

I recently completed work on a new 191-page book, which is an anthology including 50 of my feature articles previously published in Texas Saltwater Fishing Magazine. The oldest of the articles were written in the 1990s. A plug for the book will appear in the magazine's August 2013 issue.

Below, I've given some excerpts from the book to clarify more about its content, and have included a list of the titles of the articles contained in *Captain Kevin Cochran's Top 50*. Cost of the book is \$15.99. It can be purchased through the Captain Kev's Products page of this website, and on the home page of FishBaffinBay.com.

"In this text, I've selected 50 articles once published in the magazine. In doing so, I've chosen pieces which are crammed full of instructional information. I haven't included any articles focused on socio-political concepts, or those which were written for a more aesthetic purpose.

I have tried to compile a big portion of my best work into one document, hoping to provide a bounty of hard-core information within a neat and tidy package.

Within each of the sections, I've arranged the articles in chronological order, starting with the oldest one. Some pieces are harder to place in a category than others, but I believe the organizational format I've created is meaningful.

The reader will find many concepts repeated herein. This is a product of necessity; the truth does not change. Some of my opinions about these topics have changed over time, as astute readers may realize. I hope the recognition of my progression of thought spurs careful readers to formulate their own theories and opinions.

I've made minor revisions and additions to many of the pieces, and have sometimes indicated the additions through the use of italics. Mostly, these works are reproduced as they appeared in the magazine originally."

"While I was working on this book, a few things became apparent to me. I have, over time, developed some concepts quite thoroughly. In most cases, I have written about these tenets more clearly and precisely in recent years than I did a decade or more ago. Such a phenomenon is, I suppose, the natural result of growth through experience, both in the fishing arena and in the world of writing.

I have strong convictions about many aspects of trophy trout fishing, particularly the features which define the gurus of the sport, and some of the specifics of the skill sets they share. With regard to some of the details, my opinions have changed over the years...

I had a blast going back over these pieces and reviewing them in order to make this book. The metaphorical trip to the past was a fun and enlightening one.

Producing a book like this reminds me of the magical connection between my writing and fishing careers. I could never have prospered in either one fully without the influence of the other. A kind of synergy developed between the pursuits. The process started soon after my work appeared in the magazine, when I realized I'd found a ready audience, a legion of anglers eager to soak up all they could about the sport we share and revere.

So, thanks to you, my faithful readers, for fueling the fires which warm me from the inside out! I could not have developed these concepts so completely without your willingness to indulge me and read the work.

To date, I've published perhaps a half a million words on the topic of trout fishing. I hope I survive long enough to script about a billion more!"

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