

Titles and brief descriptions of articles in the Top 25 collection:

Nostalgia

1. *How I Got Here*--The memory of catching my first trout
2. *When Bad Floods Do Good Things*--How I almost won the Classic
3. *Faith is a Fine Invention*--Examines the power of positive thinking
4. *Kablooj, Dedoink and Thump...*--Celebrates words for the strike
5. *Stirring Strikes*--Narrates memories of most exciting strikes
6. *A Fine First Glimpse*--Recalls a poignant February outing
7. *Why the Big One Gets Away*--So we will have to come back!

Guidestuff

8. *What Guides are Good For*--Lists positive impacts of guides
9. *Why Ask Why?*--Reveals that guides aren't experts on everything
10. *Two Guides...*--Contrasts bait soaking guide with lure chunker
11. *Why Does a Mullet Jump?*--Discusses need for reading bait

Fiction

12. *The Killing Freeze*--Dilbert fishes out his own lake
13. *The Hermit*--An old guide becomes a hermit in the Badlands
14. *The Phantom, The Circle and The Pentagon*--Fictitious fishing trip
15. *Just Like Heaven*--A guide dies in a crash and glimpses heaven

Tributes and Explanations

16. *What is it About Trout?*--Why trout are so sought after
17. *A Trout is Not a Bass*--Contrasts trout against bass
18. *Suzy, Rojo and The Fluke*--Fantasy trip for the trio
19. *Senora, Not Suzy*--Examines popular nicknames for trout
20. *The Visionary and His Creations*--Paul Brown and the Corkies
21. *Legend of the Dog Lovers*--Karankawa Indians on Galveston

Aesthetics

22. *That Narrow Strip of Sand*--The allure of the surf
23. *The Irony and Urgency of Autumn*--How fall transforms us
24. *Time-Honored Traditions*--Celebrates the winter seasons
25. *Dunebucks and Butterflies*--Why we fish and love it