fishing haunts. Ocean bass fishing turns out to be many things: obsessive, competitive, and equipped with etiquette one breaches at one's peril--cross a surf caster's line and you're dead. At one point, the author expresses concern that he might not survive a night of "skishing," in which one swims away from shore to fish the striper. He enters the Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby on Martha's Vineyard; tours the clubhouse of the Cuttyhunk Fishing Association, a Gilded Age hangout for wealthy devotees of the striped bass; and soaks up the urban ambience of fly-fishing. With background on the fish's environmental ups and downs, DiBenedetto's account will be of most interest to anglers. Gilbert Taylor Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fantastic read. Just the ticket for the angler jonesin to hit the water but who can't get out there or one reason or another. DiBenedetto clearly has a terminal case of "the saltwater virus" so this book is a slam dunk for fellow saltwater anglers (as well as freshwater), but he writes so eloquently that the book would very likely appeal to non-anglers as well. But if you're looking for a solid gift for the fisherman in your life, this is great choice.

I hardly read books anymore, but one of my fishing buddies called me and told me he was reading this and knowing that I've been fishing for Stripers on Long Island, in New Jersey and in Maryland, he said you've got to get this book, you'll love it. I bought it on (of course, where else to buy a book), and once I picked it up I couldn't put it down. My friend was blown away when I called him a few days later telling him I already finished it, not to mention my interest to consider trying "skiishing"

out in Montauk sometime. Anyhow, this book has me anticipating the Fall Striper migration back down South, and I plan to fish for them in NYC, Port Washington/Long Island Sound, Montauk/Amagansett, Jersey Shore, Maryland, and Virginia Beach this Fall...can hardly wait.

This is an interesting story of a very unusual journey from the coast of Maine all the way to North Carolina in search of salt water Striped Bass.. The story tells of the different adventures along the way including some interesting historical notes. As an experienced Striper fisherman, I can appreciate the turmoil that he went through to gain the information for this story.

If you like to fish for Striper and all of the adventures that go with that this is a must read! What a way to lift the winter doldrums and dream of getting back out on the water. There is humor, sentiment, and education on many levels whether it be the tools of fishing Stripers or the regions they inhabit. Don't miss this one and please practice catch and release when possible to ensure our children's children can enjoy this majestic fish!!

Here in the northeast fishermen have far too many hours of winter on our hands. This book provided a warm vacation of the mind in a snow filled February. I look forward to the arrival of 50° water here on Cape Cod with increased anticipation.

Love the book! DiBenedetto writes in a way that makes reading effortless and a joy-like stripers swiftly going after bait fish. Reminds me of Bill Bryson only more daring...

good read I'm excited to fish and explore new waters

Good informative info on the striped bass. Learn things you didn't know about the species

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