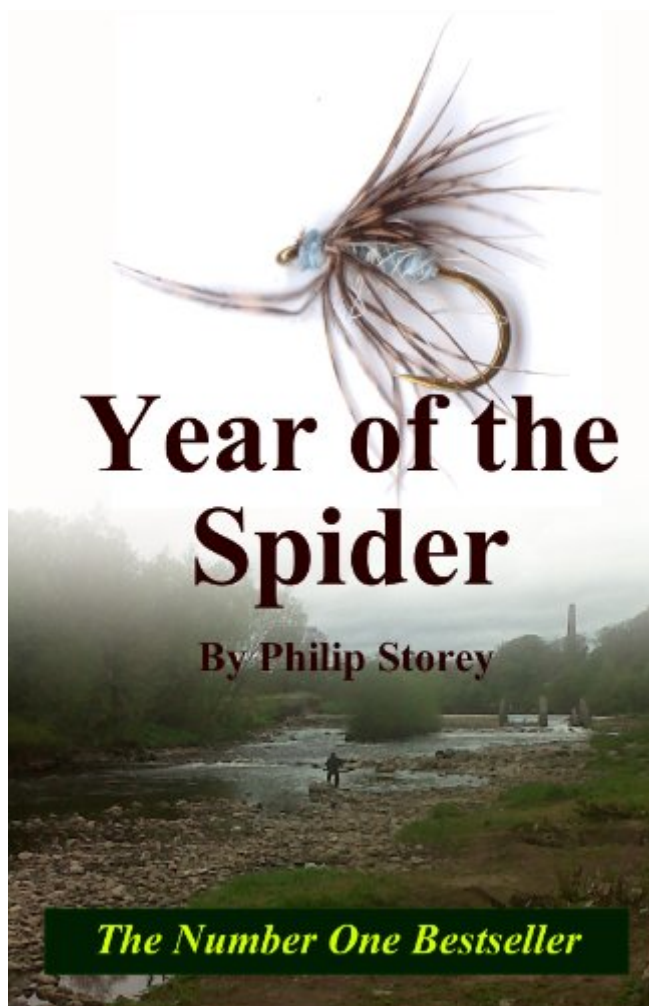


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# Year Of The Spider



## Synopsis

Fly fishing made easy. Follow journalist, author and trout angler Philip Storey through a summer on an urban river in the North-East of England fishing with centuries-old spider patterns. These are the flies that have stood the test of time and still work today. Year of the Spider contains images and recipes for possibly the simplest to tie flies you will find, along with a detailed diary recording the conditions (temperature, humidity, wind, air pressure, river height etc) in which they were successful along with lots of fish pictures taken one-handed and at odd angles. This is more than just a fishing guide or a 'how-to' manual; Year of the Spider takes the mystery out of fly fishing and selects nine, easy to tie flies that will carry you right through the season catching fish all the way. Year of the Spider is ideal for anyone starting out in fly fishing or for more experienced anglers looking for an entertaining read and perhaps a few new ideas. The flies are simple - sparsely-dubbed bodies with only a hackle (no wings) - and provide the angler with a ready match for every hatch. When wary trout are ignoring everything offered to them, the scaled-down simplicity of a Yorkshire Trout Fly might be just the thing to draw a response. And for anyone wondering if North Country spider patterns only work in the North of England, here's what TE Pritt had to say on the subject: "The originals, or others like them, have done service on half the rivers and lakes of England and Scotland, and have never failed to give a satisfactory account of themselves, despite the lugubrious warnings of local hands that they were no use there. You will be told this probably on every new river visited; yet may you safely fish Yorkshire flies and laugh to scorn the dismal prophecies of anglers who believe that the trout in their own river differ in their choice of flies from those of any other river in the universe. Also available in paperback Philip is the author of The Complete Bad Angler (the collected 300-word short stories as they appeared in The Angling Times in the UK) and has published an updated version of Yorkshire Trout Flies, by TE Pritt, containing diagrams and recipes for North Country Spiders, along with directions for when and where they should be fished. He is also the author of the indispensable Cooking for Dads, a collection of meals that every father should know. Visit <https://badangler.wordpress.com/> to see how the current season is progressing

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## Customer Reviews

The book is a rather dry book and is really a 4 star book. My purpose for a 5 star review is more about the authors simple approach to using the old traditional wet flies and his straightforward approach to reviewing the effectiveness of these century old patterns on an English trout stream. If you enjoy the history and roots of fly fishing, this will be an enjoyable read to add some subjective information to your wet fly fishing repertoires. I suggest reading "Yorkshire trout flies" prior to reading "year of the spider" this will give you a point of reference for the flies discussed in this book.

This is a good primer for anyone that is not familiar with the North Country Spiders. These flies represent the forerunners of our current crop of soft hackle flies. The author makes an interesting note when he stated that he liked to fish these flies on the surface and then work them back as a wet fly. It may be that the earliest dry flies evolved from this method.

When all is said and done, fly selection is probably the most confusing and controversial aspect of fly fishing. Here Mr. Storey takes ancient traditional Yorkshire flies and proves that, not only will they still consistently take trout, but posits too that they would also work just as well elsewhere. Would have loved to see a report on that too but you can't have everything.

This is a very simple read that provides plenty of useful information. The pattern recipes are very useful.

This is a great addition to anyones fishing library.

Excellent fly recipe's and good description of the stream and how the fish were caught but not much of a good story for reading and was lacking alot of depth for the book to be interesting.

Nice story.

Its OK for me, maybe because it wasn't what I was specting. Its more like the annotations on a notepad from a writer using and testing traditional spider flies.

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