

An Entirely Synthetic Fish

A review

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This title caught my eye while browsing through [Mavungana](#) a few weeks ago. I was still fuming at the eco racists at the MTPA (Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks association) calling a hatchery reared fish (the tilapia mossambicus) a mutant so this title had to catch my eye. Intrigued I purchased the last copy.

I am glad I did. I have written an article that will be published in the February TCCF so forgive me if I do not go into too much detail but the book tells the story of the growth of recreational fishing in the USA and the role the propagation of rainbow trout played in this.

It is a warts and all tale that is well researched and charmingly written that leaves the reader to make up his or her own mind on the wisdom of stocking rainbow trout into waters where they do not occur but whatever your views, better informed for having read it. What I took away from the read has how very different the Americans are to us. They are an aspirational can do bunch that build to try and make things better. Their wildlife authorities do the same investing hundreds of millions of dollars into fisheries research. We, I'm sad to say, are the exact opposite which is why we are increasingly been seen around the world's most incorrigible losers. I wish it was otherwise.
