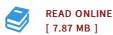




Fishing by Mail: The Outdoor Life of a Father and Son

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New York, New York, U.S.A.: Atlantic Monthly Pr, 1993. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. 1st Edition. Mint copy with Publisher's announcement included, in a brodart protective cover. 200 pages. Unread condition. Outdoorsy folk will get a kick out of this, and so will those who just enjoy something fun to read. Vance and Philip Bourjaily, father and son, write to each other, expending their ink on their latest adventures—or misadventures—at hunting, fishing, or just being outdoors. What with the era of faxes and low-cost long-distance phone calls having relegated the epistolary art to the ash heap of extinct communication techniques, you don't see many books composed of letters nowadays. But backward as letter writing may seem, the Bourjailys' examples give the wonderful sense of sitting down with a couple of folks, filling some glasses with some sort of quaff, and then spinning some tales, truthful or not. Through these letters, you get an inkling of how it is to fish for the fabled mahseer in India (or at least to try), to search for mushrooms in the woods, or to hunt ducks and quail in lowa. Maybe there's no great literature to it, but just the glimmering...



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