

This is a reporter's memoir of his quest for trout in the mountain streams of Afghanistan at the height of the war waged against the Taliban by the United States and its NATO allies. The former Kabul bureau chief for the international news agency AFP offers an intriguing glimpse of life behind the bloody headlines in a country of spectacular beauty and tumultuous history. Armed only with a lifelong love of fishing and a belief that Italian explorer Marco Polo encountered trout in his travels through Afghanistan centuries earlier, he packs his fly-rod whenever he gets the chance to leave the busy but cheerful bureau. His search takes him from the Panjshir valley in the foothills of the Hindu Kush, the graveyard of Soviet tanks in an earlier war, to Bamiyan, notorious for the Taliban's destruction of ancient Buddha statues carved into the cliffs. George Orwell wrote in *Coming Up for Air* that fishing is the opposite of war. The writer says he likes the phrase but it seemed to me there were similarities between the suddenness of a strike from a fish and an explosion on a quiet day in the office. Both flicked lives intensity switch from low to high. The 6,000 word essay includes a tribute to a much-loved colleague, Sardar Ahmad, who was killed by the Taliban along with most of his family. It is beautifully illustrated with pictures by another colleague, Pulitzer Prize-winner Massoud Hossaini, and Daud Yardost.

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“Fishing is the opposite of war.” ? George Orwell, *Coming Up for Air*. Read more quotes from George Orwell. Share this quote: Facebook icon. Schmookler has long been enamored of flies at the opposite end of the spectrum. Along with hand-carved duck decoys and some pre-World War II cars by flies because they imitated butterflies upon which, he postulated, the fish fed. . Country, United States of America, Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria. A few years ago, he said, a group of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, who had part of an effort to foster healing by teaching them trout fishing in Montana rivers. That's the opposite of the YouTube video he saw where a. Why did America send its C team to Afghanistan? An exclusive excerpt from the new book *Little America: The War Within the War for Afghanistan*. . **FIRST MEETING OF THE KABUL FLY FISHING FORUM:** Preliminary . many other American officials had been urging the governor to do the opposite. Fishing is a surprisingly popular sport in Afghanistan. Surprising, particularly, given that most of the country is desert. Not only is it a popular. For some military men and women returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan, assimilating challenging,“ says Jenkins, a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The program teaches veterans to fly-fish and uses the sport's serenity and “The peace and tranquility there is the complete opposite of the violence and. True to the 'X factor' of Afghanistan's nebulous, twisting history, it took a relic of the Soviet fishing industry to bring the Western war machine to a standstill. . It's the opposite situation in rural areas, where villagers will point to . and returned two decades later to fly humanitarian aid for the United Nations. The past while I have got no fly fishing done on two accounts. his quest for trout in the mountain streams of Afghanistan at the height of the war George Orwell wrote in *Coming up for Air* that 'Fishing is the opposite of war'.

It's all about fly fishing, the sway of the drift boat, the loll the river and some . the polar opposite of everything they've done on the battlefield in Iraq or Afghanistan or In the future, when this war is over, we'd like to work with veterans who've. What is going on in the brain of

a veteran with PTSD who fly-fish? The sensations of a soldier scouting the Afghan hills are different. The body posture of the fisher is exactly the opposite of one in the face of war. Fly fishing is the opposite of war, says Eric Hastings: "There's Warriors and Quiet Waters is focusing on Iraqi and Afghan vets these days, but.

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