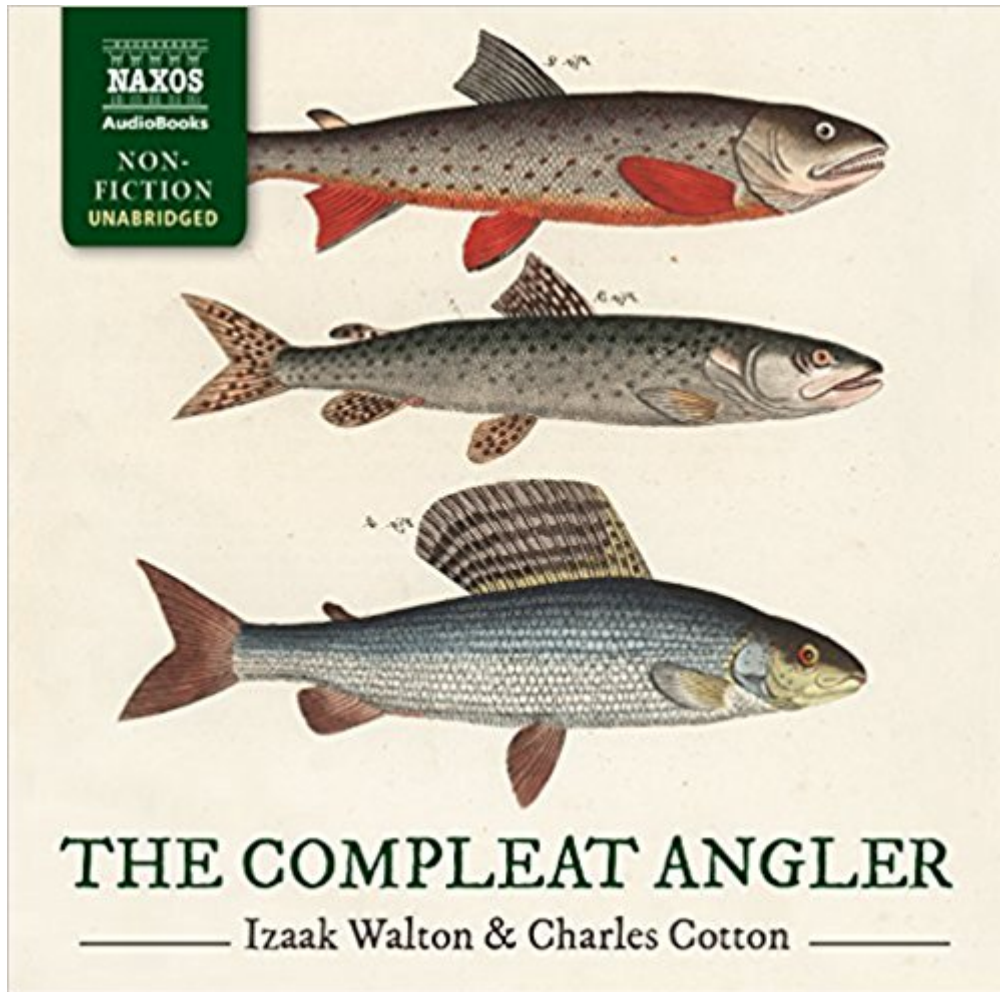




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# The Compleat Angler



## Synopsis

'As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler.' Isaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler*, long considered the bible of fishing, is a joyful celebration of the English countryside and the relaxed and reflective lifestyle of the devoted fisherman. Through dialogue between teacher and student, the book sheds a unique light on fishing, baiting and cooking, including an original recipe for trout. Its music, rhymes, poetry, and humour are all brought to life by a full cast. As winding as a quiet brook and as bountiful as a bursting riverbank, *The Compleat Angler* is essential listening for any outdoors enthusiast.

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## Customer Reviews

For a book to stay in print for nearly 350 years, its merits must continually entice and satisfy. The *Compleat Angler* qualifies on both counts. On the most obvious level, it remains as good a primer on fishing as any angler would want. But its most enduring distinction is hinted at in the subtitle--"the Contemplative Man's Recreation." Izaak Walton's sometimes convoluted 17th-century grammar can still reel in our imaginations with his graceful evocations of a life free from hurly-burly in the company of friends intent on physical and moral sustenance. "He that hopes to be a good Angler must not only bring an inquiring, searching, observing wit," suggests the master, "but he must bring a large measure of hope and patience.... Doubt not but Angling will prove to be so pleasant, that it will prove to be like a virtue, a reward to itself." Just like Walton's magnificent literary catch. --Jeff Silverman --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

infused throughout with good fun and good sense--Simon Redfern, The Independent  
a fascinating snapshot of 17th-century England...far more of a page turner than I ever dared hope --Trout  
Fishermansplendid introduction ----Land and Business

Being an avid angler, and having heard of this book in passing before, I downloaded this free copy. Though this book is very old, there are timeless nuggets of wisdom that make this an invaluable read to the thoughtful fisherman. First, the reason I gave it four stars out of five is because there are several portions of the book that focused more on fishing tactics, which to me seemed dated and obsolete (plus it was in England, so there were different fish species). However when the discussion turned towards the joys of fishing and how it benefits the soul this book shined. Along with sharing poetry, the book discussed how fishing has emotional and even spiritual benefits (something I fully believe). Though the language is a bit archaic it still is easy to read for the most part, so give this book a read before you go out fishing next time!

Thank you.

This is the famous treatise on fly fishing. This was written along time ago so has "flowery" language so not an easy book to read. Don't expect it to read like a Fish and Game magazine ;-) It celebrates the "art" of fly fishing.

This is a pretty good recording to listen to in the car on a long trip by yourself if you like it. It's pretty interesting and put you back in a simpler time of the world.

interesting to see that people were basicly the same then,as now

A classic book by a survivor of the English Civil War who was trying to find a way to peace and a better world through love of nature and humanity. Couldn't be more relevant.

As a member of the IWLA, I thought I should read this classic. It is almost to fishing what "Toxophilus" is to Archery. GREAT!!!

An unusual read due to the language of the 1600's. I would recommend it to any angler or anyone considering fishing. It can be a very peaceful pastime and one with the potential for considerable

rewards as described by Mr. Walton.

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